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Ms. Carol Comer, Director
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Air Pollution Control Program
1659 East Elm Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Ms. Comer:

Pursuant to Section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 93, Subpart A), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the St. Louis Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the 2008 Ozone Nonattainment Area for an adequacy determination of the mobile vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs). The submission was dated September 12, 2016, and subsequently revised on February 16, 2018. Missouri's maintenance plan includes oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) MVEBs for the Missouri portion of the St. Louis area for 2014 and 2030, the attainment level year and the last year of the maintenance period.

The conformity rule spells out limited technical and administrative criteria that are used to determine adequacy of submitted State Implementation Plan (SIP) budgets for transportation conformity purposes. The mobile source emission budgets include volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) for the year 2030. We have determined that the mobile source emission budgets from the St. Louis Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan are adequate.

This adequacy finding means that the submitted motor vehicle emissions budgets for VOC and NO_x for the St. Louis area meet the standard requirements that any budget must meet before it can be used to determine conformity for a transportation improvement plan or long-range transportation plan. The EPA opened a comment period on the motor source vehicle emissions budget adequacy by posting a notice to the EPA web site on April 10, 2018. The web address is <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation>. The comment period closed on May 10, 2018, and no comments were received.

Please note that this adequacy finding does not relate to the merits of the St. Louis Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan SIP submission, nor does it indicate whether the submission meets the requirements for approval. It is completely separate from the EPA's subsequent rulemaking action on the revision and should not be used to prejudge the EPA's approval or disapproval of the SIP revision.

The EPA will announce this adequacy determination in the Federal Register. This determination will become effective 15 days after the Federal Register announcement. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Hamilton of my staff at (913) 551-7039 or hamilton.heather@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Jay".

Michael Jay
Branch Chief
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