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Barbara Kwetz, Director
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RE: Adequacy Status of Transportation Conformity Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets

Dear Ms. Kwetz:

By letter dated January 31, 2008, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) submitted to EPA its 8-hour ozone attainment demonstration. This State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision identifies 2008 and 2009 summer day volatile organic compound (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) associated with reasonable further progress and attainment for both the Eastern and Western Massachusetts 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas. EPA New England has determined these MVEBs to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

On February 5, 2008, EPA posted an announcement of availability on EPA's adequacy website, for the motor vehicle emissions budgets included in Massachusetts' January 31, 2008 SIP revision. The SIP revision was made available for public viewing at both the EPA New England Regional Office and at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Waste Prevention Office. In addition, the SIP revision was made available on the MA DEP website. No comments were received during the 30 day adequacy comment period.

The MVEBs, in tons per summer day (tpsd), are stated in the table below:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Boston-Lawrence-Worcester (Eastern Massachusetts) Area VOC (tpsd), Boston-Lawrence-Worcester (Eastern Massachusetts) Area NOx (tpsd), Springfield (Western Massachusetts) Area VOC (tpsd), Springfield (Western Massachusetts) Area NOx (tpsd). Rows for Year 2008 and Year 2009.

1 http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/cursrips.htm

2 http://www.mass.gov/dep/air/priorities/sipoz07.htm

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 would like to discuss this further, please contact Donald Cooke of my staff at (617) 918-1668.

Sincerely,



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