

delegation is granted upon Federal promulgation of a standard, amendment or revision).

If the Administrator determines that Pennsylvania cannot adequately implement or enforce the requirements of 40 CFR part 63, this delegation may be revoked in whole or in part.

EPA hereby notifies the public that it has partially delegated the authority for implementation and enforcement of the NESHAPS, pursuant to 40 CFR part 63, as outlined above, to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action informing the public of partial delegation of NESHAPS to PADEP, as outlined above, from Executive Order 12688 review. This notice is issued under the authority of sections 101, 110, 112 and 301 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401, 7410, 7412, 7601).

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Thomas Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Interim Policy for Addressing Public Health and Welfare Impacts Caused by Wildland and Prescribed Fires in the Nation's Wildlands

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the EPA has issued an "Interim Air Quality Policy on Wildland and Prescribed Fires." The policy addresses public health and welfare impacts caused by wildland and prescribed fires in the Nation's wildlands (areas with little development, such as forests and grasslands). The policy applies to all wildland and prescribed fires managed to achieve resource benefits on public, Indian and privately owned wildlands, regardless of the cause of ignition (e.g., lightning, land management decision, accidental, etc.) or purpose of the fire (e.g., resource management, hazard reduction, etc.). The policy does not apply to other open burning activities, such as burning at residential, commercial or industrial sites; open burning of land-clearing waste or construction debris. It also does not apply to open burning of agricultural

waste, crop residue or land in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Conservation Reserve Program.

This is an interim policy for two reasons. First, EPA expects recommendations from the USDA based on input from USDA's Air Quality Task Force on how to address public health and welfare impacts caused by agricultural burning. Those recommendations may affect the Agency's understanding of fires in the wildlands versus agricultural fires. Second, until the final rules for implementing EPA's regional haze program are promulgated, it is not possible to formulate final policy with respect to the impact of wildland and prescribed fires on regional haze.

The policy was issued in response to plans by some Federal, tribal and State wildland owners/managers to significantly increase the use of wildland and prescribed fires to achieve resource benefits. The absence of fire effects, due to past management practices, has allowed plant species (e.g., trees and shrubs) that would normally be eliminated by fires to proliferate, vegetation to become dense and insect infestations to go unchecked. In response, wildland owners/managers plan to significantly increase their use of fires to correct these unhealthy conditions and to reduce the risk of wildfires to public and fire fighter safety. The policy integrates two public policy goals: (1) to allow fire to function, as nearly as possible, in its natural role in maintaining healthy wildland ecosystems; and (2) to protect public health and welfare by mitigating the impacts of air pollutant emissions on air quality and visibility.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions on the policy, contact Mr. Kenneth Woodard, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5697, or Mr. Gary Blais, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-3223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA does not directly regulate the use of fire within a State or on Indian lands. The EPA's authority is to enforce the Clean Air Act requirements to attain and maintain the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) adopted to protect public health and welfare. This policy recommends that States/tribes implement smoke management programs (SMP's) to mitigate the public health and welfare impacts of fires managed for resource benefits. The goals of SMP's are to mitigate the nuisance and public safety hazards (e.g., on roadways and at airports, etc.) posed by

smoke intrusions into populated areas; to prevent deterioration of air quality and NAAQS violations; and to address visibility impacts in mandatory Class I Federal areas. The SMP's establish procedures and requirements for minimizing air pollutant emissions and managing smoke dispersion.

Electronic Availability

A World Wide Web site has been developed for policy and guidance issued by the Office of Air and Radiation. The Uniform Resource Location for the home page of the web site is <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg>. For assistance, the TTN Helpline is (919) 541-5384. For those persons without electronic capability, a copy may be obtained from Ms. Virginia Wyatt, MD-15, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, RTP NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5628.

Dated: May 15, 1998.

