

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those which produce or import gasoline containing ethanol, or who wish to obtain a testing exemption.

*Title: Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives; Gasoline Volatility; Reporting Requirements for Parties Which Produce or Import Gasoline Containing Ethanol, and Reporting Requirements for Parties Seeking a Testing Exemption* (40 CFR 80.27), EPA ICR Number 1367.07.

*OMB Control Number:* 2060-0178, expiring 12-31-04.

*Abstract:* Gasoline volatility, as measured by Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) in pounds per square inch (psi), is controlled in the spring and summer in order to minimize evaporative hydrocarbon emissions from motor vehicles. RVP is subject to a Federal standard of 7.8 psi or 9.0 psi, depending on location. The addition of ethanol to gasoline increases the RVP by about 1 psi. Gasoline that contains at least 9 volume percent ethanol is subject to a standard that is 1.0 psi greater. As an aid to industry compliance and EPA enforcement, the product transfer document, which is prepared by the producer or importer and which accompanies a shipment of gasoline containing ethanol, is required by regulation to contain a legible and conspicuous statement that the gasoline contains ethanol and the percentage concentration of ethanol. This is intended to deter the mixing within the distribution system, particularly in retail storage tanks, of gasoline which contains ethanol with gasoline which does not contain ethanol. Such mixing would likely result in a gasoline with an ethanol concentration of less than 9 volume percent but with an RVP above the standard. Also, a party wishing a testing exemption for research on gasoline that is not in compliance with the applicable volatility standard, must submit certain information to EPA. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

*The EPA would like to solicit comments to:*

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Burden Statement:* EPA estimates that there are 4,600,000 shipments annually of gasoline containing ethanol. Thus the required statement must be placed on 4,600,000 product transfer documents annually. Such documents are generated by the producer or importer as a customary business practice, so the burden is limited to the placement of the statement, which is generally computer-generated or hand-stamped. EPA estimates an average burden of 5 seconds per document, for a total annual burden for 4,600,000 documents of 6,389 hours. At an estimated industry labor cost of \$65 per hour, EPA estimates the labor cost burden at \$415,285 for about 1,500 parties that produce or import gasoline containing ethanol. Thus the cost per party is about \$277 annually. Annualized start-up costs are estimated at \$3,250, based on 50 new producers or importers of gasoline with ethanol each year, and a burden of one hour each to implement the requirement. There are no annualized capital costs and no operation and maintenance costs because the product transfer documents are in use for other reasons, and there are no recordkeeping requirements. There are no purchase-of-services costs. It is estimated that EPA will receive 2 requests annually for testing exemptions, at 4 hours burden and \$260 labor cost per request, for a total of \$520. An operating and maintenance cost for postage and copying of \$10 per request is estimated, for a total of \$20. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources;

complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: August 18, 2004.

**Robert Brenner,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7805-9]

### **Science Advisory Board Staff Office, Environmental Economics Advisory Committee; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting (Teleconference)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency), Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference for the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) to discuss follow-on matters related to its consultation on the valuation of mortality risk reduction.

**DATES:** The teleconference will take place on Monday, September 20, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to obtain the teleconference call-numbers and access codes or who wishes to submit written or brief oral comments (five minutes or less), must contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9867.

Requests to provide oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax, or mail) and received by Dr. Stallworth no later than five business days prior to the teleconference in order to reserve time on the meeting agenda. It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The EEAC, a committee of the EPA Science Advisory Board, is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The EEAC is charged with providing advice, information and

recommendations through the chartered SAB to the Agency on the economic issues associated with various EPA programs.

The EEAC held a public meeting in Washington, DC on May 13, 2004 to provide consultative advice to the EPA National Center for Environmental Economics on the valuation of mortality risk reduction. Background on this review was provided in a **Federal Register** notice published on April 22, 2004 (Vol. 69, No. 78). Minutes of the May 13, 2004 consultation are available on the SAB Web site. The meeting agenda for the September 20, 2004 teleconference will continue this consultative project with a discussion of four questions related to the valuation of mortality risk reduction. This agenda will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> prior to the meeting.

Dated: August 12, 2004.

**Vanessa T. Vu,**

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL -7806-1]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Notification of Advisory Committee Meeting of the CASAC Particulate Matter Review Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's (CASAC) Particulate Matter (PM) Review Panel to discuss follow-on matters related to its ongoing peer review of the *EPA Air Quality Criteria Document for Particulate Matter (Fourth External Review Draft)*.

**DATES:** The teleconference meeting will be held September 20, 2004, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to obtain the teleconference call-in numbers and access codes; would like to submit written or brief oral comments (5 minutes or less); or wants further information concerning this meeting, must contact Mr. Fred Butterfield,

Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9994; fax: (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: [butterfield.fred@epa.gov](mailto:butterfield.fred@epa.gov). General information concerning the CASAC or the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Summary:** The CASAC, which comprises seven members appointed by the EPA Administrator, was established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee, in part to provide advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The CASAC PM Review Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The teleconference is a continuation of the PM Review Panel's peer review of the *EPA Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (Fourth External Review Draft)*. Specifically, this meeting will be held to discuss the revisions to Chapter 9 (Integrative Synthesis) of the Fourth External Review Draft of the Air Quality Criteria Document (AQCD) for PM. The report from the CASAC PM Review Panel's last meeting to review this draft document, held on July 20-21, 2004, will soon be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**Background:** EPA is in the process of updating, and revising where appropriate, the AQCD for PM as issued in 1996. Section 109(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) requires that EPA carry out a periodic review and revision, where appropriate, of the air quality criteria and the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for "criteria" air pollutants such as PM. On June 30, 2003, the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), within EPA's Office of Research and Development, made available for public review and comment a Fourth External Review Draft of a revised document, *EPA Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter*. Under CAA sections 108 and 109, the purpose of the revised document is to provide an assessment of the latest scientific information on the effects of airborne PM on the public

health and welfare, for use in EPA's current review of the NAAQS for PM. Detailed summary information on the history of the current draft AQCD for PM is contained in a previous **Federal Register** notice (68 FR 36985, June 20, 2003). The *EPA Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (Fourth External Review Draft)*, and the revised chapters of this draft document, can be viewed and downloaded from the NCEA Web site at: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/partmatt.cfm>. Any questions concerning the draft document should be directed to Dr. Robert Elias, NCEA-RTP, via telephone: (919) 541-1818; or e-mail at: [elias.robert@epa.gov](mailto:elias.robert@epa.gov).

**Availability of Additional Meeting Materials:** A copy of the agenda for this teleconference meeting will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> (under the "Agendas" subheading) in advance of the CASAC PM Review Panel teleconference. Other materials that may be available will also be posted on the SAB Web site during this time-frame.

**Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings:** It is the policy of the SAB Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously-submitted oral or written statements. **Oral Comments:** In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a meeting or teleconference will be limited to a total time of five minutes (unless otherwise indicated). Requests to provide oral comments must be *in writing* (preferably via e-mail) and received by Mr. Butterfield no later than noon Eastern Time five business days prior to the meeting in order to reserve time on the meeting agenda. **Written Comments:** The SAB Staff Office accepts written comments until the date of the meeting or teleconference (unless otherwise stated). Copies of both oral and written public comments should be provided to Mr. Butterfield (preferably via e-mail) at the address/contact information noted above, as follows: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format)). All comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office no later than noon Eastern Time five business days prior to the meeting or teleconference so that these comments may be made available to the CASAC PM Review Panel for their consideration.