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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
(AR-18J)

G. Vinson Hellwig, Chief
Air Quality Division
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
525 West Allegan Street
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Dear Mr. Hellwig:

Thank you for the May 26, 2006, letter which supplemented the May 9, 2006, submittal of the redesignation petition and maintenance plan for six 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas throughout the State. Pursuant to Section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reviewed the ozone attainment demonstration and maintenance plans submitted on May 9, 2006, along with the updated transportation conformity budgets contained in the May 26, 2006, letter. These documents contain MOBILE6 based Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB) for the following 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas:

-Lansing (Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties)
-Grand Rapids (Kent and Ottawa Counties)
-Kalamazoo (Kalamazoo, Calhoun, and Van Buren Counties)
-Benzie County
-Mason County
-Huron County

The 2018 MVEBs for volatile organic compounds for these areas, in tons per day (tpd), are as follows:

-Lansing 28.32 tpd
-Grand Rapids 40.70 tpd
-Kalamazoo 29.67 tpd
-Benzie County 2.24 tpd
-Mason County 1.81 tpd
-Huron County 2.34 tpd

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The 2018 MVEBs for oxides of nitrogen for these areas are as follows:

-Lansing	53.07 tpd
-Grand Rapids	97.87 tpd
-Kalamazoo	54.36 tpd
-Benzie County	1.99 tpd
-Mason County	2.99 tpd
-Huron County	7.53 tpd

USEPA has determined that the submitted MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

The Transportation Conformity Rule spells out limited technical and administrative criteria that USEPA must use to determine the adequacy of submitted MVEBs for transportation conformity purposes. USEPA also described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted MVEBs in a May 14, 1999, memorandum entitled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999, Conformity Court Decision." USEPA followed this guidance in making this adequacy determination. USEPA opened the public comment period on the adequacy of the submitted MVEBs by posting them to the USEPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality's adequacy review website (www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm) on June 1, 2006. The comment period closed on July 3, 2006, and no comments were received.

USEPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this finding. If you have any questions regarding this finding, please feel free to call me or Anthony Maietta, of my staff, at (312) 353-8777.

Sincerely yours,

John Mooney, Chief
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