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Mr. Norman Stoner, P.E.
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Re: Transportation Conformity Analysis for the *GOTO2040* Regional Transportation Plan
and Federal Fiscal Year 2010-15 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Ms. Simón and Mr. Stoner:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") has reviewed the transportation conformity analysis for the amendment to the Northeastern Illinois FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP") and the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan ("RTP") adopted by the MPO Policy Committee on October 13, 2010. The projected emissions of volatile organic compounds, oxides of nitrogen, and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) from on-road motor vehicles from the implementation of the RTP and the federal fiscal year ("FFY") 2010-2015 TIP for the analysis years 2016, 2020, 2030, and 2040 are all less than the applicable motor vehicle emissions budget levels established in the State Implementation Plan ("SIP").

Based on the Illinois EPA's involvement in the conformity consultation process, review of the documentation, and the results of the emissions comparisons, we concur with the transportation conformity finding that the *GOTO2040* RTP and the FFY 2010-2015 TIP are consistent with the current SIP air quality planning goals for the region.

If you have any questions please contact Mike Rogers at (217) 524-4408.

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