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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, California, Submitted Ozone Attainment Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy
determination.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the submitted 2004 State Implementation Plan for Ozone in the San Joaquin Valley are adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

As a result of our finding, the various transportation planning agencies in the San Joaquin Valley and the Federal Highway Administration must use the VOC and NO_x motor vehicle emissions budgets from the submitted 2004 State Implementation Plan for Ozone in the San Joaquin Valley for future conformity determinations.

DATES: This determination is effective March 2, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding is available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/trans/traqconf.htm> (once there, click on the "Transportation Conformity" link, then look for "Adequacy Web Pages").

You may also contact David Wampler, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR-2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 972-3975, or wampler.david@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces our finding that the emissions budgets contained in the 2004 State Implementation Plan¹ for Ozone in the San Joaquin Valley ("Ozone Plan"), submitted by the State of California on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control

¹ The submitted Ozone Plan includes a rate-of-progress demonstration for milestone years 2008 and 2010 and a demonstration that the San Joaquin Valley will attain by no later than the 2010 attainment date for areas classified "extreme" under the federal 1-hour ozone standard.

District on November 15, 2004, are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. EPA Region IX made this finding in a letter to the State of California, Air Resources Board on February 7, 2005. We are also announcing this finding on our conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/trans/traqconf.htm> (once there, click on the "Transportation Conformity" link, then look for "Adequacy Web Pages").

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. Our 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). One of these criteria is that the motor vehicle emissions budgets, when considered together with all other emission sources, is consistent with applicable requirements for the reasonable further progress plan. We have preliminarily determined that the 2004 State Implementation Plan for Ozone in the San Joaquin Valley plan meets the necessary rate of progress reductions for milestone years 2008 and 2010 and demonstrates attainment by no later than 2010. Therefore, the motor vehicle emissions budgets can be found adequate. 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 submitted plan itself. Even if we find a budget adequate, the submitted plan 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"). This guidance is now reflected in the amended transportation conformity rule, July 1, 2004 (69 FR 40004), and in the correction notice, July 20, 2004 (69 FR 43325). We followed this process in making our adequacy determination on the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the 2004 State Implementation Plan for Ozone in the San Joaquin Valley.

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Karen Schwinn,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Request for Nominations for the Science Advisory Board's Consultation on EPA's Framework for Revising the Aquatic Life Criteria Guidelines

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is requesting nominations to augment expertise on the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee for a panel to provide consultation to EPA on the framework for revising the Aquatic Life Criteria Guidelines.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by March 1, 2005 per the instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), via telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9995; via e-mail at armitage.thomas@epa.gov; or at the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB can be found in the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: EPA's recommended ambient water quality criteria for aquatic life provide guidance to states and tribes for adopting water quality standards which are the basis for controlling discharges or releases of pollutants. Currently, ambient water quality criteria for aquatic life protection are derived according to the Guidelines for Derivation of Ambient Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life and Their Uses, published in 1985. To ensure that ambient water quality criteria are derived from the best available science, EPA's Office of Water assessed the need to update the Guidelines and identified issues that should be addressed in the