



# Air Resources Board



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December 12, 2014

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Dear Mr. Lakin:

In a November 6, 2014 letter, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) updates to the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard State Implementation Plans (SIP) for the Coachella Valley and Western Mojave Desert 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas. This letter is in regard to the on-road motor vehicle budgets for the years 2014, 2017, and 2018 that were included in this submittal.

To ensure that any future updates to these budgets are used expeditiously in the conformity process, we request that U.S. EPA allow budgets to be replaced upon a finding of adequacy. To accomplish this, we ask U.S. EPA to limit its approval of the budgets submitted on November 6, 2014 to last only until the effective date of future U.S. EPA adequacy findings for subsequent budget submittals. We anticipate Board action on new budgets developed with EMFAC2014 as part of the 2016 SIP process to address the 2008 ozone standard in July 2016. We appreciate U.S. EPA's willingness to work with us in our efforts to utilize motor vehicle emissions budgets based on the most up-to-date, accurate data as soon as possible upon availability.

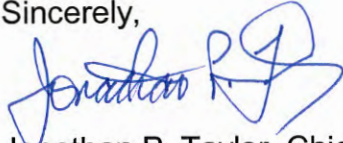
ARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional clarifying information you may need. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Dennis Wade of my staff at (916) 327-2963, or Ms. Carol Sutkus, Manager, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section, at (916) 322-1229.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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