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James P. Brooks, Director
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RE: Adequacy Status of Maintenance Plan Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Portland
Maine and Midcoast Maine 8-Hour Ozone Areas

Dear Mr. Brooks:

By letter dated August 3, 2006, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (ME DEP) submitted to EPA State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions to redesignate the Portland, Maine and the Hancock, Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties (Midcoast), Maine 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas. These SIP revisions identified year 2016 volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) associated with the 8-hour ozone Maintenance Plan SIPs as shown in the table below:

Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets		
	VOC (tons per summer day)	NOx (tons per summer day)
8-hour, Year 2016 MVEBs for the Portland Area ¹	16.659	32.837
8-hour, Year 2016 MVEBs for the Midcoast Area ²	3.763	6.245

On August 8, 2006, EPA posted an announcement of availability for these MVEBs on EPA's adequacy website.³ The SIP revision was made available for public viewing at the EPA New England Regional Office and at the ME DEP office and website.⁴ No comments were received during the 30 day adequacy comment period.

¹ The Portland Maine 8-hour Ozone Area consists of the 57 cities and towns comprising York, Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties along with Durham, Maine in Androscoggin County. See 40 CFR 81.320.

² The Hancock, Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties (Midcoast) Maine 8-hour Ozone Area consists of 55 coastal towns and islands in Hancock, Knox, Lincoln and Waldo counties. See 40 CFR 81.320.

³ <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/currrips.htm>

⁴ <http://www.maine.gov/dep/air/regulations/proposed.htm>

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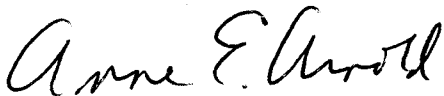
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EPA New England has determined the MVEBs shown in the table above to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes. These conformity budgets will become effective for conformity determinations 15 days after EPA publishes an announcement of this adequacy determination in the Federal Register. We will be publishing the Federal Register notice announcing our adequacy finding in the near future.

If you or your staff has any questions on this issue, please contact Donald Cooke of my staff at (617) 918-1668.

Sincerely,



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