



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGIONS 5
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

(AR-18J)

SEP 29 2005

Kathryn Watson, Branch Chief/Air Programs
Office of Air Quality
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 42604

Dear Ms. Watson:

Thank you for your September 6, 2005, letter concerning the submittal of the redesignation petition and maintenance plan for the Greene County 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 (USEPA) has reviewed the ozone attainment demonstration and maintenance plans submitted on September 6, 2005. This document contained MOBILE6 based Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB) for the Greene County, Indiana 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. The 2015 MVEB for volatile organic compounds is 1.46 tons per day (tpd). The MVEB for oxides of nitrogen is 1.54 tpd. 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 the public comment period 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/trans/conform/adequacy.htm) on August 2, 2005. The comment period closed on September 1, 2005, and no comments were received.

USEPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this finding. If you have any questions regarding this finding, please feel free to call me or Kathleen D'Agostino, of my staff, at (312) 886-1767.

Sincerely yours,

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Stephen Rothblatt, Director
Air and Radiation Division



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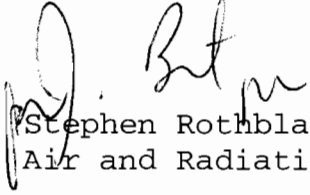
Dear Ms. Watson:

Thank you for your September 7, 2005, letter concerning the submittal of the redesignation petition and maintenance plan for the Jackson County 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 (USEPA) has reviewed the ozone attainment demonstration and maintenance plans submitted on September 6, 2005. This document contained MOBILE6 based Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB) for the Jackson County, Indiana 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. The 2015 MVEB for volatile organic compounds is 1.65 tons per day (tpd). The MVEB for oxides of nitrogen is 3.18 tpd. USEPA has determined that the submitted MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

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