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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Advance registration is required. If you would like to register, please contact Lee-Ann Talley via e-mail at [Lee-Ann.Talley@orise.orau.gov](mailto:Lee-Ann.Talley@orise.orau.gov).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket No. EPA-R02-OAR-2010-0482; FRL-9161-5]

### Adequacy Status of the Submitted 2009 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets for Transportation Conformity Purposes for New Jersey

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> in the submitted attainment demonstration state implementation plans for the New Jersey portions of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT, and Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE, PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment areas to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The transportation conformity rule (40 CFR part 93) requires that the EPA conduct a public process and make an affirmative decision on the adequacy of budgets before they can be used by metropolitan planning organizations in conformity determinations. As a result of our finding, two metropolitan planning organizations in New Jersey (the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and the Delaware Valley

Regional Planning Commission) must use the new 2009 PM<sub>2.5</sub> budgets for future transportation conformity determinations.

**DATES:** This finding is effective June 29, 2010.

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The finding and the response to comments will be available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On April 1, 2009, New Jersey submitted attainment demonstration state implementation plans to EPA for both the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT (New York), and Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE (Philadelphia), PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment areas. The purpose of New Jersey's submittal was to demonstrate the State's progress toward attaining the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard (62 FR 38652, July 18, 1997). New Jersey's submittal included motor vehicle emissions budgets ("budgets") for 2009 for use by the State's metropolitan planning organizations in making transportation conformity determinations. On August 19, 2009, EPA posted the availability of the budgets our Web site for the purpose of soliciting public comments. The comment period closed on September 18, 2009, and we received no comments.

Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 2 sent a letter to New Jersey on May 4, 2010, stating that the 2009 motor vehicle emissions budgets in New Jersey's SIPs for both the New York and Philadelphia PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment areas are adequate because they are consistent with the required attainment demonstration. In

the letter we also clarified that the adequate 2009 budgets do not replace previously approved "early progress" budgets for either NJTPA (71 FR 38770, July 10, 2006) or the Mercer County portion of DVRPC (73 FR 24868, May 6, 2008). However, since the previously approved budgets were established voluntarily (*i.e.* not to satisfy a specific Clean Air Act requirement), and the budgets submitted on April 1, 2009, were part of a required attainment demonstration, the budgets being found adequate today will co-exist with the previously approved budgets, and the more protective budgets will take precedence in any regional emissions analysis performed by either MPO.

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 SIPs and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they conform. 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 40 CFR 93.118(f). We have followed this rule in making our adequacy determination. The motor vehicle emissions budgets being found adequate today are listed in Table 1. EPA's finding will also be announced on EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>.

TABLE 1—2009 ATTAINMENT PM<sub>2.5</sub> MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS BUDGETS FOR NEW JERSEY

[Tons per year]

Metropolitan planning organization	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority .....	842	44,321
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (Mercer County only) .....	105	5,323
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties) .....	341	17,319

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

**Dated:** June 2, 2010.

**Judith A. Enck,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 2.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Draft EPA's Reanalysis of Key Issues Related to Dioxin Toxicity and Response to NAS Comments (EPA/600/R–10/038A)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Listening Session.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing a listening session to be held on July 9, 2010, during the public comment period for the external review draft document entitled “EPA’s Reanalysis of Key Issues Related to Dioxin Toxicity and Response to NAS Comments” (EPA/600/R–10/038A). The EPA’s draft document and peer review charge are available via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment’s (NCEA) home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. This draft document responds to the key recommendations and comments included in the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) 2006 report. In addition, it includes new analyses on potential human effects that may result from exposure to 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD).

The release of the draft document for public comment was announced in a May 21, 2010, **Federal Register** Notice (75 FR 28610). EPA also announced that it intends to forward all public comments submitted before July 7, 2010, in response to the May 21, 2010, Notice, to the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) peer review panel for its consideration and provided instructions for submitting comments.

