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Stephen Majkut, Chief
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RE: Adequacy Status of Transportation Conformity Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets

Dear Mr. Majkut:

By letter dated April 30, 2008, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM) submitted to EPA its 8-hour ozone attainment demonstration. This State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision identifies 2008 and 2009 summer day volatile organic compound (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) associated with reasonable further progress and attainment for the Providence (All of RI), RI 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. EPA New England has determined these MVEBs to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

On May 5, 2008, EPA posted an announcement of availability on EPA's adequacy website,¹ for the motor vehicle emissions budgets included in Rhode Island's April 30, 2008 SIP revision. The SIP revision was made available for public viewing at both the EPA New England Regional Office and at the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Office of Air Resources. In addition, the SIP revision was made available on the RI DEM website.² No comments were received during the 30 day adequacy comment period.

The MVEBs, in tons per summer day (tpsd), are stated in the table below:

| 2008 and 2009 Adequate Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets | | |
|--|------------|------------------------|
| Providence (All of RI), RI Area | | |
| | VOC (tpsd) | NO _x (tpsd) |
| Year 2008 | 24.64 | 28.26 |
| Year 2009 | 22.75 | 25.29 |

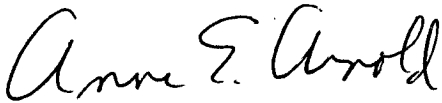
¹ <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/currrips.htm>

² <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/air/8hroztrn.htm>

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 Ariel Garcia of my staff at garcia.ariel@epa.gov or at (617) 918-1660.

Sincerely,



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