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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem, NC Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan Updates for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that EPA has found that the motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEB) in the Charlotte (Mecklenburg County), Raleigh/Durham (Durham and Wake Counties), and Winston-Salem (Forsyth County) carbon monoxide maintenance plan updates, submitted March 23, 2005, by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR), are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the DC Circuit Court ruled that submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for transportation conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of EPA's finding, the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem areas can use the MVEB from the submitted Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem carbon monoxide maintenance plan updates, respectively, for future conformity determinations.

DATES: These MVEB are effective May 23, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Laurita, Environmental Engineer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, Air Quality Modeling and Transportation Section, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Mr. Laurita can also be reached by telephone at (404) 562-9044, or via electronic mail at laurita.matthew@epa.gov. The finding is available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp.htm> (once there, click on the "Transportation Conformity" text icon, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions").

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that EPA has already made. EPA Region 4 sent a letter to NCDENR on April 29, 2005, stating that the MVEB in the submitted Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem carbon monoxide maintenance plan updates submitted on March 23, 2005, are adequate. This finding has also been announced on EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp.htm>, (once there, click on the "Transportation Conformity" text icon, then look for Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions"). The adequate MVEB are provided in the following tables.

CHARLOTTE AREA MVEB

[Tons per day]

County	Pollutant	2015
Mecklenburg	CO	470.18

RALEIGH/DURHAM AREA MVEB

[Tons per day]

County	Pollutant	2015
Durham	CO	177.22
Wake	CO	384.27

WINSTON-SALEM AREA MVEB

[Tons per day]

County	Pollutant	2015
Forsyth	CO	247.64

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990. 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 EPA determines whether a SIP's MVEB are adequate for transportation conformity purposes are outlined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations 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 prejudice EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if EPA finds a budget adequate, the Agency may later determine that the SIP itself is not approvable.

EPA has described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memorandum entitled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). EPA has followed this guidance in making this adequacy determination. This guidance is incorporated into EPA's July 1, 2004, final rulemaking entitled "Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments for the New 8-hour Ozone and PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Miscellaneous Revisions for Existing Areas; Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Response to Court Decision and Additional Rule Changes."

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

Dated: April 29, 2005.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 04/25/2005 Through 04/29/2005 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20050175, Draft EIS, FHW, CA, Campus Parkway Project, Proposes to Construct a New Expressway from Mission Avenue Interchange and Yosemite Avenue/Lake Road, US Army COE Section 404 Permit, City of Merced, Merced County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 07/05/2005, Contact: Mahfoud Licha 916-498-5866

EIS No. 20050176, Draft EIS, FAA, AK, Juneau International Airport, Proposed Development Activities to Enhance Operations Safety, Facilitate Aircraft Alignment, US Army COE Section 404 Permit, City and Borough of Juneau, AK, Comment Period Ends: 06/20/2005, Contact: Patti Sullivan 907-271-5454

EIS No. 20050177, Draft EIS, AFS, AZ, Coconino National Forest Project, Reauthorize Grazing on the Pickett Lake and Padre Canyon Allotments, Implementation, Mormon Lake Range District, Coconino County, AZ, Comment Period Ends: 06/20/2005,

Contact: Mike Hanneman 928-526-0866

EIS No. 20050178, Final EIS, FHW, LA, I-49 South Lafayette Regional Airport to LA-88 Route US-90 Project, Upgrading Existing US-90 from the Lafayette Regional Airport to LA-88, Funding, Iberia, Lafayette and St. Martin Parishes, LA, Wait Period Ends: 06/13/2005, Contact: William C. Farr 225-757-7615

EIS No. 20050179, Draft Supplement EIS, AFS, MT, Gallatin National Forest, Updated Information, Main Boulder Fuels Reduction Project, Implementation, Gallatin National Forest, Big Timber Ranger District, Big Timber, Sweethgrass and Park Counties, MT, Comment Period Ends: 06/20/2005, Contact: Barbara Ping 406-522-2558

