

This action is also responsive to the recommendations made by EPA's Office of Inspector General during its review of EPA's implementation of FQPA. In its report "Opportunities to Improve Data Quality and Children's Health through the FQPA" issued January 10, 2006, <http://www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2006/20060110-2006-P-00009.pdf>, the Office of Inspector General recommended that EPA update the status of its Science Policy issue papers. This **Federal Register** notice updates the public on the status of one of the Science Policy papers which has been superseded by other guidance.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Administrative practice and procedure,
Agricultural commodities, Pesticides
and pests.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Final Risk and Exposure Assessment Report for Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of final
report.

SUMMARY: On or about September 15, 2009, the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) of EPA is making available a final report, *Risk and Exposure Assessment for Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur: Final Report*. The purpose of this document is to convey the approach taken to assess environmental exposures to ambient oxides of nitrogen and sulfur and to characterize associated public welfare risks, as well as to present the results of those assessments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Anne Rea, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (Mail code C539-02), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; e-mail: rea.anne@epa.gov; telephone: 919-541-0053; fax: 919-541-0840.

General Information

A. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?

1. **Docket.** EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1145. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Air and Radiation Docket is (202) 566-1742.

2. **Electronic Access.** You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "Federal Register" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

Under section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Administrator identifies and lists certain pollutants which "cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare." The EPA then issues air quality criteria for listed pollutants, which are commonly referred to as "criteria pollutants." The air quality criteria are to "accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of [a] pollutant in the ambient air, in varying quantities." Under section 109 of the CAA, EPA establishes National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for each listed pollutant, with the NAAQS based on the air quality criteria. Section 109(d) of the CAA requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria. The revised air quality criteria reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. The EPA is also required to periodically review and revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised criteria.

The EPA is currently conducting a joint review of the existing secondary (welfare-based) NAAQS for oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and oxides of sulfur (SO_x). Because NO_x, SO_x, and their associated transformation products are linked from an atmospheric chemistry perspective as well as from an environmental effects perspective, and because of the National Research Council's (NRC's) 2004

recommendations to consider multiple pollutants in forming the scientific basis for the NAAQS, EPA has decided to jointly assess the science, risks, and policies relevant to protecting the public welfare associated with oxides of nitrogen and oxides of sulfur. This is the first time since NAAQS were established in 1971 that a joint review of these two pollutants has been conducted. Since both the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and EPA have recognized these interactions historically, and the science related to these interactions has continued to evolve and grow to the present day, there is a strong basis for considering them together.

As part of its review of the secondary NAAQS for NO_x and SO_x, EPA is preparing an assessment of exposures and characterization of risks for adverse ecological effects associated with atmospheric NO_x and SO_x deposition. A draft plan describing the proposed approaches to assessing ecological exposures and effects is described in the draft document, *Draft Scope and Methods Plan for Risk/Exposure Assessment: Secondary NAAQS Review for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur*. This document was released for public review and comment in March 2008 and was the subject of a consultation with the CASAC on April 2 and 3, 2008. Comments received from that consultation were considered in developing the document titled, *Risk and Exposure Assessment to Support the Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur: First Draft*, which was released for public review and comment in August 2008. This document was the subject of a CASAC review on October 1-2, 2008. Comments received from that review were considered in developing the document titled, *Risk and Exposure Assessment to Support the Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur: Second Draft*, which was released for public review and comment in June 2009 and was the subject of a CASAC review on July 22-23, 2009. In preparing the final risk and exposure assessment report, EPA considered comments received from CASAC and the public at and subsequent to that meeting.

The *Risk and Exposure Assessment for Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur: Final Report* being released at this time conveys the approach taken to assess ecological effects due to the deposition of ambient NO_x and SO_x.

and presents the results of these analyses. This document will be available online at: http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/no2so2sec/cr_rea.html.

