

In addition, this action is not a rule as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 6601(2). Therefore, EPA has not prepared a supporting regulatory flexibility analysis addressing the impact of this action on small business entities.

Finally, the Administrator has delegated the authority to make determinations regarding authorizations under section 209(e) of the Act to the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

Dated: December 23, 1996.

Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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Proposed Settlement Agreement; Ozone Nonattainment Areas; 15% VOC FIPs for Washington, D.C., Baltimore MD, and Philadelphia PA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement agreement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act ("Act"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement concerning litigation instituted against the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, et. al. The lawsuit concerns EPA's alleged failure to perform a nondiscretionary duty with

respect to promulgating a federal implementation plan ("FIP") to reduce volatile organic compound ("VOC") emissions by fifteen percent [15%] from 1990 levels, under Act section 182(b)(1), in the Washington, D.C., Baltimore MD, and Philadelphia ozone nonattainment areas.

For a period of thirty [30] days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement agreement. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act.

Copies of the settlement agreement are available from Phyllis Cochran, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-7606. Written comments should be sent to Howard J. Hoffman at the above address and must be submitted on or before January 30, 1997.

Dated: December 24, 1996.

Scott C. Fulton,

Acting General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

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Gulf of Mexico Program's Joint Policy Review Board and Management Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting of the Joint Policy Review Board and Management Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Program.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Program's Joint Policy Review Board and Management Committee will hold a meeting at the Doubletree Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James D. Giattina, Director, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Building 1103, Room 202, John C. Stennis Space Center, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000, at (601) 688-3726.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A meeting of the Joint Policy Review Board and Management Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Program will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA. The committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on January 29. Agenda items will include: Overview of the GMP Process Model; Management Committee Organizational Recommendations; Hypoxia; Shellfish; and Education and Outreach. The meeting is open to the public.

James D. Giattina,

Director, Gulf of Mexico Program.

POLICY REVIEW BOARD & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING—AGENDA JANUARY 29, 1997

	Topic	Lead	Desired outcome
Tuesday, January 29:			
10:00–10:15 am	Welcome—Review of the Meeting Objectives and Agenda	Jan Saginaw Jimmy Palmer	Official opening of the meeting and identification of any final adjustments to the meeting agenda.
10:15–10:30 am	Overview of the GMP Process Model	Jim Giattina	Consensus agreement between the partners on a formal workflow process model for the GMP.
10:30–11:00 am	Presentation of the MC Organizational Recommendations	Roxane Dow Stan Meiberg	Comprehensive understanding of the recommendations.
11:00–11:45 am	Discussion—Organizational Recommendations	Roxane Dow Stan Meiberg	Consensus agreement between the partners on a final organizational structure for the GMP.
11:45–12:00 noon	Break (Set-up Time for Working Lunch)		
12:00–12:45 pm	"Hypoxia" —Discussion of Current Plans and Activities for FY 97	Hiram Boone—IMT (Natural Resources Conservation Service)	Consensus agreement between the partners to move ahead on plans and activities presented.
12:45–1:15 pm	"Shellfish" —Discussion of Current Plans and Activities for FY 97	Tom Herrington—IMT (Food & Drug Administration)	Consensus agreement between the partners to move ahead on plans and activities presented.
1:15–1:30 pm	Break		