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Dear Ms. Hildebrand:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will soon announce in the *Federal Register* our determination that the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB) contained in the latest revisions to the Dallas/Fort Worth 8-hour Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) and the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria Reasonable-Further-Progress (RFP) plan are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. These revisions incorporate the latest available demographic projections into the MVEBs, and revise the modeled budget years. The budgets will become effective 15 days after the *Federal Register* publication date.

In a letter dated May 30, 2007, Commissioner Kathleen Hartnett White submitted to EPA revisions to the Dallas/Fort Worth 8-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration and RFP SIPs, both of which contain new MVEBs. The RFP SIP contains new MVEBs for 2008: the new budget for nitrogen oxides (NOx) is 249.33 tons per day (tpd); the new MVEB for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) is 119.81 tpd. The Attainment Demonstration SIP contains new MVEBs for 2009: the new budget for NOx is 186.81 tpd; the new MVEB for VOCs is 99.09 tpd.

On June 13, 2007, the Commissioner submitted revisions to the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria RFP SIP. The SIP submittal contains revised MVEBs for 2008; the new MVEB for NOx is 186.13 tpd and the new MVEB for VOCs is 86.77 tpd.

EPA is required to make an affirmative determination that the MVEBs are consistent with the SIP control strategy, and we have followed the procedure for doing so per 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). The availability of these SIP revisions was posted on EPA's website for the purpose of soliciting public comments on the MVEBs. The revised MVEBs were made available

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for public review on June 28, 2007; we received no comment by the close of the comment period on July 30, 2007. We have determined the budgets submitted in these SIP revisions are adequate for transportation conformity purposes and, upon the effective date of the subsequent *Federal Register* Notice of Adequacy, they must be used in future transportation conformity determinations. We will be posting our determination on EPA's website in addition to announcing it in the *Federal Register*.

If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact me at (214) 665-7200 or Guy Donaldson of my staff at (214) 665-7242.

Sincerely yours,

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