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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF
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Kathryn Watson, Branch Chief/Air Programs
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Indiana Department of Environmental Management
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Indianapolis, Indiana 42604

Dear Ms. Watson:

Thank you for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's June 2, 2005, letter concerning the submittal of the redesignation petition and maintenance plan for the Evansville 8-hour ozone nonattainment area (which consists of Warrick and Vanderburgh Counties). 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 plan submitted on June 2, 2005. This document contains MOBILE6 based Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB) for the Evansville, Indiana 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. The 2015 MVEB for volatile organic compounds is 4.20 tons per day (tpd). The MVEB for oxides of nitrogen is 5.40 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/transp/conform/adequacy.htm) on April 12, 2005. The comment period closed on May 12, 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 Anthony Maietta, of my staff, at (312) 353-8777.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Bortzer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jay Bortzer, Chief
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