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Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Availability of FY 08 Grantee Performance Evaluation Reports for the Eight States of EPA Region 4 and 16 Local Agencies

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability; Clean Air Act Section 105 grantee performance evaluation reports.

SUMMARY: EPA's grant regulations (40 CFR 35.115) require the Agency to evaluate the performance of agencies which receive grants. EPA's regulations for regional consistency (40 CFR 56.7) require that the Agency notify the public of the availability of the reports of such evaluations. EPA performed end-of-year evaluations of eight state air pollution control programs (Alabama Department of Environmental Management; Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Georgia Department of Natural Resources; Commonwealth of Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection; Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources; South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control; and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation) and 16 local programs (City of Huntsville Division of Natural Resources, AL; Jefferson County Department of Health, AL; Broward County Environmental Protection Department, FL; City of Jacksonville Environmental Quality Division, FL; Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, FL; Miami-Dade County Air Quality Management Division, FL; Palm Beach County Health Department, FL; Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, FL; Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, KY; Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department, NC; Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services

Agency, NC; Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency, NC; Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, TN; Memphis-Shelby County Health Department, TN; Knox County Department of Air Quality Management, TN; and Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Public Health Department, TN). The 24 evaluations were conducted to assess the agencies' Fiscal Year 2008 performance under the grants awarded by EPA under authority of section 105 of the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 4 has prepared reports for each agency identified above and these reports are now available for public inspection.

ADDRESSES: The reports may be examined at the EPA's Region 4 office, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, excluding Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie Persinger (404) 562-9048 for information concerning the state and local agencies of Alabama, Kentucky and state agency of Mississippi; Miya Smith (404) 562-9091 for the state and local agencies of Florida; Mary Echols (404) 562-9053 for the state agency of Georgia; Seema Rao (404) 562-8429 for the state and local agencies of North Carolina; and Marilyn Sabadaszka (404) 562-9001 for the state agency of South Carolina and for the state and local agencies of Tennessee. They may be contacted at the above Region 4 address.

Dated: August 5, 2009.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Issuance of Part 71 Federal Operating Permit to Veolia Environmental Services

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that, on September 12, 2008, pursuant to Title V of the Clean Air Act (CAA), EPA issued a Title V Permit to Operate (Title V permit) to Veolia Environmental Services (Veolia). This permit authorizes Veolia to operate its facility in Sauget, Illinois. Veolia's Sauget

facility is a treatment, storage and disposal facility, which accepts offsite waste for further disposal through incineration. Containers and bulk shipments of hazardous and solid wastes are received, analyzed and transferred to temporary storage facilities, processed and incinerated in one of three combustion units.

DATES: During the public comment period, which ended July 18, 2008, EPA received comments on the draft Title V permit. EPA responded to the comments and issued the final permit on September 12, 2008. No one appealed the permit to the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB). Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 71.11 the permit became effective 30 days after permit issuance, October 12, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The final signed permit is available for public inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket ID EPA-R05-OAR-2008-0235, or during normal business hours at the following address: EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (AR-18J), Chicago, Illinois 60604.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This supplemental information is organized as follows:

- A. What Is the Background Information?
- B. What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

A. What Is the Background Information?

Veolia (formerly Onyx Environmental Services) submitted to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on September 7, 1995, an application for a Title V permit for its facility in Sauget, Illinois. IEPA issued a draft Title V permit on June 6, 2003, and the public comment period for the permit ended September 12, 2003. During the public comment period, IEPA received comments on the draft permit. IEPA revised the permit and submitted the proposed permit to EPA on November 6, 2003. EPA did not object to the proposed permit within its 45-day review period, which ended December 21, 2003.

On February 18, 2004, EPA received a petition from the Sierra Club and American Bottom Conservancy requesting that EPA object to issuance of the Veolia Title V permit, pursuant to Section 505(b)(2) of the CAA and 40 CFR 70.8(d). On February 1, 2005, EPA issued an order granting the petition in