The draft document is also being provided to the SAB, a body established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, for independent external peer review. The SAB is convening an expert panel composed of scientists knowledgeable about technical issues related to dioxins and risk assessment. The SAB is holding a public teleconference on June 24, 2010, and a public panel meeting on July 13–15, 2010. The SAB peer review meetings were announced by the SAB staff office in a separate May 24, 2010, **Federal**

**Register** Notice (75 FR 28805). Members of the public who wish to ensure that their technical comments are provided to the SAB expert panel before each meeting should also e-mail their comments separately to Thomas Armitage, the SAB Designated Federal Officer at [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov), following the procedures in the May 24, 2010, **Federal Register** Notice announcing the SAB public meetings. The public comment period and SAB external peer review are independent processes that provide separate opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the draft report.

The purpose of the listening session is to allow all interested parties to present scientific and technical comments on draft IRIS health assessments to EPA and other interested parties during the public comment period and before the external peer review meeting. EPA welcomes the scientific and technical comments that will be provided to the Agency by the listening session participants. All comments submitted according to the detailed instructions provided in the May 21, 2010, **Federal Register** Notice under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** will be considered by the Agency as it revises the draft assessment in response to the independent external peer review and public comments. All presentations will become part of the official public record.

**DATES:** The listening session on the draft IRIS health assessment for dioxin will be held on July 9, 2010, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. If you would like to make a presentation at the listening session, you should register by July 2, 2010, indicate that you wish to make oral comments at the session, and indicate the length of your presentation. When you register, please indicate if you will need audio-visual equipment (e.g., laptop computer and slide projector). In general, each presentation should be no more than 30 minutes. If, however, there are more requests for presentations than the allotted time allows, then the time limit for each presentation will be adjusted. A copy of the agenda for the listening session will be available at the meeting. If no speakers have registered by July 2, 2010, the listening session will be cancelled and EPA will notify those registered of the cancellation.

The public comment period for review of this draft assessment was announced previously in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 28610) on May 21, 2010. As stated in that **Federal Register** Notice, the public comment period began on May 21, 2010, and ends

August 19, 2010. Any technical comments submitted during the public comment period should be in writing and must be received by EPA by August 19, 2010, according to the procedures outlined in the May 21, 2010, **Federal Register** Notice. Only those public comments submitted by July 7, 2010, or e-mailed separately to Thomas Armitage, the SAB Designated Federal Officer at [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov), following the procedures in the May 24, 2010, **Federal Register** Notice announcing the SAB public meetings, will be provided to the independent peer-review panel prior to the peer-review meeting. However, all comments received during the public comment period will be provided to the SAB peer review committee and will also inform the Agency’s revision of the draft assessment.

**ADDRESSES:** The listening session on the draft dioxin assessment will be held at the EPA offices at Two Potomac Yard South Building, 4th Floor, S–4370–80, 2733 South Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202. To attend the listening session, register by July 2, 2010. To present at the listening session, indicate in your registration that you want to make oral comments at the session and provide the length of your presentation. To register, send an e-mail to: [IRISListeningSession@epa.gov](mailto:IRISListeningSession@epa.gov) (subject line: Dioxin Listening Session); call Christine Ross at 703–347–8592; or fax a registration request to 703–347–8689 (please reference the “Dioxin Listening Session” and include your name, title, affiliation, full address and contact information). Please note that to gain entrance to this EPA building to attend the meeting, attendees must have photo identification with them and must register at the guard’s desk in the lobby. The guard will retain your photo identification and will provide you with a visitor’s badge. At the guard’s desk, attendees should give the name Christine Ross and the telephone number 703–347–8592 to the guard on duty. The guard will contact Ms. Ross who will meet you in the reception area to escort you to the meeting room. When you leave the building, please return your visitor’s badge to the guard and you will receive your photo identification.

A teleconference line will also be available for registered attendees/speakers. The teleconference number is 866–299–3188, and the access code is 926–378–7897, followed by the pound sign (#). The teleconference line will be activated at 8:45 a.m., and you will be asked to identify yourself and your affiliation at the beginning of the call.