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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Throughout this document, whenever "we", "us" or "our" is used, we mean EPA. Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 5 sent a letter to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on September 28, 1999, stating that the Lake and Porter Counties submitted ozone attainment demonstration does not contain adequate mobile source emission budgets. This finding will also be 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 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've described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memorandum titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

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Dated: October 7, 1999.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of Milwaukee, WI Submitted Ozone Attainment Demonstration for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Inadequacy.

SUMMARY: In this document, EPA is notifying the public that EPA has found that the Milwaukee, Wisconsin ozone attainment demonstration does not contain adequate mobile source emission budgets. On March 2, 1999, the DC Circuit Court ruled that submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. Since the April 30, 1998, submittal does not contain adequate budgets, this attainment demonstration can not be used for future conformity determinations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments will be 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").

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

Throughout this document, whenever "we", "us" or "our" is used, we mean EPA. Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 5 sent a letter to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on September 28, 1999, stating that the Milwaukee, Wisconsin submitted ozone attainment demonstration does not contain adequate mobile source emission budgets. This finding will also be announced on EPA's conformity website:

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of Chicago, IL Submitted Ozone Attainment Demonstration for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Inadequacy.

SUMMARY: In this document, EPA is notifying the public that EPA has found that the Chicago, Illinois ozone attainment demonstration does not contain adequate mobile source emission budgets. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for conformity

determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. Since the April 30, 1998, submittal does not contain adequate budgets, this attainment demonstration can not be used for future conformity determinations.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT); New Standing Committee on Sectors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of Public Advisory NACEPT Standing Committee on Sectors Workgroup meeting; open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Standing Committee on Sectors workgroup will meet on the date and time described below. The meeting is open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be a first-come basis and limited time will be provided for public comment. For further information concerning this meeting, please contact the individual listed with the announcement below.

Petroleum Refining Sector Workgroup Meeting—November 3-4, 1999.

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) Petroleum Refining Sector Workgroup on November 3 and 4, 1999. A Concurrent project team meeting will be held from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm CDT on Wednesday, November 3, 1999. The full workgroup will meet from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm CDT on Thursday, November 4, 1999. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel Downtown—Superdome, 330 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. The hotel telephone number is 504-581-1600.

The workgroup meeting agenda includes an update on the status of the Accidental Release Information Communication Project, Refinery Air Information Reporting System Project,

and the Equipment Leaks Project. The workgroup also plans to discuss compliance goals for the petroleum refining industry and regulatory options for potential alternate leak detection and repair work practice protocols. A public comment period has been scheduled from approximately 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm CDT on Thursday, November 4, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NACEPT is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463. NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator and other EPA officials on a broad range of domestic and international environmental policy issues. NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principle constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing.

In follow-up to completion of work by EPA's Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Council, the Administrator has asked NACEPT to create a new Standing Committee on Sectors. This will provide a continuing Federal Advisory Committee forum from which the Agency can continue to receive valuable multi-stakeholder advice and recommendations on sector approaches.

Based on the lessons learned in CSI and many other sector based programs, the Agency has developed a Sector Based Environmental Protection Action Plan to reinforce and expand sector based approaches to achieving environmental results. The Standing Committee on Sectors will, through NACEPT (the Council): (1) Continue to support the on-going CSI work, (2) support the implementation of the Action Plan, as noted above, and (3) serve as a vehicle to get stakeholder reaction and input on sector based issues in a timely way.

For further information concerning this meeting of the Petroleum Refining Sector workgroup, please contact either Craig Weeks, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at US EPA Region 6 (6EN), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202-2733, by telephone at 214-665-7505 or E-mail at weeks.craig@epa.gov or Steve Souders, Alternate DFO, at US EPA (5306W), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, by telephone at 703-308-8431 or E-mail at souders.steve@epa.gov.

Inspection of Subcommittee Documents: Documents relating to the above topics will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, Key documents and the minutes of the