

the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) the 2005 budgets are revised budgets based on the Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) Plans, while the 2007 budgets are revised attainment year budgets. EPA is proposing to approve all of these budgets.

Concurrent with this notice of proposed rulemaking, EPA is completing the adequacy review process on the revised 2005 attainment budgets for SJTPO and DVRPC and the revised 2007 attainment budgets for NJTPA. EPA began the 30-day comment period

for these budgets on March 14, 2003 by posting a notice on EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm>. In accordance with the "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision,"⁵ EPA will issue its adequacy determination, including a response to comments, by posting it on the conformity Web site, and will also subsequently announce the determination in the **Federal Register**. The revised 2005 and 2007 attainment budgets will apply for conformity

purposes once EPA issues its adequacy determination. It should be noted that EPA's adequacy determination will only be for the revised attainment year budgets, and not for the revised RFP budgets. This is consistent with EPA's approval of the previous MOBILE5 budgets (67 FR 5152), which limited the adequacy process to only the revised attainment year budgets. The revised 2005 RFP budgets for NJTPA will not be available for use in conformity determinations until after EPA publishes a final rulemaking on the January 31, 2003 submittal.

TABLE 2.—NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS BUDGETS

Transportation planning area	2005		2007	NO _x (tpd)
	VOC (tpd)	NO _x (tpd)	VOC (tpd)	
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)	161.97	250.05	138.77	197.19
South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO)	22.12	36.36	¹	¹
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)	42.99	63.44	¹	¹

¹ Not applicable, since the attainment year is 2005.

Also included as part of the January 31, 2003 submittal, New Jersey is proposing to update the general conformity emissions budgets for the McGuire Air Force Base, previously approved by EPA in the February 4, 2002 **Federal Register** (67 FR 5152). Due to McGuire Air Force Base's vital status in the national defense and need to accommodate additional aircraft in 2005, New Jersey is proposing a change

to the 2005 emissions budgets. The year 2005 NO_x budget is being increased by 200 tons per year and the VOC budget is being decreased by 208 tons per year. New Jersey is proposing this change consistent with EPA's policy on substitution of ozone precursor emission reductions. Based on the emission inventories, New Jersey has determined for the Trenton NAA that approximately 1 ton per year of NO_x

emissions equals 1.04 tons per year of VOC emissions, as the emissions relate to their potential to form ozone. Thus, increasing NO_x and decreasing VOC by their equivalent amounts results in offsetting effects with respect to ozone formation. Table 3 below summarizes the revised general conformity budgets. EPA is proposing to approve the revised 2005 general conformity emissions budgets.

TABLE 3.—MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE GENERAL CONFORMITY EMISSIONS BUDGETS

	Previously approved budgets		New budgets	
	VOC tons/year	NO _x tons/year	VOC tons/year	NO _x tons/year
1990 Baseline	1,112	1,038	1,112	1,038
1996	1,186	1,107	1,186	1,107
1999	1,223	1,142	1,223	1,142
2002	1,405	875	1,405	875
2005 ¹	1,406	884	1,198	1,084

¹ 2005 budgets updated such that the increase in NO_x is offset by a decrease in VOC, resulting in no expected net increase in ozone formation.

7. When Will New Jersey Submit Its Mid-Course Review?

On September 12, 2001, New Jersey submitted a mid-course review analysis which showed a continued downward trend in both the number of violations of the 1-hour ozone standard and the measured ozone concentrations. EPA found, however, that several more years of monitored data and implementation

of the Regional NO_x Program were needed before a true mid-course review of the attainment demonstration could be made. Therefore, on February 4, 2002 (67 FR 5152), EPA approved New Jersey's further commitment to perform a mid-course review and submit the results to EPA by December 31, 2003.

Due to challenges by upwind states of EPA's Regional NO_x Program, the

benefit of these upwind NO_x reductions will not be fully realized until late 2003. Therefore, EPA has allowed states to revise their mid-course commitments to provide for the review no later than December 31, 2004. In order to be consistent with surrounding states and to include the benefit of the Regional NO_x Program in its mid-course review, New Jersey revised its commitment to

⁵ Memorandum, "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court

Decision," issued May 14, 1999. A copy of this

memorandum can be found on EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/traqconf.htm>.