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Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[R03-OAR-2004-VA-0004; FRL-7853-2]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Excess Volatile Organic Compound and Nitrogen Oxides Emissions Fee Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia (Virginia) for the purpose of establishing a fee on major VOC (volatile organic compound) and NO_x (nitrogen oxides) sources in the Virginia portion of the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Severe Ozone Nonattainment Area. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by January 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Regional Material in EDocket (RME) ID Number R03-OAR-2004-VA-0004 by one of the following methods:

A. Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

B. Agency Web site: <http://www.docket.epa.gov/rmepub/> RME, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

C. E-mail: morris.makeba@epa.gov.
D. Mail: R03-OAR-2004-VA-0004, Makeba Morris, Chief, Air Quality Planning Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

E. Hand Delivery: At the previously-listed EPA Region III address. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to RME ID No. R03-OAR-2004-VA-0004. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at <http://www.docket.epa.gov/rmepub/>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through RME, regulations.gov or e-mail. The EPA RME and the Federal regulations.gov websites are an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through RME or regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the electronic docket are listed in the RME index at <http://www.docket.epa.gov/rmepub/>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as

copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in RME or in hard copy during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the State submittal are available at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, entitled, "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Excess Volatile Organic Compound and Nitrogen Oxides Emissions Fee Rule," that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 136

[Docket Number OW-2004-0041; FRL-7855-9]

Stakeholder Process for Detection and Quantitation Procedures; Notice of Public Meeting and Request for Nominations to a Federal Advisory Committee on Detection and Quantitation Procedures and Uses in Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a half-day public meeting on January 26, 2005, to present the findings and recommendations in the Situation Assessment Report on Detection and Quantitation Approaches and Uses in Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs (Situation Assessment Report). In addition, USEPA invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Federal Advisory Committee on Detection and Quantitation Approaches and Uses in

Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs. The purpose of this committee will be to reach agreement and provide advice on: A common set of terms and concepts; one or more specific approaches and/or procedures for detection and quantitation for use in Clean Water Act programs; and interpretation and uses of the numbers that result from the testing procedures.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2005, from 1:30 p.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Nominations for the committee will be accepted until 5 p.m. on February 9, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, Ariel Rios South Building, NETI Conference Room 6226. Nominations may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in III.

Composition and Organization. To protect personal information from disclosure to the public, do not submit nomination material to the docket of the Federal Advisory Committee on Detection and Quantitation Approaches and Uses in Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs or through any online commenting system. Submit nomination materials to: Mary T. Smith, Director, Engineering and Analysis Division, MC 4303T, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, T: 202-566-1000, F: 202-566-1053, e-mail Smith.Maryt@EPA.GOV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marion Kelly, Engineering and Analysis Division, MC4303T, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; Telephone number: (202) 566-1045; Fax number: (202) 566-1053; E-mail address: Kelly.Marion@EPA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

On September 15, 2004, EPA announced its intention to have a neutral third party conduct a situation assessment to determine whether a stakeholder process for detection and quantitation procedures should proceed and, if so, how that process should be designed. 69 FR 55547. The neutral third party has conducted the situation assessment with affected stakeholders and has solicited their ideas for the design of multi-party discussions on the policy and technical issues surrounding the development of detection and quantitation procedures and uses of those procedures in Clean Water Act

(CWA) programs. The neutral third party has presented its recommendations to the Agency in a document entitled *Situation Assessment Report on Detection and Quantitation Approaches and Uses in Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs*. The recommendations contained in the report will be the primary topic of discussion at the public meeting.

II. Request for Nominations

The Federal Advisory Committee on Detection and Quantitation Approaches and Uses in Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs (hereinafter referred to as the Detection and Quantitation Advisory Committee) is being established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Public Law 92-463), and copies of the Committee Charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress. The Detection and Quantitation Advisory Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Agency regarding the detection and quantitation procedures used in Clean Water Act programs. The Detection and Quantitation Advisory Committee will hold meetings, analyze issues, conduct reviews, produce reports, make necessary recommendations, and undertake other activities necessary to meet its responsibilities. The objectives of the Committee are to provide advice and recommendations to EPA in areas such as: a common set of terms and concepts; one or more specific approaches and procedures for detection and quantitation for use in Clean Water Act programs; and interpretation and uses of the numbers that result from detection and quantitation procedures.

III. Composition and Organization

The Committee will be composed of approximately 20 members. EPA will have a balanced representation of members in terms of points of view represented and the scope of the activities of the Committee. An EPA employee will act as the Designated Federal Official (DFO) who will be responsible for providing the necessary staffing, operations, and support for the Committee. The agency is seeking qualified senior-level professionals from diverse sectors throughout the United States to be considered for membership on the Committee. The Agency is seeking representation from among, but not limited to, the groups listed below. Please indicate in your submittal the sector with which the nominee is most closely associated and the organization, group or perspective the nominee would

represent: State government; environmental professionals; regulated industry; environmental laboratories; Publicly Owned Treatment Works; and the environmental community. Establishing a balance and diversity of technical and policy experience, knowledge, and judgement, will be important considerations in the selection of members. EPA also plans to use technical experts who will be available to help the Committee understand technical concepts and provide technical assistance to the Committee. Such experts will not be members of the Committee and will not participate in the Committee's deliberations.

