

[ECAO-CD-0671; FRL-5195-5]

**External Review Draft of the Revised Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice of availability of external review draft.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of an external review draft of a document, Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter, prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development (ORD), and invites comment from the public on the draft document. As discussed below, there will be only one opportunity for public written comment on the draft document.

**DATES:** The Agency plans to complete the external review draft and place copies in the EPA Air Docket (ECAO-CD-0671) and in the EPA Library by April 30, 1995. After duplication, bound copies will be available on or about May 8, 1995 from ORD's Publication Center. Comments on the draft document must be submitted in writing and be postmarked by August 1, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain bound copies of all volumes of the external review draft document, interested parties should contact the ORD Publications Center, CER1-FRN, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268; telephone (513) 569-7562; FAX (513) 569-7566; and request the external review draft of Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (PM). Please provide your name and address, and the EPA document number, EPA 600/AP-95/001a-d.

The document will also be available electronically on the Agency's OAQPS TTN Bulletin Board. The telephone number of the bulletin board is (919) 541-5742. To access the TTN Bulletin Board, a modem and communications software will be necessary. The following parameters on the communications software are required: Data Bits—8; Parity—N; and Stop Bits—1. The document will be located under the Clean Air Act Amendments section of the menu. If assistance is needed in accessing the system, call the help desk at (919) 541-5384 in Research Triangle Park, NC. Copies of figures for some chapters (e.g., Chapter 6) may not be available by this electronic bulletin board, but can be obtained from the individual listed below under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The draft document will also be available starting on May 1, 1995 for

public inspection in the EPA Air Docket (ECAO-CD-0671) and at the EPA Library, both in EPA Headquarters, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC. EPA Air Docket hours in Room M1500 of Waterside Mall are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. EPA Library hours are 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

In addition to the Washington, DC locations previously mentioned, copies of the document will be available for public inspection at each of the 10 EPA Regional Libraries. The addresses of each of the EPA Regional Libraries are as listed at the end of this notice.

Comments on the draft should be sent to the Project Manager for the Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter, Environmental Criteria and Assessment Office (MD-52), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Ray, Environmental Criteria and Assessment Office (MD-52), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-3637.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As discussed in a previous call for information (59 FR 17375, April 12, 1994), EPA is undertaking to review and, where appropriate, update and revise the 1982 document, Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter and Sulfur Oxides and its 1986 addendum (EPA 600/8-82/029aF-cF; EPA 600/8-86/020F). As part of the process employed in preparing the revised particulate matter criteria document, initial drafts of chapters to be included in the document underwent preliminary peer review by non-EPA experts. This included peer review of several key chapters at a series of workshops in January, 1995 which were open to the public as announced in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 453, January 4, 1995) on January 4, 1995. Having incorporated revisions taking into account peer review comments on the initial draft chapters, EPA is making available for public review an external review draft of the revised document. Members of the public have the opportunity to submit written review comments during the comment period. EPA will consider all comments received within that period in preparing the final document.

The external review draft is being prepared under section 109(d) of the Clean Air Act, which requires periodic review and, as appropriate, revision of air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for certain air pollutants. As announced at

a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) in December 1994, a court order entered in *American Lung Association v. Browner*, No 93-643 (D. Ariz., Oct. 6, 1994), imposes a highly accelerated schedule for completion of EPA's current review of the air quality criteria and NAAQS for particulate matter. That schedule requires substantial departures from procedures followed in previous reviews of air quality criteria and NAAQS. Regarding revision of the criteria document in particular, there will be only one external review draft of the revised document, and there will be no extension of the deadline for public written comments on the draft. Accordingly, EPA urges interested parties to respond promptly to this opportunity for comment.

The draft document will also undergo peer review by CASAC at a public meeting to be held in Research Triangle Park, NC in August, 1995. Specific details on the site and dates of the meeting will be announced in a later **Federal Register** notice. Members of the public will also be afforded an opportunity to present brief oral comments on the draft document at the meeting.

**EPA Regional Library Addresses**

- Library, U.S. EPA, Region 1, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203
- Library, U.S. EPA, Region 2, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 402, New York, NY 10278
- Library, U.S. EPA, Region 3, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107
- Library, U.S. EPA, Region 4 (G6), 345 Courtland Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30365
- Library, U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3507
- Library, U.S. EPA, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733
- Library, U.S. EPA, Region 7, 726 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101
- Library, U.S. EPA, Region 8, 8PM-IML, 999 18th St., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202-2405
- Library, U.S. EPA, Region 9, MS: P-5-3, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105
- Library, U.S. EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue (MD-108), Seattle, WA 98101

