



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Reply To
Attn Of: OAQ-107

Stephanie Hallock, Director
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
811 SW Sixth Avenue
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Re: Medford, Oregon Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget Adequacy

Dear Ms. Hallock:

We have found adequate for transportation conformity purposes the motor vehicle emission budget (the budget) included in the State Implementation Plan Revision for Carbon Monoxide in the Medford Urban Growth Boundary, Medford, Oregon. This finding is based on our review of the budget in accordance with the procedures and criteria for adequacy review in the transportation conformity rule, 40 CFR Part 93.118(e)(4). As a result of this adequacy finding, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments and the Federal Highway Administration are required to use this budget in future conformity analyses.

On March 2, 1999, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued a decision on EPA's conformity rule revisions in response to a court case brought by the Environmental Defense Fund. This decision stated that EPA must determine the adequacy of the submitted budget. In response to the court's decision, EPA issued guidance on our new adequacy process on May 14, 1999.

On May 31, 2001, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality submitted a Revised Maintenance Plan for the Moderate Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Area for Medford (the Plan). Corrected pages were submitted on March 20, 2002. Page 23 of Section 4.52.3.2.2 of the Plan identifies the motor vehicle emission budget in pounds of carbon monoxide per winter day as follows: 63,860 in the year 2000; 26,693 in the year 2015; and 32,640 in the year 2020. As indicated in the Plan, interpolated values are used between the years 2000 through 2015 and 2015 through 2020. The 2020 value remains the same in subsequent years. In the year 2000 the budget represents 68 percent of the total emission inventory. This was the only budget included in the Plan. Pursuant to the May 14, 1999, guidance we announced the receipt of the Plan on the Internet and requested public comments by January 10, 2002. We received no comments on the Plan.

We will announce this adequacy determination in the Federal Register. This determination becomes effective 15 days after the Federal Register Announcement.

If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Elson of my staff at (206) 553-1463.

Sincerely,

/s/

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