All Committee meetings will be called, announced, and held in accordance with FACA requirements, including public notice of meetings in the **Federal Register**, open meetings, and an opportunity for interested persons to file comments before or after meetings, or to make statements during the public meetings to the extent time permits. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointments to the Federal Advisory Committee on Detection and Quantitation Approaches and Uses in Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs. Representatives from State governments, industry, wastewater treatment plants, environmental laboratories and the environmental community are especially encouraged to apply. EPA may use additional avenues and resources to solicit nominees. In particular, the Agency will consider the recommendations contained in the document, *Situation Assessment Report on Detection and Quantitation Approaches and Uses in Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs*, which is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/methods/det/>.

The deadline for EPA to receive nominations is February 9, 2005. Appointments will be made by the Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Appointments are expected to be announced in March 2005. Nominations for membership must include a resume describing the professional and educational qualifications of the nominee and the group or interest the person would represent. Contact details should include full name and title, business mailing address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address. A supporting letter of endorsement is also recommended.

IV. Does the Public Meeting Apply to Me?

The meeting on January 26, 2005, is open to the general public, and may be of interest to persons who are or may be required to perform analytical test measurements for reporting and compliance under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) under the CWA, including regulated industry, environmental groups, State governments, publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) and environmental laboratories. Since various individuals or groups may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please consult the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

V. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related

Information?

You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. You may obtain an electronic copy of the *Situation Assessment Report on Detection and Quantitation Approaches and Uses in Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs* on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/methods/det/>. This document will be available as soon as possible, but no later than January 4, 2005. The docket number is OW-2004-0041. If you require a printed copy of the report, contact the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

VI. How May I Participate in This Meeting?

Members of the general public are encouraged to attend this meeting in person. Anyone wishing to participate via teleconference should contact the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 5 business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Members of the general public are invited to pose questions on the Situation Assessment Report. Each individual or group wishing to make prepared comments should submit their request to the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** before the date of the meeting in order to be included in the meeting agenda. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) the individual will represent, and any requirements for audiovisual equipment (e.g., overhead

projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard). Each speaker should bring 30 copies of his or her comments and presentation slides for distribution at the meeting. Other interested persons who did not pre-register may also present prepared comments at the meeting if time permits. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access and assistance for the hearing impaired, should contact the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 5 business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 136

Environmental protection, Analytical methods, Wastewater, NPDES, FACAs.

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Geoffrey H. Grubbs,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

41 CFR Part 105

[GSPMR 2004-105-1]

General Services Administration Property Management Regulations; Privacy Act of 1974; New System of Records Exemption

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The GSA Office of Inspector General (OIG) proposes to amend the General Services Administration Property Management Regulation (GSPMR) to exempt the new system of records for which a Privacy Act notice is being published concurrently with this notice in the **Federal Register**. The proposed new system of records consists of the investigatory files of the OIG's Office of Internal Evaluation. Due to the law enforcement nature of the records, a proposed rule amendment is required in order to invoke the relevant exemptions under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C 552a). By relieving the OIG of certain information disclosure provisions, the exemption will help ensure that the OIG may efficiently and effectively perform internal investigations and other authorized duties and activities.

DATES: Interested parties should submit comments in writing on or before

January 28, 2005 to be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (JC), Office of Inspector General, General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405. Please refer to GSPMR case 2004-105-1 in any correspondence relating to this rule amendment. Comments also may be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSA Privacy Act Officer, General Services Administration, Office of the Chief People Officer, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405; telephone (202) 501-1452.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, an OIG notice is published proposing the establishment of the new system of records "Internal Evaluation Case Files," (GSA/ADM-25), under the Privacy Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a. This proposed amendment of 41 CFR 105-64.6 is necessary to exempt the new system of records from the provisions of the Act that require, among other things, that the OIG provide notice when collecting information, account for certain disclosures, permit individuals access to their records, and allow them to request that the records be amended. These provisions would interfere with the conduct of OIG internal investigations if applied to the OIG's maintenance of the proposed system of records.

Accordingly, the OIG proposes to exempt the system of records under sections (j)(2) and (k)(2) of the Privacy Act. Section (j)(2), 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2), exempts a system of records maintained by "the agency or component thereof which performs as its principal function any activity pertaining to enforcement of criminal laws * * *." Section (k)(2), 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), exempts a system of records consisting of "investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes," where such materials are not within the scope of the (j)(2) exemption pertaining to criminal law enforcement.

Where applicable, section (j)(2) may be invoked to exempt a system of records from any Privacy Act provision except: 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) (conditions of disclosure); (c)(1) and (2) (accounting of disclosures and retention of accounting, respectively); (e)(4)(A) through (F) (system notice requirements); (e)(6), (7), (9), (10), and (11) (certain agency requirements relating to system