

refineries for desulfurization of fuel during 1995. The eligibility for and calculation of allowances to small diesel refineries is in accordance with section 410(h) of the Clean Air Act, implemented at 40 CFR 73 subpart G.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA's Acid Rain Program was established by Title IV of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA) to reduce acid rain in the continental United States. The Acid Rain Program will achieve a 50 percent reduction in sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions from utility units. The SO₂ reduction program is a flexible market-based approach to environmental management. As part of this approach, EPA allocates "allowances" to affected utility units. Each allowance is a limited authorization to emit up to one ton of SO₂. At the end of each calendar year, each unit must hold allowances in an amount equal to or greater than its SO₂ emissions for the year. Allowances may be bought, sold, or transferred between utilities and other interested parties. Those utility units whose annual emissions are likely to exceed their allocations may install control technologies or switch to cleaner fuels to reduce SO₂ emissions or buy additional allowances.

Section 410(h) of the Clean Air Act provides allowances for small diesel refineries that desulfurize diesel fuel from October 1, 1993 through December 31, 1999. Small refineries are not otherwise affected by the Acid Rain Program and do not need the allowances to comply with any provision of the Clean Air Act. Thus, the allowances serve as a financial benefit to small diesel refineries desulfurizing diesel fuel.

The following table lists the allowances allocated to eligible small diesel refineries for desulfurization in 1995. A total of 29,411 allowances are allocated to 19 refiners. These allowances have a compliance year of 1996.

| Refiner | Refinery name or location | Allocation |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Big West Oil. | Flying J, Utah | 1,277 |
| Cenex | Laurel, Montana | 1,500 |
| Crysen | Woods Cross, Utah ... | 806 |
| Frontier | Cheyenne, Wyoming | 1,500 |
| Gary Williams. | Bloomfield* | 867 |
| Giant | Bloomfield* | 271 |
| | Ciniza, New Mexico ... | 1,500 |
| Holly | Lea, New Mexico | 1,500 |

| Refiner | Refinery name or location | Allocation |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| | Navajo, New Mexico | 1,500 |
| | Montana | 358 |
| Hunt | Tuscaloosa, Alabama | 1,500 |
| Kern | Bakersfield, California | 1,500 |
| La Gloria | Tyler, Texas | 1,500 |
| Lion | El Dorado, Arkansas | 1,500 |
| Paramount | Paramount, California | 1,500 |
| Pennzoil ... | Atlas | 1,500 |
| | Products | 512 |
| Powerine | Santa Fe Springs | 1,479 |
| Pride | Abilene, Texas | 1,316 |
| Sinclair | Little America, Wyoming. | 1,439 |
| | Sinclair, Wyoming | 1,500 |
| | Tulsa, Oklahoma | 1,500 |
| | Tacoma, Washington | 932 |
| U.S. Oil & Refining. | | |
| Witco | Golden Bear, California. | 101 |
| Wyoming Refining. | New Castle, Wyoming | 553 |

* Gary Williams sold the Bloomfield refinery to Giant on October 4, 1995. Gary Williams is allocated allowances for production through October 3 and Giant is credited with production from October 4 through December 31.

Requests for allowances for desulfurization during 1996 are due no later than April 1, 1997. Allowances allocated in 1997 will have a compliance year of 1997.

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Establishment of Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, the Office of Research and Development (ORD) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is establishing a Federal Advisory Committee (Board of Scientific Counselors) to provide expert scientific and engineering advice on the operation of its research program.

The primary functions of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) are to: Evaluate science and engineering research programs, laboratories, and research-management practices of ORD and recommend actions to improve their quality and/or strengthen their relevance to the mission of the EPA, and evaluate and provide advice concerning the utilization of peer review within ORD to sustain and enhance the quality of science in EPA.

Members of the BOSC will be appointed by the EPA's Deputy Administrator from a list of nominations supplied by the Assistant Administrator for Research and Development. ORD received nominations from its National Centers and Laboratories of highly qualified experts in the science and engineering community. The selected individuals recommended by the AA/ORD represent a cross-section of distinguished individuals with expertise in environmental science and technology. The Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

The first meeting of the BOSC will be in mid-June 1996.

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Grants to Develop and Carry Out Authorized State Accreditation and Certification Programs for Lead-Based Paint Professionals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of funds availability; solicitation of applications for financial assistance.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's intent to enter into cooperative agreements with states and territories and federally recognized Indian governing bodies which provide financial assistance for purposes of developing and carrying out authorized accreditation and certification programs for professionals engaged in lead-based paint activities pursuant to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as amended by section 404(g) of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. The notice describes eligible activities, application procedures and requirements, and funding criteria. EPA anticipates that up to \$12,500,000 will be available during federal fiscal year 1996 (FY96) for awards to eligible recipients. There are no matching share requirements for this assistance. This is the third year that funding is being made available for these grants. Subject to future budget