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James P. Brooks, Director  
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RE: Adequacy Status of Submitted State Implementation Plans (SIP) for Transportation  
Conformity Purposes: 5 Percent Increment of Progress Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets  
for the Portland Maine 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area

Dear Mr. Brooks:

By letters dated June 9, 13 and 14, 2005, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (ME DEP) submitted to EPA its State Implementation Plan Revision for Portland Maine's 15 Percent Rate of Progress Plan; 5 Percent Increment of Progress Plan; Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget; and 2002 Base Year Emission Inventory. These SIP revisions identified motor vehicle emissions budgets associated with both the 1-hour ozone 15 Percent Rate of Progress Plan as well as the 8-hour ozone 5 Percent Increment of Progress Plan. As the national ambient air quality standard for 1-hour ozone was revoked on June 15, 2005, and the Portland Maine 1-hour ozone nonattainment area covers a different geographic area than the Portland Maine 8-hour ozone nonattainment area, EPA has not taking action to determine the adequacy of the 1-hour motor vehicle emission budgets. The 2007 volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) motor vehicle emissions budgets associated with the Portland Maine 8-hour ozone 5 Percent Increment of Progress SIP are 20.115 tons per summer weekday of VOC and 39.893 tons per summer weekday of NOx. These 2007 budgets cover Sagadahoc County and portions of York, Cumberland, and Androscoggin Counties.

EPA posted an announcement of availability on EPA's adequacy website, (<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/currrips.htm>) on July 12, 2005, for Maine's State Implementation Plan containing 2007 MOBILE6.2 VOC and NOx motor vehicle emissions budgets. The SIP revision was made available for public viewing at both the EPA New England Regional Office and at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Air Quality Office. In addition the SIP plan was made available on the internet at: <http://www.maine.gov/dep/air/regulations/proposed.htm> . No comments were received during the 30 day adequacy comment period.

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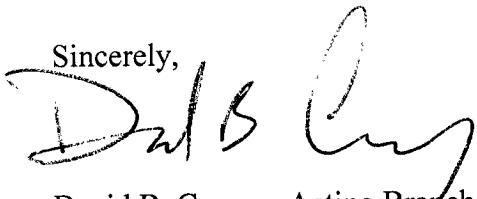
EPA New England has determined the MOBILE6.2 2007 motor vehicle emissions budgets submitted on June 14, 2005 to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes. Please see table below:

Portland Maine 8-hour marginal ozone nonattainment area		
Year	VOC (tons per summer weekday)	NOx (tons per summer weekday)
2007	20.115	39.893

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 me at (617) 918-1661.

Sincerely,



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