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Mr. Larry Hartig, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
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RE: Adequacy finding for Anchorage Carbon Monoxide Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget

Dear Mr. Hartig:

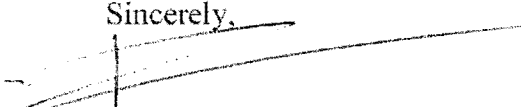
Pursuant to Section 93.118(e) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A), the US Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Maintenance Plan Amendment for the Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Area for Anchorage, Alaska. Our review was intended to determine the adequacy of the new motor vehicle emissions budget (MVEB) for CO contained in this amended plan for purposes of conformity. The conformity rule spells out limited technical and administrative criteria that we must use in determining adequacy of submitted emissions budgets, and we have determined that these criteria have been satisfied for this CO MVEB.

Therefore, we find that this MVEB is adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our adequacy finding, the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, and the U.S. Department of Transportation are required to use this MVEB in future conformity analyses. The new MVEB that we have determined to be adequate for purposes of transportation conformity is 156.5 tons per winter day.

On September 20, 2011, you submitted a CO maintenance plan revision to EPA. We announced receipt of this plan on the Internet and requested public comment by no later than November 7, 2011. We received no comments on the plan during that comment period. As part of our review, we also reviewed comments submitted to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation on the maintenance plan during the public hearing process. There were no adverse comments submitted during the State hearing process regarding the new MVEB.

We will announce this adequacy determination in the Federal Register, but that notice will not constitute a new action or change the effect of this letter. This determination will become effective 15 days after the Federal Register announcement. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Elson of my staff at (206) 553-1463.

Sincerely,


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