

III. 26 NOTICES OF COMMENCEMENT FROM: 4/14/08 TO 5/9/08—Continued

Case No.	Received Date	Commencement Notice End Date	Chemical
P-08-0160	04/29/08	04/16/08	(G) Aryloxyalcohol
P-08-0161	04/29/08	04/14/08	(G) Aryloxyacrylate
P-08-0162	05/05/08	04/25/08	(G) Fatty acid derivative
P-08-0169	04/17/08	04/15/08	(G) Aromatic polyisocyanate, glycol ethers-blocked
P-92-0746	05/06/08	04/04/08	(G) Organic stearate salt

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Premanufacturer notices.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8572-9; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0260]

Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the second external review draft of a document titled, “Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria” (EPA/600/R-08/047). The document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment within EPA’s Office of Research and Development as part of the review of the primary (health-based) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for sulfur oxides.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and for review by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) (meeting date and location to be specified in a separate **Federal Register** notice). It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy, viewpoint, or determination. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice when revising the document.

DATES: The public comment period begins on or about May 30, 2008. Comments must be received on or before July 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The “Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria” will be available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment’s home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of CD-ROM or paper copies will be available. Contact Ms. Ellen Lorang by phone (919-541-2771), fax (919-541-5078), or e-mail (lorang.ellen@epa.gov) to request either of these, and please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, “Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria” (EPA/600/R-08/047) to facilitate processing of your request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Dr. Jee Young Kim, NCEA; telephone: 919-541-4157; facsimile: 919-541-2985; or e-mail: kim.jee-young@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Information About the Document**

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act directs the Administrator to identify certain pollutants which “cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health and welfare” and to issue air quality criteria for them. These 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 * * * ” Under section 109 of the Act, EPA is then to establish national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d) of the Act subsequently requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health and welfare. EPA is also to revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised air quality criteria.

Sulfur oxides are one of six principal (or “criteria”) pollutants for which EPA has established NAAQS. Periodically, EPA reviews the scientific basis for

these standards by preparing an Integrated Science Assessment (ISA), formerly called an Air Quality Criteria Document (AQCD). The ISA and supplementary annexes, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, provide the scientific basis for EPA decisions on the adequacy of a current NAAQS and the appropriateness of new or revised standards. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), an independent science advisory committee mandated by the Clean Air Act and part of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board (SAB), is charged with independent expert scientific review of EPA’s draft ISAs.

On May 16, 2006 (71 FR 28023), EPA formally initiated its current review of the criteria for Sulfur Oxides, requesting the submission of recent scientific information on specified topics. A draft of EPA’s “Integrated Plan for Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Oxides” was made available in February 2007, for public comment and was discussed by the Clean Air Science Advisory Committee (CASAC) via a publicly accessible teleconference consultation on May 11, 2007 (72 FR 20336). The plan was finalized and made available in October, 2007 (http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/so2/s_so2_cr_pd.html). In February 2007 (72 FR 6238), a workshop was held to discuss, with invited scientific experts, initial draft materials prepared in the development of the ISA and supplementary annexes for sulfur oxides. The first external review draft of this ISA was released for public comment and review by the CASAC on September 28, 2007 (72 FR 55207), and was reviewed by CASAC at a public meeting held on December 5–6, 2007 (72 FR 64216). This second draft document incorporates revisions to address comments raised by CASAC and the public.

The second external review draft ISA for Sulfur Oxides will be discussed at a public meeting for review by CASAC, and public comments received will be provided to the CASAC review panel. A future **Federal Register** notice will

inform the public of the exact date and time of that CASAC meeting.

II. How to Submit Technical Comments To the Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD 2006-0260, by one of the following methods:

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

- E-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

- Fax: 202-566-1753.

- Mail: Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.

- *Hand Delivery*: The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, Room 3334, EPA West Building, 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. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0260. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless a 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 <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is 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 <http://www.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. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center home page at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: Documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 11, 2008 (73 FR 19833).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20080122, ERP No. D-UAF-K11120-NV, Nellis Air Force Base (AFB), Proposes to Base 36 F-35 Fighter Aircraft, Assigned to the Force Development Evaluation (FDE) Program and Weapons School (WS) Beddown, Clark County, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the increase in noise that would disproportionately affect minority and low-income populations in the vicinity of Nellis AFB. EPA recommended additional specific commitments to mitigate adverse noise effects; salvage, recycle, and reuse of demolition waste; and use of materials with recycled content. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080125, ERP No. D-FHW-E40820-NC, I-26 Connector Project, Proposed Multi-Lane Freeway from I-40 to U.S. 19-23-70 North of Asheville, Funding, U.S. Coast Guard Permit, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permit, Buncombe County, Asheville, NC.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns about impacts to streams, potential impacts to water quality, noise receptor impacts, invasive plant species impacts and potential impacts to historic properties. Rating EC1.

EIS No. 20080086, ERP No. DS-FTA-C54010-00, Access to the Region's Core Project, Additional Information on the Build Alternative, To Increase Trans-Hudson Commuter Rail Capacity, Improve System Safety and Reliability between Secaucus Junction Station in NJ and midtown Manhattan, Funding, Hudson County, NJ and New York County, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to wetlands, as well as PM 2.5 emissions, landfill disruption and cumulative impacts. EPA requests the FEIS contain a wetland mitigation plan. Rating EC2.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20080081, ERP No. F-FHW-K40263-CA, Interstate 405 (San Diego Freeway) Sepulveda Pass Widening Project, Widening and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Improvements from Interstate 10 to US-101 in the City of Los Angeles, Preferred Alternative is 2, Los Angeles County, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about potential water and air quality impacts and impacts from noise, and recommends addressing these issues prior to issuing the Record of Decision.