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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Lloyd Eagan, Director
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Dear Mr. Eagan:

Pursuant to Section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reviewed the ozone attainment demonstration and maintenance plans submitted on January 28, 2003. This document contained MOBILE6 based Motor Vehicle Emission Budget's (MVEB) for the Milwaukee severe ozone area attainment demonstration, the Manitowoc County moderate ozone area redesignation request, the Door County marginal ozone area redesignation request, and the updated MVEB for the Sheboygan ozone maintenance area. USEPA has determined that the submitted MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

The Transportation Conformity Rule spells out limited technical and administrative criteria that USEPA must use to determine the adequacy of submitted MVEBs for transportation conformity purposes. USEPA also described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted MVEBs in a May 14, 1999, memorandum entitled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999, Conformity Court Decision." USEPA followed this guidance in making this adequacy determination. USEPA opened public comment periods on the adequacy of the submitted MVEBs by posting them to the USEPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality's adequacy review website (www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm) on February 6, 2003. The comment period closed on March 10, 2003, and no comments were received.

USEPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this finding.

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If you have any questions regarding this finding, please feel free to call me or Michael Leslie of my staff, at (312) 353-6680.

Sincerely yours,

Cheryl L. Newton, Acting Director
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