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Dated: December 5, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R05-OAR-2017-0277; FRL-9971-62-Region 5]

### Adequacy Status of the Metro-East St. Louis, Illinois 2008 Ozone Standard Nonattainment Area for the Submitted Maintenance Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of adequacy.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is notifying the public that we find the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) in the Illinois portion of the St. Louis area (Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties or "Metro-East area"), 2008 Ozone Standard nonattainment area adequate for use in transportation conformity determinations. Illinois submitted a 2008 Ozone Standard maintenance plan for the Metro-East area on May 8, 2017. As a result of this finding of adequacy, the MVEBs from the submitted maintenance plan must be used by state and Federal agencies in determining whether proposed transportation projects conform to the SIP as required by the Clean Air Act.

**DATES:** This finding is applicable December 26, 2017.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document, whenever "we", "us" or "our" is used, we mean EPA.

#### Background

Today's notice is an announcement of a finding that we have already made. On September 26, 2017, EPA sent a letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, stating that the 2030 MVEBs contained in the maintenance plan for the 2008 Ozone Standard for Metro-East area are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. EPA announced receipt of these MVEBs on its transportation conformity Web site, and did not receive any comments during the public comment period. The finding of adequacy is available at EPA's conformity Web site: <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/adequacy-review-state-implementation-plan-sip-submissions-conformity>.

The 2030 MVEBs, in tons per day (tpd), for VOCs and NO<sub>x</sub> for the Metro-East St. Louis, Illinois area are as follows:

Year	NO <sub>x</sub> (tpd)	VOCs (tpd)
2030 .....	16.68	9.05

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 they conform. Conformity to a State Implementation Plan (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 MVEBs are adequate for transportation 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 is also a separate action from EPA's evaluation of and decision whether to approve a proposed SIP revision.

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

Dated: November 17, 2017.

**Robert A. Kaplan,**

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0628; FRL-9970-51]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of an Existing Collection (EPA ICR No. 0276.16); Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ICR, entitled: "Experimental Use Permits (EUPs) for Pesticides," and identified by EPA ICR No. 0276.16 and OMB Control No. 2070-0040, represents the renewal of an existing ICR that is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2018. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection that is summarized in this document. The ICR and accompanying material are available in the docket for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0628, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

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