

40 C.F.R. § 93.109

Criteria and procedures for determining conformity of transportation plans, programs, and projects: General.

(a) In order for each transportation plan, program, and FHWA/FTA project to be found to conform, the MPO and DOT must demonstrate that the applicable criteria and procedures in this subpart are satisfied, and the MPO and DOT must comply with all applicable conformity requirements of implementation plans and of court orders for the area which pertain specifically to conformity. The criteria for making conformity determinations differ based on the action under review (transportation plans, TIPs, and FHWA/FTA projects), the relevant pollutant(s), and the status of the implementation plan.

(b) Table 1 in this paragraph indicates the criteria and procedures in §§ 93.110 through 93.119 which apply for transportation plans, TIPs, and FHWA/FTA projects. Paragraph (c) of this section explains when the budget and interim emissions tests are required for each pollutant and NAAQS. Paragraph (d) of this section explains when a hot-spot test is required. Paragraph (e) of this section addresses conformity requirements for areas with approved or adequate limited maintenance plans. Paragraph (f) of this section addresses nonattainment and maintenance areas which EPA has determined have insignificant motor vehicle emissions. Paragraph (g) of this section addresses isolated rural nonattainment and maintenance areas. Table 1 follows:

Table 1—Conformity Criteria

All Actions at all times:	
§ 93.110	Latest planning assumptions
§ 93.111	Latest emissions model
§ 93.112	Consultation
Transportation Plan:	
§ 93.113(b)	TCMs
§ 93.118 or § 93.119	Emissions budget and/or Interim emissions
TIP:	
§ 93.113(c)	TCMs
§ 93.118 or § 93.119	Emissions budget and/or Interim emissions
Project (From a Conforming Plan and TIP):	

§ 93.114	Currently conforming plan and TIP
§ 93.115	Project from a conforming plan and TIP
§ 93.116	CO, PM ₁₀ , and PM _{2.5} hot-spots.
§ 93.117	PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5} control measures
Project (Not From a Conforming Plan and TIP):	
§ 93.113(d)	TCMs
§ 93.114	Currently conforming plan and TIP
§ 93.116	CO, PM ₁₀ , and PM _{2.5} hot-spots.
§ 93.117	PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5} control measures
§ 93.118 and/or § 93.119	Emissions budget and/or Interim emissions

(c) *Regional conformity test requirements for all nonattainment and maintenance areas.* This provision applies one year after the effective date of EPA's nonattainment designation for a NAAQS in accordance with § 93.102(d) and until the effective date of revocation of such NAAQS for an area. In addition to the criteria listed in Table 1 in paragraph (b) of this section that are required to be satisfied at all times, in such nonattainment and maintenance areas conformity determinations must include a demonstration that the budget and/or interim emissions tests are satisfied as described in the following:

(1) In all nonattainment and maintenance areas for a NAAQS, the budget test must be satisfied as required by § 93.118 for conformity determinations for such NAAQS made on or after:

- (i) The effective date of EPA's finding that a motor vehicle emissions budget in a submitted control strategy implementation plan revision or maintenance plan for such NAAQS is adequate for transportation conformity purposes;
- (ii) The publication date of EPA's approval of such a budget in the Federal Register; or
- (iii) The effective date of EPA's approval of such a budget in the Federal Register, if such approval is completed through direct final rulemaking.

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