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**Clean Air Act; Acid Rain Provisions**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of the 1995 EPA SO<sub>2</sub> allowance auctions results.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Title IV of the Clean Air Act and 40 CFR part 73, the EPA is responsible for implementing a program to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), a precursor of acid rain. The centerpiece of the SO<sub>2</sub> control program is the allocation of transferable allowances, or authorizations to emit SO<sub>2</sub>, which are distributed in limited quantities to existing utility units and which eventually must be held by virtually all utility units to cover their SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. These allowances may be transferred among polluting sources and others, so that market forces may govern their ultimate use and distribution, resulting in the most cost-effective sharing of the emissions control burden. EPA is directed under section 416 of the Act to conduct annual sales and auctions of a small portion of allowances (2.8%) withheld from the total allowances allocated to utilities each year. Sales and auctions are expected to stimulate and support the allowance market and to provide a public source of allowances, particularly to new units for which no allowances are allocated. In the Fall of 1992, EPA delegated the administration of the EPA allowance auctions and sales to the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT). Today, the Acid Rain Division is giving notice of the results of the third annual

SO<sub>2</sub> allowance auctions that were conducted by the CBOT on March 27, 1995.

For rules governing the conduct of the auctions and sales see 40 CFR Part 73, Subpart E.

**I. Offers**

*A. Total Allowances Available for Auction*

In the spot auction (year 1995 allowances sold), a total of 58,306 allowances were offered for sale: 50,000 that were withheld from the utilities and an additional 8,306 that were voluntarily contributed from utilities. In the 6-year advance auction (year 2001 allowances sold), a total of 32,000 allowances were offered for sale: 25,000 that were unsold from the 1994 direct sale and an additional 7,000 that were contributed from utilities. In the 7-year advance auction (year 2002 allowances sold), a total of 107,000 allowances were offered for sale: 100,000 that were withheld from the utilities and an additional 7,000 that were contributed. The minimum prices that utilities would accept for their contributed allowances are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1.—OFFER DATA FOR THE 1995 AUCTIONS SPOT AUCTION OFFERS (1995)

Minimum price	Quantity	Cumulative total
* * * *	* 600	600
\$135.00	102	702
\$140.00	102	804
\$145.00	102	906
\$145.00	600	1,506
\$150.00	2,500	4,006
\$155.00	2,500	6,506
\$160.00	600	7,106
\$170.00	600	7,706
\$180.00	600	8,306

\* 600 allowances, with offer prices equal to or less than \$130.00, were sold at \$130.00.

TABLE 2.—SPOT AUCTION BIDS (1995)

Bid	Quantity	Bidder's name	Cumulative total
\$350.00	1	New England School of Law Environmental Law Society .....	1
\$210.00	1	Environmental Law Students Association .....	2
\$200.00	1	Environmental Law Students Association .....	3
\$200.00	1	Thomas M. Cooley Environmental Law Society .....	4
\$200.00	5	University of Michigan Environmental Law Society .....	9
\$180.00	1	Hamline University School of Law .....	10
\$176.00	1	Duke University School of the Environment .....	11
\$170.00	1	Hamline University School of Law .....	12
\$170.00	1	Michael S. Hamilton .....	13
\$160.00	1	Pollution Retirement Center .....	14
\$153.00	1	L.J. O'Callaghan, Sr. ....	15
\$151.00	21	IN.H.A.L.E./Glens Falls, NY Middle School .....	36
\$150.00	2	Electric Software Products/David Gloski .....	38
\$150.00	2	Electric Software Products/Alexander Long .....	40
\$150.00	1	University of Maryland School of Law .....	41

**6-YEAR ALLOWANCE AUCTION OFFERS (2001)**

Minimum price	Quantity	Cumulative total
* * * *	* 400	400
\$140.00	400	800
\$160.00	400	1,200
\$180.00	400	1,600
\$199.00	2,000	3,600
\$200.00	400	4,000
\$299.00	2,000	6,000
\$399.00	1,000	7,000

\* Three allowances, with offer prices equal to or less than \$129.00, were sold at \$129.00 and 397 allowances, with offer prices equal to or less than \$128.00, were sold at \$128.00.

**7-YEAR ALLOWANCE AUCTION OFFERS (2002)**

Minimum price	Quantity cumulative	Total
* * * *	* 400	400
\$135.00	* 400	800
\$155.00	400	1,200
\$175.00	400	1,600
\$195.00	2,000	2,000
\$199.00	2,000	4,000
\$299.00	1,000	6,000
\$399.00	6,200	7,000

\* 400 allowances, with offer prices equal to or less than \$126.00, were sold at \$126.00.

**II. Bids**

*A. Spot Auction Results*

CBOT received 89 bids requesting 255,371 year 1995 allowances. There were 46 successful bids and 50,600 allowances were sold (50,000 withheld and 600 contributed). Spot auction proceeds totaled \$6,676,386.

Per EPA regulations, unsuccessful bidders' names are not revealed.