



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 REGION 5
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

DEC 28 2006

(AR-18J)

Joseph P. Koncelik, Director
 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
 122 South Front Street
 Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Koncelik:

Thank you for the September 22, 2006, submittal of the redesignation petition and maintenance plan for the Washington County 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. 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 September 22, 2006. The document contains MOBILE6 based 2009 and 2018 Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB) for Washington County.

The 2009 and 2018 MVEBs for Washington County are as follows:

	2009	2018
VOC (tons/day)	2.59	1.67
NOx (tons/day)	3.58	1.76

USEPA has reviewed these MVEBs and has found that they meet our adequacy criteria. We will publish a notice of this finding in the Federal Register, and these MVEBs will be adequate for use in transportation conformity upon the effective date of the Federal Register notice, which is 15 days after publication.

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 November 20, 2006. The comment period closed on December 20, 2006, and no comments were received.

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,

Joseph Charan for JM

John Mooney, Chief
Criteria Pollutant Section