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Mr. David Brymer  
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Dear Mr. Brymer:

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 (MVEBs *or* budgets) contained in the latest revision to the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria 2008 8-hour Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. This revision incorporates the latest available demographic projections into the MVEBs, and establishes the modeled budget year. The budgets will become effective 15 days after the *Federal Register* publication date.

In a letter dated December 29, 2016, Chairman Bryan W. Shaw submitted to EPA the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria 2008 8-hour Ozone Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) SIP, which contains new MVEBs. The RFP SIP contains new MVEBs for 2017 (121.81 tons per day (tpd) for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>); and 68.04 tpd for volatile organic compounds (VOCs)).

EPA is required to make a determination that the MVEBs are consistent with the applicable SIP control strategy, and we have followed the procedure for doing so per 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). The availability of this 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 and comment on January 18, 2017. EPA received no comment by the close of the comment period on February 17, 2017. We have determined the budgets submitted in this SIP revision are adequate for transportation conformity purposes and, upon the effective 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,



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