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MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Mahon, Director
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FROM: William O'Sullivan, Director CMA for WOS
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RE: Community Development Disaster Recovery Block Grants for Hurricane Sandy Recovery Efforts

DATE: January 23, 2014

The Division of Air Quality (DAQ) has revised the General Conformity Applicability Analysis for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for the Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. The general conformity analysis is required by the Clean Air Act and Federal Regulation (40 CFR Part 93, (Subpart B)). The original environmental assessment, which includes the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation (RREM) and the Landlord Rental Repair (LRR) residential programs, can be found at http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/. This revision is due to updated information received from you regarding commercial construction activities associated with the CDBG-DR, which were not assessed in the original environmental assessment. The revised estimated air emissions, including the air emissions related to commercial construction activities, continue to remain well below the Federal General Conformity regulation's de minimis thresholds and are presumed to conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

To avoid adverse air quality impacts, compliance with the regulatory requirements of New Jersey's Air Rules continue to remain in effect. Activities must still meet the State's Air Pollution Control requirements, e.g. obtaining permits when necessary, adherence to idling limitations, implementation of all reasonable measures to mitigate dust and fugitive emissions from demolition and construction and complying with all state and federal rules for demolition of structures which may contain asbestos.

The Department of Community Affairs /HUD Action Plan appropriates $1.8 billion to New Jersey for Community Development Block Grants – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for the

Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. The Action Plan details DCA's housing and commercial grant programs that will benefit from these CDBG-DR grants. The Action Plan is found at: http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/pdf/CDBG-DisasterRecoveryActionPlan.%20non.substantial.amendments.%2011.14.13.pdf

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