

From: Jackson, Sandra [mailto:Sandra.Jackson@fhwa.dot.gov]
Sent: Fri 1/2/2009 8:34 AM
To: Mike Clifford
Subject: FW: INFORMATION: Updated Use of Latest Planning Assumption in Conformity Determinations Guidance

FYI-

From: April.Marchese@dot.gov [mailto:April.Marchese@dot.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 11:50 AM
To: FHWA-#ALLDA-OfficialMailbox
Cc: FHWA-#ALLDFS-PERSONALMAILBOX; HEPRCTeams; FHWA-#ALLFLH-OfficialMailbox; Lucero, Amy [FHWA]; Hecox, Doug <FHWA>; HEPODs; HEPTEAMS; Bini, Robert <FHWA>; Shepherd, Gloria <FHWA>; Biondi, Emily <FHWA>
Subject: INFORMATION: Updated Use of Latest Planning Assumption in Conformity Determinations Guidance

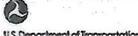
To the Attention of Division Air Quality and Planning Staff:

The purpose of this message is to inform you that on December 29, 2008 EPA posted on its website an update to the January 18, 2001, joint EPA-DOT guidance on latest planning assumptions to make it consistent with the current conformity rule. On July 1, 2004, the conformity rule was amended to allow a conformity determination to be based on the latest planning assumptions in force at the time the conformity analysis begins, rather than at the time of DOT's conformity determination. The updated joint EPA-DOT guidance is attached and can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/policy.htm> We will also be posting it on FHWA's website shortly at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/conformity/con_pol.htm

If you have any questions regarding this guidance, please contact Cecilia Ho at Cecilia.ho@dot.gov or 202-366-9862 or Emily Biondi at Emily.biondi@dot.gov or 202-366-9482.

Guidance for the Use of Latest Planning Assumptions in Transportation Conformity Determinations

Revision to January 18, 2001 Guidance Memorandum

 United States Environmental Protection Agency  U.S. Department of Transportation
December 2008