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Robert C. Shinn, Jr, Commissioner  
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
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Dear Commissioner Shinn,

On December 10, 1999, New Jersey submitted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision, which in part proposed a carbon monoxide budget (CO) for the New Jersey portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island nonattainment area to be used for transportation conformity purposes. This budget is intended to be consistent with the CO SIP revision submitted on August 7, 1998. That SIP revision included a revised attainment demonstration and removed the oxygenated gasoline program.

A March 2, 1999 decision by the DC Circuit Court requires that the Environmental Protection Agency conduct a public process and make an affirmative decision on the adequacy of transportation conformity budgets before they can be used by metropolitan planning organizations in conformity determinations. This letter is to inform you that we have completed the required comment period and we find this budget adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

If you have any further questions, please have your staff contact Kathleen Callahan, Director, Division of Environmental Planning and Protection at 212-637-3725

Sincerely,

Jeane M. Fox  
Regional Administrator