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Dear Ms. Marks:

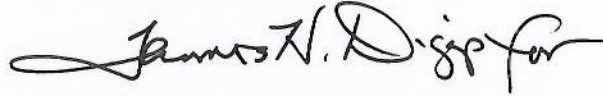
The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will soon announce in the *Federal Register* our determination that the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB) contained in the Crittenden County 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Plan State Implementation Plan (SIP) are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. This SIP revision incorporated the latest available demographic projections into the MVEBs, and established the modeled budget years. The budgets will become effective 15 days after the *Federal Register* publication date.

In a letter dated February 24, 2009, and supplemental information dated March 6, 2009, Governor Mike Beebe submitted to EPA the Crittenden County 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Plan SIP, which contains new MVEBs for years 2006 and 2021. The MVEBs proposed for 2006 are: 6.27 tons per day (tpd) for nitrogen oxides (NO_x); 3.12 tpd for volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The MVEBs proposed for 2021 are: 1.84 tpd of NO_x; 1.50 tpd of VOCs.

EPA is required to make a determination as to whether the MVEBs are consistent with the SIP control strategy, and we have followed the procedure for doing so per 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). The availability of the SIP revision was posted on EPA's website for the purpose of soliciting public comments on the MVEBs. The revised MVEBs were made available for public review on March 11, 2009; we received no comment by the close of the comment period on April 10, 2009. We have determined the budgets submitted in this SIP revision are adequate for transportation conformity purposes and, once the budgets become effective 15 days after the publication date of the subsequent *Federal Register* Notice of Adequacy, they must be used in future transportation conformity determinations. We will be posting our determination on EPA's website in addition to announcing it in the *Federal Register*.

If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact me at (214) 665-7200 or Guy Donaldson of my staff at (214) 665-7242.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl E. Edlund". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "E".

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