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Ms. Candy Garrett, Director
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Dear Ms. Garrett:

On November 14, 2003, EPA received your package seeking our concurrence on the substitution of certain transportation control measures originally adopted in the Dallas-Fort Worth April 2000 State Implementation Plan revision. We appreciate your sharing this package for our review.

Per the TCM substitution mechanism identified in 30 TAC 114.260 and in our Federal Register approval (67 FR 72379), EPA is identified as a member of the TCM Substitution Workgroup and was involved in the early discussions of the TCMs at risk of not being implemented and their appropriate replacement measures. In that the replacement measures yield a greater emission reduction benefit than the measures they replace, and that the replacement measures will be implemented in the same time frame as those being replaced, EPA believes that the requirements of the rule have been met. Additionally, the North Central Texas Council of Governments identified additional contingency measures that may be used as substitution measures in the future should other TCMs face the risk of nonimplementation. While we encourage the proactive identification of these measures, we believe that any future substitutions must meet the same interagency consultation and public involvement requirements identified in the above rules and their approval as substitution measures will be contingent upon these requirements being met.

EPA concurs with the specific substitutions identified in the package and we have no additional comments.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Diggs".

Thomas Diggs
Chief, Air Planning Section

cc: Mr. David Jodray, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Rebecca Dennison, Federal Highway Administration