

Connecticut severe ozone nonattainment area and the Greater Connecticut serious ozone nonattainment area. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, Connecticut can use the motor vehicle emissions budgets from the submitted SIP addenda for future conformity determinations.

DATES: These budgets are effective July 3, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments are available at EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq> (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity"). You may also contact Jeff Butensky, Environmental Planner, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CAQ), Boston, MA 02114-2023; (617) 918-1665; butensky.jeff@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Today's document publishes the Region's finding that the motor vehicle emissions budgets for the Southwest Connecticut severe ozone nonattainment area and the Greater Connecticut serious ozone nonattainment area for 2007 for VOC and NO_x are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. This finding has also been announced on EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq> (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

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 (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a 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.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a

budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). We followed this guidance in making and publishing our adequacy determination.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: June 1, 2000.

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Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared May 29, 2000 through June 02, 2000 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. RD-FRA-A53055-00 Rating EC2, Proposed Rule for the Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings in the United States.

Summary: EPA expressed concern regarding the lack of information on funding the quiet zones and requested that more flexibility be provided to those communities that have existing quiet zones.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-UAF-E11046-FL Tyndall Air Force Base, Implementation, Proposed Conversion of Two F-15 Fighter Squadrons to F-22 Fighter Squadrons, FL.

Summary: EPA believes that the proposed action will not pose significant and/or long-term adverse environmental consequences.

Dated: June 13, 2000.

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6608-2]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed June 05, 2000 through June 09, 2000 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000178, DRAFT EIS, COE, NE, Sand Creek Watershed Restoration Project, To Develop Environmental Restoration, City of Wahoo, Saunders County, NE, Due: July 31, 2000, Contact: Kevin Mayberry (402) 221-4020.

EIS No. 000179, FINAL EIS, AFS, UT, South Manti Timber Salvage, To address Ecological and Economic Values affected by Spruce Beetle Activity in the South Manti Project, Manti-La National Forest, Ferron-Price and Sanpete Ranger Districts, Sanpete and Sevier Counties, UT, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Don Fullmer (435) 637-2817.

EIS No. 000180, DRAFT EIS, NRC, MS, New Porters Bayou Watershed Plan, Reducing Flood and Drainage Damage To Cropland, Improvements to Watershed Channels, City of Shaw, Bolivar and Sunflower Counties, MS, Due: July 31, 2000, Contact: Homer L. Wilkes (601) 965-5205.

EIS No. 000181, FINAL EIS, IBR, CA, Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program, Implementation, Resource Management Plan, San Joaquin County, CA, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Buford Holt (530) 275-1554.

EIS No. 000182, FINAL EIS, AFS, AK, Skipping Cow Timber Sale, Harvesting Timber, South half of Zarembo Island, Tongass National Forest, Wrangell Ranger District, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Jerry Jordan (907) 874-2323.

EIS No. 000183, DRAFT EIS, NPS, LA, Cane River Creole National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Natchitoches Parish, LA, Due: August 15, 2000, Contact: Jerry Belson (318) 352-0383.

EIS No. 000184, DRAFT EIS, COE, MS, TN, Wolf River, Memphis and