You may also contact Wienke Tax, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR–2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901; (520) 622–1622 or *tax.wienke@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces our finding that the emissions budgets contained in the submitted Maricopa County 2003 Carbon Monoxide (CO) Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan, submitted by the State of Arizona on behalf of the Maricopa Association of Governments, are adequate for conformity purposes. EPA Region IX made this finding in a letter to the State of Arizona, Department of Environmental Quality, on September 10, 2003. We are also announcing this finding on our conformity Web site: *http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequate.htm*, (once there, click on the ''What SIP submissions has EPA already found adequate or inadequate?'' button).

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 emissions sources, are consistent with applicable requirements for a maintenance plan. We have preliminarily determined that the MAG 2003 CO Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan meets the necessary emissions reductions and therefore, the motor vehicle emissions budgets can be found adequate. Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review which is required by section 110(k)(1) of the Clean Air Act, 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''). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination on the emissions budgets contained in the MAG 2003 CO Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

Dated: September 12, 2003.

Deborah Jordan,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Availability of FY 02 Grant Performance Reports for States of Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and South Carolina; All Local Agencies Within the States of Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee; and the Local Agencies of Western North Carolina and Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of grantee performance evaluation reports.

SUMMARY: EPA's grant regulations (40 CFR 35.150) require the Agency to evaluate the performance of agencies which receive grants. EPA's regulations for regional consistency (40 CFR 56.7) require that the Agency notify the public of the availability of the reports of such evaluations. EPA performed end-of-year evaluations of four state air pollution control programs (Alabama Department of Environmental Management; Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control); and 14 local programs (City of Huntsville Division of Natural Resources, AL; Jefferson County Department of Health, AL; Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, FL; Jacksonville Air and Water Quality Division, FL; Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, FL; Dade County Air Quality Management Division, FL; Palm Beach County Health Department, FL; Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, FL; Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency, NC; Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency, NC; Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, TN; Memphis/Shelby County Health Department, TN; Knox County Department of Air Quality Management, TN; and Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Public Health Department, TN). The 18 evaluations were conducted to assess the agencies' performance under the grants awarded by EPA under authority of section 105 of the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 4 has prepared reports for each agency identified above and these reports are now available for public inspection. The evaluations for the remainder of the State and local governments will be published at a later date.

ADDRESSES: The reports may be examined at the EPA's Region 4 office, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie Persinger (404) 562–9048 for information concerning the State of Alabama; Gloria Knight (404) 562–9064 for the States of Florida and Mississippi; Mary Fox (404) 562–9053 for the State of North Carolina; and Rayna Brown (404) 562–9093 for the States of South Carolina and Tennessee. They may be contacted at the above Region 4 address.

Dated: September 10, 2003.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Exposure Modeling Work Group; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Exposure Modeling Work Group (EMWG) will hold a 1–day meeting on September 30, 2003. This notice announces the location and time for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 30, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Crystal Mall #2, Room 1126 (Fishbowl), 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Barrett, Environmental Fate and Effects Division (7507C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental