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Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to three minutes each. Persons interested in providing oral statements at the March 2022 meeting virtually via webcast should register in advance and provide notification, as noted in the registration confirmation, by March 22, 2022, to be placed on the list of registered speakers.

Written Statements: Written statements should be received by March 22, 2022, so that the information can be made available to the EFAB for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements should be sent via email to efab@epa.gov. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the EFAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities or to request accommodations for a disability, please register for the meeting and list any special requirements or accommodations needed on the registration form at least 10 business days prior to the meeting to allow as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: March 4, 2022.

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*Director, Office of Wastewater Management,
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Release of Volumes 1 and 2 of the Integrated Review Plan for the Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: On or about March 4, 2022, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making available to the public, Volumes 1 and 2 of the *Integrated Review Plan for the Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards* (IRP). The national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for lead (Pb) are set to protect the public health and the public welfare from Pb in ambient air. Volume 1 of the IRP contains contextual background material and the anticipated schedule for the current review of the air quality criteria and NAAQS for Pb. Volume 2 identifies policy-relevant issues in the review and describes key considerations in EPA's development of the Integrated Science Assessment (ISA). The ISA provides the scientific basis for the EPA's decisions, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, for the review of the NAAQS, as described in the Clean Air Act, section 108(a).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 4, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments on Volume 2 of the IRP, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0312, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, Office of Air and Radiation Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.
- **Hand Delivery or Courier (by scheduled appointment only):** EPA Start Printed Page 56264 Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Docket Center's hours of operations are 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday (except Federal Holidays).

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this notice. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For

detailed instructions on sending comments, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. The two volumes described here will be available on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/lead-pb-air-quality-standards>. The documents will be accessible under "Planning Documents" from the current review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Deirdre L. Murphy, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, (Mail Code C504-06), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: 919-541-0729, fax number: 919-541-027; or email: murphy.deirdre@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

Written Comments

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0312, at <https://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or the other methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA's docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

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II. Information About the Documents

Two sections of the Clean Air Act (CAA or the Act) govern the

establishment and revision of the NAAQS. Section 108 directs the Administrator to identify and list certain air pollutants and then issue “air quality criteria” for those pollutants. The air quality criteria are to “accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of such pollutant in the ambient air . . .” (CAA section 108(a)(2)). Under section 109 of the Act, the EPA is then to establish primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) NAAQS for each pollutant for which the EPA has issued air quality criteria. Section 109(d)(1) of the Act requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria. Revised air quality criteria are to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health and welfare. Under the same provision, the EPA is also to periodically review and, if appropriate, revise the NAAQS, based on the revised air quality criteria.

The Act additionally requires appointment of an independent scientific review committee that is to periodically review the existing air quality criteria and NAAQS and to recommend any new standards and revisions of existing criteria and standards as may be appropriate (CAA section 109(d)(2)(A)–(B)). Since the early 1980s, the requirement for an independent scientific review committee has been fulfilled by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC).

Presently the EPA is reviewing the air quality criteria and NAAQS for Pb.¹ The documents announced in this notice have been developed as part of the integrated review plan (IRP) which is developed in the planning phase for the review. The documents have been prepared jointly by the EPA’s Center for Public Health and Environmental Assessment, within the Office of Research and Development, and the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, within the Office of Air and Radiation. These documents will be available on the EPA’s website at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/lead-pb-air-quality-standards>, accessible under “Planning Documents” from the current review.

The IRP for the current review of the lead NAAQS will be comprised of three volumes. Volumes 1 and 2 are the subject of this notice. Volume 1 provides background information on the

air quality criteria and standards for Pb and may serve as a reference by the public and the CASAC in their consideration of the subsequent two volumes. Volume 2 addresses the general approach for the review and planning for the integrated science assessment (ISA). Comments are solicited from the public on Volume 2, which will also be the subject of a consultation with the CASAC, to be announced in a separate **Federal Register** notice. This volume identifies policy-relevant issues in the review and describes key considerations in EPA’s development of the ISA. Volume 3, which is not yet completed, is the planning document for quantitative analyses to be considered in the policy assessment (PA), including exposure and risk analyses. In order that consideration of the availability of new evidence in the review can inform these plans, the development and public availability of Volume 3 will generally coincide with that of the draft ISA and it will be the subject of a consultation with the CASAC at that time.

Comments on Volume 2 of the IRP should be submitted to the docket, as described above, by April 4, 2022. A separate **Federal Register** notice will provide details about the CASAC consultation meeting and the process for participation in the CASAC consultation on Volume 2. The EPA will consider the consultation comments from the CASAC and public comments on the IRP, Volume 2, in preparation of the Pb ISA. Volume 1 of the IRP, also being made available, provides background or contextual and historical material for this NAAQS review. These documents do not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Disclosure of Information Claimed as, or Determined by EPA To Be, Confidential Business Information (CBI) in Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Small Refinery Exemption Petitions and Certain RFS Compliance Reports

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing notice of disclosure to all obligated parties under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program that have petitioned for a small refinery exemption (SRE) or that have submitted any of the following RFS compliance reports: RFS2500 Efficient Producer Data Report, RFS0303 Annual Report, RFS0104 RFS Activity Report, and RFS0105 RFS Activity Report. In response to a request by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), EPA will disclose information to GAO which has been submitted to EPA that is claimed to be, or has been determined to be, confidential business information (CBI). The information to be disclosed includes all documents, information, and data related to all small refinery exemption petitions received by EPA since May 21, 2021, through December 31, 2023, and all information in the aforementioned RFS compliance reports. These records include, but are not limited to: (a) All materials submitted by the small refineries as part of their petitions; (b) any documentation sent by the Department of Energy (DOE) to EPA stating DOE’s findings and scores associated with the petitions and any EPA responses thereto; (c) any EPA record addressing the subject of the exemption petitions, including any analysis that EPA conducted in addition to DOE’s findings; and (d) EPA’s final exemption decisions sent to the refineries.

DATES: EPA will disclose the material discussed in this document to GAO, including any CBI therein, on March 28, 2022. All CBI-claimed documents will be destroyed, deleted, or returned to EPA at the conclusion of GAO’s review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Nelson, Environmental Protection Specialist, Compliance Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality at nelson.karen@epa.gov or (734) 214–4657.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In connection with a GAO review, EPA received a request under 40 CFR 2.209(b) from GAO for records submitted to EPA under the RFS program since the date EPA last shared similar documents with GAO (May 21, 2021) through December 31, 2023. GAO, as part of the same program review, has also requested access to a RIN analysis that potentially contains derivative CBI sourced from certain RFS compliance reports. The information that will be disclosed to GAO includes all

¹ The EPA’s call for information for this review was issued on July 7, 2020 (85 FR 40641).