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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:  
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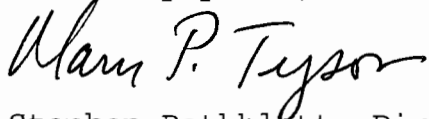
Dear Ms. Watson:

Thank you for your July 5, 2005, letter concerning the submittal of the redesignation petition and maintenance plan for the Vigo 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 plans submitted on July 5, 2005. This document contained MOBILE6 based Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB) for the Vigo County, Indiana 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. The 2015 MVEB for volatile organic compounds is 2.84 tons per day (tpd). The MVEB for oxides of nitrogen is 3.67 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](http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm)) on July 12, 2005. The comment period closed on August 11, 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 Steven Rosenthal, of my staff, at (312) 886-6052.

Sincerely yours,



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