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Subject: DAQ Review of the Draft Conformity Analysis and Determination Report

Dear Mr. Lukasina and Mr. Nwoko:

Thank you for forwarding the draft of the Research Triangle Region Conformity Determination Report 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendments and 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality has completed its review of the draft report.

The analysis provided in this draft report demonstrates that the 2045 MTP Amendments and the FY 2018-2027 TIP Amendments conforms to the 1997 ozone standards for the region. The draft report is comprehensive and adequately outlines the details of the conformity analysis. The Division of Air Quality believes this report contains the appropriate air quality information to support a conformity determination on the 2045 MTP Amendments and the FY 2018-2027 TIP Amendments for the 1997 ozone standards in the Research Triangle Region.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review this report. If you have any questions, you may call me or contact Jill Vitas of my staff at (919) 707-8424.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael A. Abraczinskas".

Michael A. Abraczinskas, Director
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