

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Clean Air Act Advisory Committee— Notice of Creation of the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) on November 19, 1990, to provide independent advice and counsel to EPA on policy issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act of 1990. The Committee advises on economic, environmental, technical, scientific, and enforcement policy issues. At its meeting on April 27, 1999, the Committee approved a proposal to establish an annual awards program to recognize outstanding and innovative efforts that support progress in achieving clean air. This notice announces the creation of this awards program.

AWARDS PROGRAM NOTICE: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App.2 Section 10(a)(2), notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Advisory Committee is establishing the "Clean Air Excellence Awards Program" (CAEAP). The intent of the program is to recognize and honor outstanding, innovative efforts that help to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The CAEAP is open to both public and private entities. Entries are limited to the United States. There are six award categories: (1) Clean Air Technology; (2) Community Development/ Redevelopment; (3) Education/ Outreach; (4) Regulatory/Policy Innovations; (5) Transportation Efficiency Innovations; and (6) Outstanding Individual Achievement Award. Awards are recognition only and will be given on an annual basis.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE: All applicants are asked to submit their entry on a CAEAP entry form, contained in the CAEAP Entry Package, which may be obtained from the CAAAC WEB site at www.epa.gov/oar/caaac/index.html or contacting Mr. Paul Rasmussen, U.S. EPA at 202-564-1306 or 202-564-1352 (Fax), mailing address: Office of Air and Radiation (6102A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20004. The entry form is a simple, three-part form asking for general information on the applicant and the proposed entry; asking for a description of why the entry is deserving of an award; and requiring information from three (3) independent references for the proposed entry. Applicants should also submit additional supporting documentation as

necessary. Specific directions and information on filing an entry form are included in the Entry Package available through the directions above. The deadline for all submission of entries is June 2, 2000.

JUDGING AND AWARD CRITERIA: Judging will be accomplished through a screening process conducted by EPA staff, with input from outside subject experts, as needed. A workgroup of the CAAAC will conduct an addition review. The final award recommendations will be made by the CAAAC and forwarded to the EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation for a final decision. Entries will be judged using both general criteria and criteria specific to each individual category. There are four (4) general criteria: (1) The entry directly or indirectly (i.e., by encouraging actions) reduces emissions of criteria pollutants, greenhouse gases, or hazardous/toxic air pollutants; (2) The entry demonstrates innovation and uniqueness; (3) The entry provides a model for others to follow (i.e., it is replicable); and (4) The positive outcomes from the entry are continuing/sustainable. Although not required to win an award, the following general criteria will also be considered in the judging process: (1) The entry has positive effects on other environmental media in addition to air; (2) The entry demonstrates effective collaboration and partnerships; and (3) The individual or organization submitting the entry has effectively measured/evaluated the outcomes of the project, program, technology, etc. As mentioned above, additional criteria will be used for each individual award category. These criteria are listed in the 2000 Entry Package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this new awards program please use the CAAAC Web site cited above or contact Paul Rasmussen at the telephone and address cited above.

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Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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Adequacy Status of the Atlanta, Georgia Submitted Ozone Attainment State Implementation Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Atlanta, Georgia ozone attainment State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted on October 28, 1999, are adequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, the Atlanta ozone nonattainment area can use the motor vehicle emissions budgets from the submitted ozone attainment SIP for future conformity determinations.

DATES: These budgets are effective March 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments will be available at EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

The SIP is available for public viewing at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. You can request a copy of the SIP submission by contacting Kelly Sheckler, Regulatory Planning Section, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, Phone: (404) 562-9042, Fax: (404) 562-9019, E-mail: Sheckler.Kelly@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 4 sent a letter to Georgia Environmental Protection Division on [DATE] stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the October 28, 1999, Atlanta ozone attainment SIP for 2003 are adequate. This finding has been announced on EPA's conformity website referenced above.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that