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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA is in the process of updating and revising, where appropriate, its *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter* as issued in 1996. Sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act require that EPA carry out a periodic review and revision, where appropriate, of the air quality criteria and NAAQS for "criteria" air pollutants such as PM. Details of EPA's plans for the review of the NAAQS for PM were initially announced in a previous **Federal Register** notice (62 FR 55201, October 23, 1997). EPA made a First External Review Draft of the updated *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter* available for review by the Clean Air Act Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and members of the public in October 1999 (64 FR 57884, October 27, 1999). Following that public review period and a meeting of the CASAC in December 1999 (64 FR 61875, November 15, 1999), EPA revised the document as appropriate to incorporate CASAC and public comments, as well as to reflect many studies on the health effects of PM that were not available in time for discussion in the First External Review Draft.

EPA then made a Second External Review Draft of the *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter* available for CASAC and public review in April 2001 (66 FR 18929, April 12, 2001). Following that public review period and a second CASAC meeting in July 2001 (66 FR 34924, July 2, 2001), EPA again revised the document as appropriate to incorporate CASAC and public comments and also made further revisions reflecting new studies on health effects of particulate matter that had become available between issuance of the First and Second External Review Drafts.

EPA is now making a Third External Review Draft available for CASAC and public review. A public meeting with CASAC is scheduled for July 18-19, 2002 (67 FR 15802, April 3, 2002). At the close of CASAC's review, EPA will make final revisions to complete the document.

On June 15, 2001, EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) made available for public review and comment (66 FR 32621, June 15, 2001) a preliminary draft Staff Paper (SP) that drew on information in the

earlier draft criteria document. The preliminary draft was also submitted to CASAC for discussion with the Committee at its July 2001 meeting. In January 2002 (67 FR 3897, January 28, 2002), OAQPS also made available for CASAC and public review and comment a draft document, *Proposed Methodology for Particulate Matter Risk Analyses for Selected Urban Areas*, which was reviewed by CASAC at a public teleconference on February 27, 2002. OAQPS is now revising the draft SP and the draft risk analyses methodology document to address CASAC and public comments and to incorporate updated information from the current draft criteria document. As in other NAAQS reviews, the SP will evaluate policy implications of key studies and other scientific information in the criteria document, identify critical elements that EPA staff believes should be considered, and present staff conclusions and recommendations for the Administrator's consideration. Dates and details of availability of the updated draft SP and methodology documents and plans for future public meetings on these documents will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7209-5]

### Availability of "Allocation of Fiscal Year 2002 Operator Training Grants"

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing availability of a memorandum entitled "Allocation of Fiscal Year 2002 Operator Training Grants" issued on April 23, 2002. This memorandum provides National guidance for the allocation of funds used under section 104(g)(1) of the Clean Water Act. Each grant recipient will receive a copy of this document from EPA.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access of the guidance memorandum.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject memorandum may be viewed

and downloaded from EPA's homepage, <http://www.epa.gov/owm/mab/owm0320.pdf>.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7209-3]

### Public Water Supply Supervision Program; Program Revision for the State of Oregon

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Tentative Approval.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon has revised its approved State Public Water Supply Supervision (PWSS) Primacy Program. Oregon has adopted drinking water regulations for disinfectants and disinfection byproducts and has adopted revisions to its surface water treatment regulations and lead and copper regulations. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA intends on approving these State program revisions. This approval action does not extend to public water systems (PWSs) in Indian Country, as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151. EPA interprets its past approvals as not extending to Indian Country unless the State has made an explicit demonstration of jurisdiction over Indian Country and EPA has specifically approved the State's Drinking Water program over that area.

All interested parties may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by June 10, 2002 to the Regional Administrator at the address shown below. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by June 10, 2002, a public hearing will be held. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, this determination shall become final and effective on June 10, 2002. Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief