

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OH137-1a; FRL-6705-3]

Adequacy Status of Cincinnati, Ohio Submitted Ozone Maintenance Plan Budgets for Transportation Conformity Purposes**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this document, EPA is notifying the public that EPA has found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Cincinnati, Ohio ozone maintenance plan submitted on December 22, 1999, are adequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, Cincinnati can use the motor vehicle emissions budgets for the year 2010 from the submitted ozone maintenance plan for future conformity determinations. These budgets are effective June 12, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments already received will be available at EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Throughout this document, whenever "we," "us" or "our" is used, we mean EPA. Today's document is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 5 sent a letter to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on April 27, 2000, stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Cincinnati, Ohio submitted ozone maintenance plan for 2010 are adequate. This finding will also be announced on EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act.

EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

We've described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: May 5, 2000.

Norman Niedergang,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed May 15, 2000 Through May 19, 2000 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000146, Final EIS, USA, HI, Schofield Barracks Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), Effluent Treatment and Disposal, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, City of County of Honolulu, Oahu, HI, Due: June 26, 2000, Contact: William Eng (703) 428-7078.

EIS No. 000147, Draft EIS, AFS, ID, East Beaver and Miner's Creek Timber Sales and Prescribed Burning Project, Implementation, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Dubois Ranger District, Clark County, ID, Due: July

10, 2000, Contact: John Councilman (208) 374-5422.

EIS No. 000148, Draft EIS, FHW, MO, US Route 65/US Route 36 in Livingston County, Transportation Improvements, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Livingston County, MO, Due: July 10, 2000, Contact: Carole Hopkins (573) 526-6680.

EIS No. 000149, Draft EIS, FHW, TX, Grand Parkway (TX-99) Segment C, Construction from US 59 to TX 288, Funding and Right-of-Way Requirements, City of Houston, Fort Bend and Brazoria Counties, TX, Due: July 13, 2000, Contact: John Mack (512) 916-5516.

EIS No. 000150, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, 64-Acre Tract Intermodal Transit Center, Construction and Operation, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Tahoe City, Placer County, CA, Due: July 21, 2000, Contact: Joe Oden (530) 573-2653.

EIS No. 000151, Final EIS, FHW, FL, FL-423 (John Young Parking), Improvements from FL-50 to FL-434, City of Orlando, Orange County, FL, Due: June 26, 2000, Contact: Mark Bartlett (850) 942-9650.

EIS No. 000152, Draft EIS, RUS, KY, Jackson County Lake Project, Implementation, To Provide Adequate Water Supplies for the Projected Residential, Commercial and Industrial Needs, Funding and Possible COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Jackson County, KY, Due: July 10, 2000, Contact: Mark S. Plank (202) 720-1649.

EIS No. 000153, Draft EIS, FTA, NY, East Side Access Project, Improve Access to Manhattan's East Side for Commuters in the Long Island Transportation Corridor (LITC), MTA Long Island Rail Road (LIRR), Funding, Nassau, Suffolk, New York, Queens and Bronx Counties, NY, Due: July 12, 2000, Contact: Anthony G. Carr (212) 668-2175.

EIS No. 000154, Draft EIS, GSA, MA, U.S. Courthouse Springfield, Construction, Hampden County, MA, Due: July 11, 2000, Contact: Frank Saviano (617) 565-5494.

EIS No. 000155, Draft EIS, AFS, MT, Discovery Ski Area Expansion, Implementation, Special-Use-Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Pintler Ranger District, Rumsey Mountain, Granite County, MT, Due: July 10, 2000, Contact: Bob Gilman (406) 859-3211.

EIS No. 000156, Final EIS, AFS, WY, ID, Targhee National Forest Plan Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis, Implementation, Bonneville, Butte,