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Dear Mr. Steitz:

On December 22, 2017, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection submitted a state implementation plan (SIP) revision for the New Jersey portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT 2008 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. This revision to the SIP included 2017 summer day volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) motor vehicle emissions budgets associated with the SIP's reasonable further progress demonstration. These budgets apply to the metropolitan planning organization in the above nonattainment area, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA).

The transportation conformity rule (40 C.F.R. part 93) requires that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conduct a public process and make an affirmative decision on the adequacy of motor vehicle emissions budgets before they can be used by metropolitan planning organizations in transportation conformity determinations. We announced availability of the plan and related budgets on the EPA's transportation conformity website on February 8, 2018 (<https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/state-implementation-plans-sip-submissions-currently-under-epa#new-jersey>), requesting comments by March 12, 2018. We received no comments in response to the adequacy review posting. These budgets are summarized below:

**2017 Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (tons/day)**

	NOx	VOC
NJTPA	103.22	48.69

This letter is to inform you that we are finding the new 2017 motor vehicle emissions budgets for VOC and NOx contained in the 8-hour ozone SIP submission for the New Jersey portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT 2008 ozone nonattainment area adequate for transportation conformity purposes. After reviewing the SIP, we have preliminarily determined that the submitted mobile vehicle emission budgets are consistent with the required rate of progress plan for this area.

The EPA continues to review the submitted SIP for approvability. Nothing in this adequacy finding should be construed as prejudging the eventual outcome of our on-going review of this SIP submittal. A copy of this letter will soon be posted online at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>. We will also announce the adequacy finding in the Federal Register. These motor vehicle emissions budgets will become effective for conformity determinations 15 days after the Federal Register announcement.

If you have questions, please feel free to have your staff contact Reema Loutan, of my staff, at (212) 637-3760.

Sincerely,



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