

**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](http://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,

Clark, Fremont and Madison Counties, ID and Teton County, WY, Due: June 26, 2000, Contact: Wally Bunnell (208) 624-3151.

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 000141*, Draft EIS, AFS, Forest Service Roadless Area Conservation, Implementation, Proposal to Protect Roadless Areas, In addition, the Agency is proposing special consideration for the Tongass National Forest, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Scott Conroy (703) 605-5299. Revision of FR notice published on 05/19/2000: CEQ Comment Date corrected from 07/03/2000 to 07/17/2000.

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#### Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6607-6]

#### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared May 08, 2000 Through May 12, 2000 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 574-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

#### Draft EISs

*ERP No. D-AFS-F65026-MN*

Rating EC2, Gunflint Corridor Fuel Reduction, Implementation, Superior National Forest, Gunflint Ranger District, Cook County, MN.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to air and water quality.

*ERP No. D-AFS-J65313-CO*

Rating EC2, White River National Forest, Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Mesa, Moffat and Pitkin Counties, CO.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns that the impacts of unplanned, user-created travelways on the Forest were not fully evaluated and disclosed and the analysis of ski-based resorts and aerial travel corridors contained conflicting and misleading information. EPA suggests that the watershed analysis include information from the most recent watershed assessments. EPA supports the preferred alternative as best meeting the purpose and need for both the Forest and Travel Management Plans.

*ERP No. D-AFS-L65346-OR*

Rating LO, Triangle Land Exchange Project, Between Clearwater Land Exchange Oregon (Clearwater) an Oregon Partnership, Implementation, Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests, Baker, Grant, Harney and Wallowa Counties, OR.

*Summary:* EPA expressed lack of objections.

*ERP No. D-AFS-L65351-ID*

Rating EC2, East Slate Project, Harvesting Timber, Implementation, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding impacts to water quality from roads and proposed harvest activities. EPA suggests that the EIS describe whether restoration efforts contingent on funding are incorporated into the effects analysis and that a monitoring plan to determine extent of temperature impacts to salmonid be included.

#### Final EISs

*ERP No. F-AFS-J65295-MT*

Clancy-Unionville Vegetation Manipulation and Travel Management Project, Implementation, Helena National Forest, Helena Ranger District, Lewis and Clark and Jefferson Counties, MT.

*Summary:* EPA did not object to the preferred alternative, but expressed environmental concerns regarding the level of aquatic and hydrologic monitoring proposed by the BLM and Forest Service. EPA suggests that quantitative emissions for PM10 from prescribed burning be disclosed for each alternative.

*ERP No. F-OSM-E61047-TN*

Fall Creek Falls Petition Evaluation Document, Implementation, Designate the Land as Unsuitable for Surface Coal Mining Operation, Van Buren and Bledsoe Counties, TN.

*Summary:* EPA supports the less damaging alternative that ensures protection of Park land watersheds and protects three of the five watersheds that were threatened by mine expansion while permitting mining in previously degraded Piney Creek and Dry Fork.

Dated: May 23, 2000.

#### Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6705-5]

#### Gulf of Mexico Program Focus Team Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) focus teams.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a comprehensive meeting of GMP Focus Teams (Public Health, Nutrient Enrichment, Habitat, and Nonindigenous Species).

**DATES:** The Comprehensive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2000, from 10 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Poydras at the Mississippi River, New Orleans, LA (504) 561-0500.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria D. Car, Designated Federal Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Building 1103, Room 202, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000 at (228) 688-2421.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposed agenda items will include: Focus Team Development of FY2001 Performance Goal Recommendations and Supporting Strategies, Overview of FY2000 Workplan Process and Accomplishments, Briefing on FY2001 Workplan Schedule, and Review of Focus Team Roles and Responsibilities.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: May 17, 2000.

#### Gloria D. Car,

Designated Federal Officer.

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