

SUMMARY: In this document, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Lamar and Steamboat Springs, Colorado particulate matter of 10 micrograms in size or smaller (PM₁₀) maintenance plans submitted on July 31, 2002, are adequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the DC Circuit Court ruled that budgets in submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, the City of Lamar, the City of Steamboat Springs, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation are required to use the motor vehicle emissions budgets from these submitted maintenance plans for future conformity determinations.

DATES: This finding is effective November 12, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kerri Fiedler, Air & Radiation Program (8P-AR), United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466, (303) 312-6493. The letter documenting our finding is available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/transp/conform/adequacy.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document wherever "we", "us", or "our" are used we mean EPA.

This action is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. We sent a letter to the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division on September 25, 2002 stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the submitted Lamar and Steamboat Springs PM₁₀ maintenance plans are adequate. This finding has also been announced on our conformity Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/oms/transp/conform/adequacy.htm>.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. Our conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to SIPs and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an

adequacy review is separate from our completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudge our ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved, and vice versa.

We've described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in a memo entitled, "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision," dated May 14, 1999. We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: October 21, 2002.

Robert E. Roberts,

Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7400-9]

Request for Nominations to the Good Neighbor Environmental Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointments to fill vacancies on the Good Neighbor Environmental Board. Suggested deadline for receiving nominations is Friday, November 22, 2002. Selection of candidates for appointments will be made by EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman. Appointments are scheduled to be announced during January 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit nomination materials to: Elaine Koerner, Designated Federal Officer, Good Neighbor Environmental Board, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1601E), 655 15th St., NW., Washington, DC. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Koerner, Designated Federal Officer, Good Neighbor Environmental Board, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1601E), 655 15th St. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone 202-233-0069; fax 202-233-0070; email koerner.elaine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Good Neighbor Environmental Board meets

three times each calendar year at different locations along the U.S.-Mexico border. It was created by the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act of 1992. An Executive Order delegates implementing authority to the Administrator of EPA. The Board is responsible for providing advice to the U.S. President and Congress on environmental and infrastructure issues and needs within the States contiguous to Mexico in order to improve the quality of life of persons residing on the U.S. side of the border. The statute calls for the Board to have representatives from U.S. Government agencies; the governments of the States of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas; and private organizations with expertise on environmental and infrastructure problems along the southwest border. Board members typically contribute 10-15 hours per month to the Board's work. The Board membership position is voluntary; travel expenses are covered.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

- Residence in one of the four U.S. border states.
- Professional knowledge of, and experience with, environmental infrastructure activities and policy along the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Senior level-experience that fills a gap in Board representation, or brings a new and relevant dimension to its deliberations.
- Representation of a sector or group that is involved in border region environmental infrastructure.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a consensus-building process with a wide range of representatives from diverse constituencies.
- Willingness to serve a two-year term as an actively-contributing member, with possible re-appointment to a second term.

Nominees' qualifications will be assessed under the mandates of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which requires Committees to maintain diversity across a broad range of constituencies, sectors, and groups.

Nominations for membership must include a resume describing the professional and educational qualifications of the nominee as well as community-based experience. Contact details should include full name and title, business mailing address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address. A supporting letter of endorsement is encouraged but not required.

Dated: October 16, 2002.

Elaine M. Koerner,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7401-7]

Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Center for Environmental Assessment, within the Agency's Office of Research and Development, is announcing a Workshop on GAM-Related Statistical Issues in Particulate Matter (PM) Epidemiology. The workshop is open to the public.

DATES: The workshop will begin on November 4, 2002, at 8:45 a.m. and will conclude on November 6, at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, 4700 Emperor Boulevard, Durham, North Carolina 27703. Logistics for the workshop are being arranged by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), an EPA contractor. The public is invited to attend the workshop. Persons wanting to register for the GAM workshop may do so at the following Web site <http://www.cvent.com>. The event code is EPHVP19M8U.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For workshop information, registration, and logistics, contact Alina Martin, Science Applications International Corporation, 11251 Roger Bacon Drive, Reston, VA 20190; telephone: 703-318-4678; facsimile: 703-736-0826; or e-mail at martinali@saic.com.

For technical information, contact Dr. Robert Elias, U.S. EPA, NCEA-RTP, B243-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone: 919-541-4167; facsimile: 919-541-1818; or e-mail: elias.robert@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshop, which is being organized in coordination with the Health Effects Institute (HEI), is being held to provide a forum (open to the public) for discussion of: (a) Newly identified issues related to the conduct of General Additive Model (GAM) analyses, using commercially available software packages (e.g., S-plus or SAS), in time-series studies of relationships between ambient air particulate matter (PM) and

mortality/morbidity endpoints (e.g., daily deaths, hospital admissions); (b) progress made to date in the conduct of reanalyses of a group of GAM-related studies identified by EPA as being of high priority for policy considerations (see www.epa.gov/ncea/partmatt.htm for more information); and (c) additional considerations for future directions for new PM epidemiologic analyses. After the workshop, participating investigators will have the opportunity to modify preliminary reanalyses presented at the workshop to take into account the workshop discussions and to submit to EPA written "short communications" conveying key information on the reanalyses and their outcomes. Those short communications are to be peer-reviewed by an HEI-assembled panel of experts and then included in an HEI Report, to be made available in early 2003. The peer-reviewed reanalyses in the HEI Report will be considered by NCEA-RTP staff in preparing revised draft chapters bearing on PM epidemiology studies for inclusion in a Fourth External Review Draft of EPA's Air Quality Criteria Document for PM to be released next spring for public comment (60 days) and Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) review at a public meeting in mid-summer 2003. The final version of the PM Criteria Document will ultimately provide key scientific bases for the now ongoing Congressionally mandated periodic review of the PM National Ambient Air Quality Standards (PM NAAQS).

A detailed agenda for the meeting will be made available via the above-listed Web site or contact person.

Dated: October 22, 2002.

Art Payne,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Draft Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Oyster Management Plan; Availability

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program Office, on behalf of the partners of the Chesapeake Bay Program, announces the availability of the Draft Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Oyster Management Plan for a 30-day period of public review and comment. The Draft Plan addresses both habitat restoration and oyster fishery management. It

emphasizes biologically based, strategic decision making, enables an adaptive management approach, and provides for better coordination among key agencies, organizations, and institutions involved in oyster restoration in Maryland and Virginia waters of Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. The Chesapeake Bay oyster partners include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Maryland Oyster Recovery Partnership, Virginia Oyster Heritage Program, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Following receipt of comments, a final Draft Plan will be circulated to Chesapeake Bay Program signatory partners for approval. It is expected that the final Plan will be adopted by the Chesapeake Executive Council in 2003. On November 4, 2002, the Draft Plan will be available on-line at the EPA Region III Web site www.epa.gov/r3chespk/, or by regular mail from the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office (Phone: (410) 267-5700).

Comments should be postmarked no later than December 4, 2002. Comments can be sent either by email to fritz.mike@epa.gov or by regular mail to Michael Fritz, U.S. EPA, 410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109, Annapolis, MD 21403. Further information about the Chesapeake Bay Program and oysters in the bay is available at www.chesapeakebay.net.

Diana Esher,

Deputy Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning the following