

American Lung Association, Environmental Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, Alabama Environmental Council, Clean Air Council, Michigan Environmental Council, Ohio Environmental Council, and Southern Alliance for Clean Air. The proposed consent order provides that with respect to particulate matter:

- EPA will issue a Criteria Document for particulate matter no later than December 19, 2003;

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of proposed rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for particulate matter no later than March 31, 2005; and

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of final rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for particulate matter no later than December 20, 2005.

The proposed order provides that with respect to ozone:

- EPA will issue a Criteria Document for ozone no later than December 20, 2004;

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of proposed rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for ozone no later than March 31, 2006; and

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of final rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for ozone no later than December 20, 2006.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive written comments relating to the settlement from persons who were not named as parties to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act.

Copies of the consent order are available from Phyllis Cochran, (202) 564-5566. Written comments should be sent to Steven Silverman, Office of General Counsel (2366A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, and must be submitted on or before June 26, 2003.

Dated: May 19, 2003.

**Lisa K. Friedman,**

*Associate General Counsel.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a final report.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) announces the availability of a final report, *Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment* (EPA/630/P-02/001F, April 2002).

**ADDRESSES:** The document is available electronically through the Risk Assessment Forum's Web site (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=54944>). A limited number of paper copies will be available from the EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone: 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile: 513-489-8695. Please provide your name and mailing address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Callahan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, Mail Code 6RA, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733; telephone: 214-665-2787; facsimile: 214-665-6648; e mail: [callahan.michael@epa.gov](mailto:callahan.michael@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Several reports, including the National Research Council's (NRC) 1994 report "Science and Judgment in Risk Assessment," have highlighted the importance of understanding the accumulation of risks from multiple environmental stressors. These reports, as well as legislation such as the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA), urged EPA to move beyond single chemical assessments and to focus, in part, on the cumulative effects of chemical exposures occurring simultaneously. In 1999, EPA's Risk Assessment Forum (Forum) began development of EPA-wide cumulative risk assessment guidance. The *Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment* (*Framework*) is the result of the efforts of a Forum Technical Panel.

The *Framework* is the first step in a long-term effort to develop Agency-wide cumulative risk assessment guidance. Building on EPA's growing experience with cumulative risk assessment, the *Framework* is intended to foster consistent approaches to cumulative risk assessment in EPA, identify key

issues, and define terms used in these assessments. The *Framework* identifies the basic elements of the cumulative risk assessment process and provides a flexible structure for conducting and evaluating cumulative risk assessment, and for addressing scientific issues related to cumulative risk. Although this *Framework* report will serve as a foundation for developing future guidance, it is neither a procedural guide nor a regulatory requirement within EPA, and it is expected to evolve with experience. The *Framework* is not an attempt to lay out protocols to address all the risks or considerations that are needed to adequately inform community decisions. Rather, it is an information document focused on describing various aspects of cumulative risk.

Earlier drafts of the document served as background pieces for peer consultations with State, and Federal, and other peer groups. An external peer review, open to the public, was held in June 2002. Draft documents were revised based on input received during the peer review process, and from public review and comment.

Dated: May 15, 2003.

**Peter W. Preuss,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-03-53-C (Auction No. 53); DA 03-1544]

### Auction of Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service Licenses (Auction No. 53) Is Postponed

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the postponement of Auction No. 53.

**DATES:** Auction No. 53 which was scheduled to begin on June 25, 2003 is postponed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Carter of the Auctions and Industry Analysis Division or Jennifer Burton of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division at (202) 418-0660.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The auction of licenses in the Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service ("MVDDS") (Auction No. 53), previously scheduled to begin on June 25, 2003, will be delayed pending