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Reply To
Attn Of: AWT-107

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Re: Vancouver, Washington, Carbon Monoxide, Second 10-year Limited Maintenance Plan (2006-2016) Transportation Conformity Adequacy

Dear Mr. Clark:

We have reviewed the Vancouver, Washington, CO Second 10-year Limited Maintenance Plan (2006-2016) and found it adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

Our finding is based primarily on the area meeting the criteria for a limited maintenance plan and the applicable procedures and criteria for adequacy review in the transportation conformity rule, 40 CFR Part 93.118(e)(4). As a result of this adequacy finding, the area automatically meets the budget test for future transportation conformity. This affects future transportation conformity determinations prepared, reviewed and approved by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council, Washington State Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

On March 2, 1999, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued a decision on EPA's conformity rule revisions in response to a court case brought by the Environmental Defense Fund. This decision stated that EPA must determine the adequacy of the submitted budget. In response to the court's decision, EPA issued guidance on our new adequacy process on May 14, 1999, which is reflected in the amended transportation conformity rule, July 1, 2004 (69 FR 40004).

On January 8, 2007, the Washington Department of Ecology submitted the Vancouver, Washington, Carbon Monoxide, Second 10-year Limited Maintenance Plan. We posted an announcement of availability on EPA's adequacy website http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm and requested public comments by August 23, 2007. We received no comments on the Plan.

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We will announce this adequacy determination in the Federal Register. This determination becomes 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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