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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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William F. Spires, Manager State Implementation Programs Section Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Air Pollution Control 122 South Front Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Spires:

Thank you for the November 9, 2006, submittal of the redesignation petition and maintenance plan for the Dayton-Springfield (Clark, Greene, Miami, and Montgomery Counties) 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. Pursuant to Section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the ozone attainment demonstration and maintenance plan. The document contains MOBILE6 based 2005 and 2018 Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEBs) for the area.

The 2005 and 2018 MVEBs for Dayton-Springfield (Clark, Greene, Miami, and Montgomery Counties) in tons per day are as follows:

	2005	2018
VOC	29.19	14.73
NOx	63.88	21.42

EPA has reviewed these MVEBs and has found that they meet our adequacy criteria. We will publish a notice of this finding in the Federal Register, these MVEBs will become effective for conformity determinations 15 days after publication.

The Transportation Conformity Rule spells out limited technical and administrative criteria that EPA must use to determine the adequacy of submitted MVEBs for transportation conformity purposes. EPA 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." EPA followed this guidance in making this adequacy determination. EPA opened the public comment period on the adequacy of the submitted MVEBs by posting them to the EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality's adequacy review website

(<u>www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm</u>) on November 14, 2006. The comment period closed on December 14, 2006, and no comments were received.

If you have any questions regarding this finding, please feel free to call me or Anthony Maietta, of my staff, at (312) 353-8777.

Sincerely yours,

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John Mooney, Chief Criteria Pollutant Section