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Mr. Dick Pedersen  
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Re: Adequacy Finding for the Medford Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's determination of the adequacy for transportation conformity purposes of the on-road motor vehicle emissions budgets in the *Medford Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan* for the carbon monoxide national ambient air quality standard. This limited maintenance plan (LMP) addresses the second 10-year maintenance period as required by Clean Air Act, section 175A(b). As a result of our adequacy finding, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Department of Transportation are not required to conduct a regional emissions analysis for transportation conformity; however, other transportation conformity requirements still remain such as consultation, transportation control measures, and project level analysis.

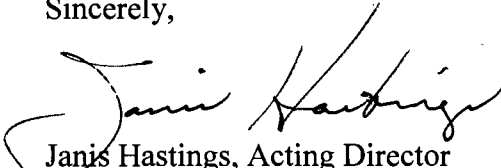
The LMP was submitted to the EPA on December 11, 2015, and a supplement was submitted on December 30, 2015. We announced receipt of the LMP on the EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality web site on January 21, 2016, and requested public comment on the on-road portion of the LMP by no later than February 22, 2016. Because limited maintenance plans do not contain on-road motor vehicle emissions budgets, the adequacy review period for these maintenance plans serves to allow the public to comment on whether the LMP option is appropriate for these areas. We received no comments during the comment period.

This letter transmits our decision that the on-road motor vehicle emissions budget in this LMP is adequate for transportation conformity decisions. Pursuant to 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR part 93, subpart A), the EPA reviewed the submitted LMP. The state of Oregon received no applicable public comments on the LMP during the public comment period or the associated hearing. As a result of our review, we believe it is appropriate to find the LMP adequate for transportation conformity purposes while the EPA continues to review the other aspects of the LMP. We have determined that the LMP's approach to on-road emissions, when considered with all other emissions sources in the Medford area, is consistent with applicable requirements for maintenance of the carbon monoxide national ambient air quality standards through the year 2022. The LMP also meets the other adequacy criteria found in 40 CFR 93.118(e) as detailed in the enclosed "Transportation Conformity Adequacy Review."

A copy of this letter and its enclosure will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>. The EPA's adequacy finding for purposes of transportation conformity is not dispositive of the EPA's ultimate approval or disapproval of the LMP.

The EPA intends to publish a notice of this adequacy finding in the *Federal Register* and the finding will become effective 15 days after the *Federal Register* publication. If you have any questions, please contact Karl Pepple of my staff at (206) 553-1778 or at [pepple.karl@epa.gov](mailto:pepple.karl@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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