EIS No. 20050180, Draft Supplement EIS, AFS, ID, Mission Brush Project, Additional Information, Proposes Vegetation, Wildlife Habitat, Recreation and Aquatic Improvement Treatments, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Bounty County, ID, Comment Period Ends: 06/20/2005, Contact: Doug Nisher 208-267-5561

EIS No. 20050181, Draft EIS, FHW, MO, MO-34 Corridor Improvements, from intersection of U.S. Routes 60/21 in Carter County to the intersection of Routes 34/72 in Cape Girardeau County, Funding, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Carter, Bollinger, Reynolds, Wayne, and Cape Girardeau Counties, MO, Comment Period Ends: 06/24/2005, Contact: Peggy Casey 573-636-7104

EIS No. 20050182, Draft EIS, FRC, CO, Piceance Basin Expansion Project, Construction and Operation of a New Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline System, Wamsutter Compressor Station to Interconnections Greasewood Compressor Station, Rio Blanco County CO and Sweetwater County, WY, Comment Period Ends: 06/20/2005, Contact: Joyce Turner 202-502-8008

EIS No. 20050183, Final EIS, NOA, HI, Seabird Interaction Mitigation Methods, To Reduce Interaction with Seabird in Hawaii-Based Longline Fishery and Pelagic Squid Fishery Management, to Establish an Effective Management Framework for Pelagic Squid Fisheries, Fishery Management Plan, Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, Exclusive Economic Zone of the U.S. and High Sea, HI, Wait Period Ends: 06/06/2005, Contact: Alvin Katekaru 808-973-2937

EIS No. 20050184, Final EIS, NOA, AK, Essential Fish Habitat Identification

and Conservation, Implementation, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, AK, Wait Period Ends: 06/06/2005, Contact: James W. Balsiger 907586-7636

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20050174, DRAFT EIS, FHW, CO, I-25 Valley Highway Project, Transportation Improvement from Logan to U.S. 6, Denver County, CO, Comment Period Ends: June 14, 2005, Contact: Chris Horn (720) 963-3017. Revision of **Federal Register** Notice Published on 4/29/2005: Correction to the County from Douglas to Denver.

Dated: May 3, 2005.

Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared 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 202-564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in **Federal Register** dated April 1, 2005 (70 FR 16815).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20050075, ERP No. D-FRC-C03015-00, Crown Landing Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal, Construct and Operate in Gloucester County, NJ and New Castle County, DE; and Logan Lateral Project, Construct and Operate a New Natural Gas Pipeline and Ancillary Facilities in Gloucester County, NJ and Delaware, PA

Summary: EPA expressed concerns that the Draft EIS did not include detailed mitigation plans, a discussion of Clean Air Act general conformity requirements, and did not thoroughly analyze the cumulative effects on navigation and the environment. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050093, ERP No. D-NOA-K39091-CA, Monterey Accelerated

Research Systems (MARS) Cabled Observatory, Proposes to Install and Operate an Advanced Undersea Cabled Observatory, Monterey Bay, Pacific Ocean Offshore of Moss Landing, Monterey County, CA

Summary: EPA had no objections to the project as proposed. Rating LO.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20050123, ERP No. FB-NOA-E91007-00, South Atlantic Shrimp Fishery Management Plan, Amendment 6, Propose to Amend the Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) Testing Protocol System, South Atlantic Region

Summary: EPA had no objection to the project as proposed.

EIS No. 20050115, ERP No. FS-NRC-E06023-AL, Generic EIS—License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plants, Units 1 and 2, Supplemental 18 to NUREG-1437 (TAC NOS. MC0768 and MC0769; Houston County, AL

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the availability of long-term offsite storage of radioactive waste, and future surface water withdrawals for plant operations which could be affected by State agreements. Radiological monitoring of all plant effluents, and appropriate storage of radioactive waste will be necessary during the license renewal period.

Dated: May 2, 2005.

Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), Meeting of Western Europe and Other Governments (WEOG); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to announce that EPA and the State Department will be hosting stakeholder meetings to inform U.S. Government viewpoints for an upcoming Western Europe and Other Governments (WEOG) meeting on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and a number of inter-session working