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Mr. David Brymer
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Dear Mr. Brymer:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will soon announce in the *Federal Register* our determination that the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs *or* budgets) contained in the latest revision to the Dallas/Fort Worth 2008 8-hour Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. This revision incorporates the latest available demographic projections into the MVEBs, and establishes the modeled budget year. The budgets will become effective 15 days after the *Federal Register* publication date.

In a letter dated August 5, 2016, Chairman Bryan W. Shaw submitted to the EPA the Dallas/Fort Worth 2008 8-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration (AD) SIP, which contains new MVEBs. The AD SIP contains new MVEBs for 2017 (130.77 tons per day (tpd) for nitrogen oxides (NO_x); and 64.91 tpd for volatile organic compounds (VOCs)).

The EPA is required to make a determination that the MVEBs are consistent with the applicable SIP control strategy, and we have followed the procedure for doing so per 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). The availability of this SIP revision was posted on the EPA's website for the purpose of soliciting public comments on the MVEBs. The revised MVEBs were made available for public review and comment on September 7, 2016. The EPA received no comment by the close of the comment period on October 6, 2016. We have determined the budgets submitted in this SIP revision are adequate for transportation conformity purposes and, upon the effective date of the subsequent *Federal Register* Notice of Adequacy, they must be used in future transportation conformity determinations. We will be posting our determination on the EPA's website in addition to announcing it in the *Federal Register*.

If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact me at (214) 665-7200 or Guy Donaldson of my staff at (214) 665-7242.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Hansen".

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Mr. David Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will soon conduct an air quality review of the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) contained in the revision to the Dallas-Fort Worth 2008 8-hour Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) and request that transportation conformity program. This revision incorporates the latest available scientific information into the MVEBs and establishes the motor vehicle budgets. The budgets will be used to determine if the State's SIP meets the requirements

In a letter dated August 2, 2016, Chairman Brown, W. Steve Johnson, to the EPA the Dallas-Fort Worth 2008 8-hour Ozone Attainment Plan (AD) SIP, which includes new MVEBs. The AD SIP contains new MVEBs for 2017 (150.7 tons per day (tpd)) for nitrogen oxides (NOx) and 64.91 tpd for volatile organic compounds (VOC).

The EPA is required to make a determination that the MVEBs are consistent with the applicable SIP control strategy, and we have initiated the procedure for doing so under 40 CFR 91.118(a)(1). The availability of this SIP revision was posted on the EPA's website for the purpose of soliciting public comments on the MVEBs. The revised MVEBs were made available for public review and comment on September 7, 2016. The EPA received no comment by the close of the comment period on October 6, 2016. We have determined the budget submitted in the SIP revision is adequate for transportation conformity purposes and, upon the effective date of the subsequent Federal Register Notice, we will be providing information on the SIP's status in addition to monitoring it in the Federal Register.

If you have any questions concerning this letter please contact me at 214 695-1200 or by email at [redacted].

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