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The finding and the response to comments are available at EPA’s transportation conformity Web site: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Throughout this document, whenever “we”, “us” or “our” is used, we mean EPA.

Background

Today’s notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. On December 7, 2009, EPA Region 5 sent a letter to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency stating that the 2009 MVEBs for the Steubenville area, and also for the Canton area, which were submitted with the state’s PM2.5 attainment demonstration, are adequate. Receipt of these MVEBs was announced on EPA’s transportation conformity website, and no comments were submitted. The finding is available at EPA’s conformity web site: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm.

The adequate 2009 MVEBs, in tons per year (tpy), for PM2.5 and NOx for the Steubenville area and the Canton area are as follows:

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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 conform. Conformity to a State Implementation Plan (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.

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Estuary Program (Renewal); EPA ICR No. 1500.07, OMB Control No. 2040–0138

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before February 25, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2006–0369, to (1) EPA online using