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Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6852-8]

Air Quality Criteria for Carbon Monoxide (Final)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a final document.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Center for Environmental Assessment, is today announcing the availability of a final document, Air Quality Criteria for Carbon Monoxide, EPA 600/P-99/001F, dated June 2000. Required under sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act, the purpose of this document is to provide an assessment of the latest, relevant scientific information that may have an impact on the next periodic review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for carbon monoxide (CO).

ADDRESSES: A limited number of copies of the Air Quality Criteria for Carbon Monoxide are available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications. Request a copy by telephoning 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190 and providing the title and the EPA number for the document, EPA 600/P-99/001F. Internet users may obtain a copy from the EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) home page. The URL is <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Raub, National Center for Environmental Assessment-RTP Office (MD-52), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone: 919-541-4157; facsimile: 919-541-1818; E-mail: raub.james@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) require that the EPA carry out a periodic review of the scientific information available for the "criteria" air pollutants such as carbon monoxide and revise, where appropriate, the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for them. In keeping with these requirements of the CAA, the

National Center for Environmental Assessment-RTP, within the Office of Research and Development, has proceeded with review and revision of the CO Air Quality Criteria Document (AQCD). The scientific information selected for assessment in the CO AQCD includes the more recent literature published since completion of the previous CO AQCD in 1990.

As part of EPA's standard AQCD development process, a draft of the revised CO AQCD underwent peer review at a workshop conducted on September 17-18, 1998 (63 FR 47494, September 8, 1998). In addition, two subsequent external review drafts were released for public comment from March to May 1999 (64 FR 13198, March 17, 1999) and October to November 1999 (64 FR 55923, October 15, 1999). The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) reviewed the respective external review drafts on June 9, 1999 (64 FR 27784, May 21, 1999) and November 18, 1999 (64 FR 57453, October 25, 1999). Final closure from CASAC was received on January 11, 2000. Revisions in response to the comments received have been incorporated into the final document.

Dated: July 24, 2000.

William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6853-1]

Notice of Availability for Draft Guidance on BACT for NO_x Control at Combined Cycle Turbines

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The EPA is making available for public review and comment a preliminary draft of its pending guidance on BACT for NO_x Control on Combined Cycle Turbines. Several issues have been brought to EPA's attention as a result of recent controversies involving State permitting agencies, utilities, and turbine manufacturers over appropriate best available control technology (BACT) controls for NO_x at natural gas combined cycle turbines for electric power generation. Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) has been considered BACT for limiting NO_x emissions on many natural gas combined cycle

turbines in attainment areas. These issues have to do with the impact of requiring selective catalytic reduction on dry low NO_x natural gas combined cycle turbines for electric generation.

The BACT is required for new or modified major sources in order to prevent significant deterioration of air quality in attainment areas. The Clean Air Act allows permitting authorities to weigh environmental, energy, and economic concerns against the proven environmental benefits of technologies such as SCR in making BACT determinations in order to determine whether a less effective technology for NO_x control is warranted in specific cases. In the case of dry low NO_x natural gas combined cycle turbines, the NO_x reduction that SCR achieves is sufficiently small that other considerations may become relatively important to consider in determining BACT. The guidance and supporting background information review those considerations.

A draft of EPA's guidance is available for public review and comment. The EPA does not intend to respond to individual comments, but rather to consider the comments from the public in the preparation of the final guidance. It is important that the draft guidance being made available today for public review and comment does not represent official EPA policy or a formal position on the subject matter discussed and therefore is not to be relied on in interpreting EPA policy.

DATES: The comment period on the draft guidance will close on September 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Pamela J. Smith, Information Transfer and Program Integration Division (MD-12), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone 919-541-0641, telefax 919-541-5509 or E-mail smith.pam@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown, Office of Policy Analysis and Review, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20460, telephone 202-564-1669 or E-mail brown.ellen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A copy of the draft guidance document may be obtained by calling or E-mailing Pamela J. Smith. The draft guidance may also be downloaded from the NSR Web Site <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/nsr> under the topic "What's New on NSR."

Dated: August 9, 2000.

John S. Seitz,

Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 11:31 a.m. on Monday, August 14, 2000, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate, resolution, and supervisory activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Vice Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., seconded by Director Ellen S. Seidman (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), concurred in by Director John D. Hawke, Jr. (Comptroller of the Currency), and Chairman Donna Tanoue, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no notice earlier than August 9, 2000, of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: August 14, 2000.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notices

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, August 22, 2000 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, August 24, 2000 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (ninth floor)

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-08

(Reconsideration)—Philip D. Harvey.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-21—

Conservative Party of the State of New York by counsel, John N. Ciampoli.

Draft Revisions to FEC Forms and Instructions.

Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,
Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Mary W. Dove,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[ACYF CB-2000-02]

Grant to National Conference of State Legislatures

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of award.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that ACYF will award grant funds without competition to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). This grant is a sole source award which will assist State legislatures in addressing "second generation" issues arising from implementation of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) and to educate legislators on the new Child Welfare rules that impact existing State Plan requirements. This award is made non-competitively after our review of an unsolicited proposal submitted by NCSL.

1. Background: NCSL has a unique relationship with State legislatures that

enables them to help legislators understand critical child welfare issues in light of recent changes to Federal law and policy. NCSL is a bipartisan, non-profit organization that serves the Nation's legislatures and staff. It is an instrumentality of the States, providing informational services to State legislators, allowing them to make policy decisions based on reliable, objective and comprehensive analyses. In addition to providing research, publications, and consultative services, NCSL provides policymakers with the opportunity to exchange ideas and communicate with each other on the most pressing problems States face, as well as solutions that work. NCSL plans to accomplish these goals through special briefings, publications, delivering on-site technical assistance, holding special sessions at regular NCSL meetings, and the tracking of State child welfare legislation.

Following our review of the proposal submitted by the NCSL for these activities, this award is made noncompetitively. The NCSL proposal presents a unique opportunity to establish a continuing dialogue with State legislatures across the country.

2. The project period will be for 17 months, beginning September 29, 2000 and ending February 28, 2002. The grantee will be awarded \$193,301 during the project period.

Authority: This award will be made pursuant to Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Hagen, Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, 330 C Street, SW, Room 2420, Washington, DC 20447; Telephone: (202) 205-8575.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

Patricia Montoya,

Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Request for Public Comment on Contracting for the Performance of Title IV-E Administrative Functions

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.