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Reply To  
Attn Of: AWT-107

Toni Hardesty, Administrator  
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
1410 N. Hilton  
Boise, ID 83706

Re: Pocatello, Idaho Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget Adequacy

Dear Ms. Hardesty:

We have found adequate for transportation conformity purposes the motor vehicle emission budgets included in the Portneuf Valley PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Plan. This finding is based on our review of the budgets in accordance with the procedures and criteria for adequacy review in the transportation conformity rule, 40 CFR Part 93.118(e)(4). As a result of this adequacy finding, the Bannock Planning Organization, Idaho Transportation Department, and the Federal Highway Administration are required to use the motor vehicle emissions budgets from this submitted maintenance plan for future conformity determinations.

On March 2, 1999, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued a decision on EPA's conformity rule revisions in response to a court case brought by the Environmental Defense Fund. This decision stated that EPA must determine the adequacy of the submitted budget. In response to the court's decision, EPA issued guidance on our new adequacy process on May 14, 1999.

On June 30, 2004, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality submitted a Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request for the Moderate PM<sub>10</sub> Nonattainment Area in the Portneuf Valley, Pocatello, Idaho (the Plan). Section 4.3.1, Page 36, Table 4-1 of the Plan identifies the motor vehicle emissions budgets in tons per year as follows:

Year	Particulate Matter PM <sub>10</sub>	Nitrogen Oxides	Volatile Organic Compounds
2005	897	1,575	983
2010	1,120	1,085	716
2020	1,364	514	585

These were the only budgets included in the Plan. We posted an announcement of availability on EPA's adequacy website <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/cursips.htm> and requested public comments by August 27, 2004. We received no comments on the Plan.

We will announce this adequacy determination in the Federal Register. This determination becomes effective 15 days after the Federal Register Announcement.

If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Elson of my staff at (206) 553-1463.

Sincerely,



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Office of Air, Waste, and Toxics

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