

Submissions”). The adequate NO<sub>x</sub> MVEB is provided in the following table:

**HICKORY AREA NO<sub>x</sub> MVEB**  
[kilograms per day]

	2009
Catawba County .....	2,887,955

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS).

The criteria by which EPA determines whether a SIP's MVEB is adequate for transportation conformity purposes are outlined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 93.118(e)(4). Additionally, the criteria by which EPA determines whether a particular pollutant/precursor is an insignificant contributor to the air quality problem in an area can be found at 40 CFR 93.109(k). Insignificance findings are based on a number of factors, including the percentage of motor vehicle emissions in context of the total SIP inventory, the current state of air quality as determined by monitoring data for that NAAQS, the absence of SIP motor vehicle control measures, and historical trends and future projections of the growth of motor vehicle emissions. EPA's rationale for the allowance of insignificance findings can be found in the July 1, 2004, revision to the transportation conformity rule at 69 **Federal Register** (FR) 40004.

Specifically, the rationale is explained on page 40061 under the subsection entitled "B. Areas With Insignificant Motor Vehicle Emissions." Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if EPA finds the MVEB adequate or makes an insignificance finding through the adequacy process, the Agency may later disapprove the SIP.

EPA has described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in a May 14, 1999, memorandum entitled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision." EPA has followed this guidance in

making this adequacy determination. This guidance is incorporated into EPA's July 1, 2004, final rulemaking entitled "Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments for the New 8-hour Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Miscellaneous Revisions for Existing Areas; Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Response to Court Decision and Additional Rule Changes" (69 *FR* 40004).

Within 24 months from the effective date of this notice, the transportation partners will need to demonstrate conformity to the new MVEB if the demonstration has not already been made, pursuant to 40 CFR 93.104(e). (See 73 *FR* 4419 (January 24, 2008).)

Additionally, the Transportation Conformity Rule at 40 CFR 93.109(k) states that a regional emissions analysis is no longer necessary for direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> if EPA finds, through the adequacy or approval process, that regional motor vehicle emissions are an insignificant contributor to the air quality problem for that pollutant/precursor as demonstrated in the SIP. The insignificance finding should be noted in all future conformity determinations, and does not relieve the area of meeting all other transportation conformity requirements.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

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**Beverly H. Banister,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9120-3]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office Notification of a Public Meeting of a Workgroup of the Chartered Science Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of a workgroup of the chartered Science Advisory Board to conduct an expedited and focused review of EPA's draft "Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic: In Support of the Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (EPA/635/R-10/001). The SAB workgroup will assess the adequacy of EPA's implementation of the SAB previous recommendations regarding

the cancer risk assessment of inorganic arsenic.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 6, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) and April 7, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the St. Regis Hotel, 923 16th and K Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing to obtain general information concerning this public meeting should contact Dr. Sue Shallal, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9977; fax: (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at [Shallal.suhair@epa.gov](mailto:Shallal.suhair@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App 2. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that a workgroup of the chartered SAB will hold a public meeting to lead the review of the implementation of SAB's previous recommendations for the revision of EPA's cancer risk assessment of inorganic arsenic.

**Background:** The EPA is currently in the process of updating the 1988 IRIS cancer assessment for inorganic arsenic (iAs). The EPA evaluated and implemented the National Research Council (2001) recommendations and in 2005 requested that the SAB review the Agency's draft cancer assessment for iAs. The SAB review report was finalized in 2007 and is available at the following URL: [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/02ad90b136fc21ef85256eba00436459/EADABBF40DED2A0885257308006741EF/\\$File/sab-07-008.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/02ad90b136fc21ef85256eba00436459/EADABBF40DED2A0885257308006741EF/$File/sab-07-008.pdf).

EPA's Office of Research Development has completed a 2010 draft "Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic: In Support of the Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (EPA/635/R-10/001). This draft assessment includes an evaluation and characterization of

the potential cancer hazard of iAs and a quantitative dose-response cancer assessment for iAs. The draft assessment also provides a disposition of SAB's previous review comments and recommendations.

In response to the Administrator's request, ORD is requesting that the SAB evaluate and comment on EPA's interpretation and implementation of the key SAB (2007) recommendations in the revised draft assessment. ORD is requesting an expedited and focused review of the draft assessment in three areas: Evaluation of epidemiological literature; dose-response modeling approaches; and the sensitivity analysis of the exposure assumptions used in the risk assessment. In response to this request, the SAB is convening a workgroup of the chartered SAB to lead this expedited and focused review and to assess the responsiveness of EPA's implementation of the previous SAB recommendations. The SAB workgroup's draft report will be reviewed and approved by the full Board in a subsequent public meeting to be announced in a separate **Federal Register** notice. Information about this SAB advisory activity can be found on the SAB Web site at [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr\\_activites/Rev%20Tox%20Review%20Inorg%20Arsenic?OpenDocument](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Rev%20Tox%20Review%20Inorg%20Arsenic?OpenDocument).

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** The agendas and other materials in support of the meeting will be placed on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> in advance. For technical questions and information concerning EPA's draft document, please contact Dr. Reeder Sams at (919) 541-0661, or [sams.reeder@epa.gov](mailto:sams.reeder@epa.gov).

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB to consider on the topics included in this advisory activity or on the group conducting this advisory activity. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Shallal, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) at the contact information noted above no later than March 26, 2010 to be placed on a list of public speakers for the meeting. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by March 29, 2010 so that the information may be made available to the chartered SAB members for their consideration and placed on the SAB Web site for public

information. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Submitters are asked to provide versions of each document submitted with and without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites.

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Sue Shallal at (202) 343-9977, or [shallal.suhair@epa.gov](mailto:shallal.suhair@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Dr. Shallal, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: February 22, 2010.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9120-4]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Carbon Monoxide Review Panel Meeting and CASAC Teleconference

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Carbon Monoxide Review Panel to peer review EPA's *Risk and Exposure Assessment to Support the Review of the Carbon Monoxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards: Second External Review Draft* and EPA's *Policy Assessment for the Review of the Carbon Monoxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards: External Review Draft*. The chartered CASAC will subsequently hold a public teleconference to review and approve the Panel's reports.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) and Tuesday, March 23, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time). The public teleconference will be held on April 19,

2010 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place at the Marriott at Research Triangle Park, 4700 Guardian Drive, Durham, NC 27703, telephone (919) 941-6200. The April 19, 2010 teleconference will be conducted by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to submit a written or brief oral statement or wants further information concerning the March 22 and 23, 2010 meeting may contact Ms. Kyndall Barry, 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) 343-9868; fax (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at [barry.kyndall@epa.gov](mailto:barry.kyndall@epa.gov). For information on the CASAC teleconference on April 19, 2010, please contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at the above listed address; via telephone/voice mail (202) 343-9867 or e-mail at [stallworth.holly@epa.gov](mailto:stallworth.holly@epa.gov). General information concerning the CASAC and the CASAC documents can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (FACA), notice is hereby given that the CASAC Carbon Monoxide Panel will hold a public meeting to peer review two draft documents related to the NAAQS review for carbon monoxide and that the chartered CASAC will hold a public teleconference to review and approve the Panel's draft reports. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) was established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee. CASAC provides advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC Panel and chartered CASAC will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Section 109(d)(1) of the CAA requires that the Agency periodically review and revise, as appropriate, the air quality criteria and the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the six "criteria" air pollutants, including carbon monoxide (CO). EPA is conducting scientific assessments to