Jeffrey S. Clark,

Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of Ohio

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given in accordance with the provision of section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*, and 40 CFR part 142, subpart B, the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR), that the State of Ohio is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) primacy program. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has adopted new analytical methods, withdrawn outdated analytical methods, and updated older analytical methods for regulated drinking water contaminants. The OEPA has also removed legally obsolete or redundant rules from its regulations, and has adopted technical amendments to correct typographical errors and clarify regulatory language. These regulations correspond to the NPDWRs promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) on June 30, 1994, (59 FR 33860-33864); on July 1, 1994, (59 FR 34320-34325); on June 29, 1995, (60

FR 33926-33932); and, on December 5, 1994, (59 FR 62456-62471), as amended on June 29, 1995, (60 FR 34084-34086). The U.S. EPA has completed its review of Ohio's PWSS primacy program revision.

The U.S. EPA has determined that the Ohio rule revision meets the requirements of the Federal rule. Therefore, the U.S. EPA is proposing to approve the OEPA's rule revision.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on these proposed determinations, and may request a public hearing on or before June 22, 1998. If a public hearing is requested and granted, the corresponding determination shall not become effective until such time following the hearing, at which the Regional Administrator issues an order affirming or rescinding this action. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator.

Requests for public hearing should be addressed to: William Spaulding (WD-15J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Any request for a public hearing shall include the following: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing. (2) A brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determinations and of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing. (3) The signature of the individual making the request; or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

Notice of any hearing shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the time scheduled for the hearing. Such notice will be made by the Regional Administrator in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the State of Ohio. A notice will be sent to the person(s) requesting the hearing as well as to the State of Ohio. The hearing notice will include a statement of purpose, information regarding the time and location, and the address and telephone number where interested persons may obtain further information. The Regional Administrator will issue an order affirming or rescinding his determination upon review of the hearing record. Should the determination be affirmed, it will become effective as of the date of the order.

Should no timely and appropriate request for a hearing be received, and

should the Regional Administrator not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, these determinations shall become effective on June 22, 1998. Please bring this notice to the attention of any persons known by you to have an interest in these determinations.

All documents related to these determinations are available for inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency,
Division of Drinking and Ground
Waters, 1800 WaterMark Drive, P.O.
Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43215-
1099, State Docket Officer: Mr. Bernie
Clark, (614) 644-2752.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Spaulding, Region 5, Safe
Drinking Water Branch at the Chicago
address given above, telephone 312/
886-9262.

(Section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act,
as amended (1986), and 40 CFR 142.10 of the
National Primary Drinking Water
Regulations)

Dated: May 11, day of May 1998.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[FRL-6100-2]

**Common Sense Initiative Council
(CSIC)**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of public advisory
for the CSI council meeting, an open
meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal
Advisory Committee Act, Public Law
92-463, notice is hereby given that the
CSI Council will meet on the dates and
times described below. The meeting is
open to the public. Seating at the
meeting will be on a first-come basis
and limited time will be provided for
public comment. For further
information, please contact the
individual listed below.

**Common Sense Initiative Council
Meeting—June 9, 1998**

The Common Sense Initiative Council
will hold an open meeting on Tuesday,
June 9, 1998, from 8:30a.m. EST to

5:30p.m. EST. The meeting will be held
at the Crystal City Sheraton, 1800
Jefferson-Davis Highway, Arlington,
Virginia, 703-486-1111 or 1-800-325-
3535.

The Council Agenda will focus on a
variety of topics including: Discussion
of five issue papers on Sector-Based
Environmental Protection (SBEP) which
will form the basis for the SBEP Action
Plan, a Stakeholder Involvement
Workgroup report, an update on the
PrintSTEP project from the Printing
Sector Subcommittee, recommendations
from the Computer and Electronics
Sector Subcommittee, discussion of
Reinventing Environmental Information
issues concerning data gaps, data
quality, and burden reduction, and
performance measures for CSI.

For further information concerning
this Common Sense Initiative Council
meeting, contact Kathleen Bailey,
Designated Federal Officer, on (202)
260-7417, or email:

bailey.kathleen@epamail.epa.gov.

INSPECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE

DOCUMENTS: Documents relating to
the above Sector Subcommittee
announcement will be publicly
available at the meeting. Thereafter,
these documents, together with the
official minutes for the meeting, will be
available for public inspection in room
3802M of EPA Headquarters, Common
Sense Initiative Staff, 401 M Street, SW,
Washington, DC 20460, telephone
number 202-260-7417. Common Sense
Initiative information can be accessed
electronically on our web site at <http://www.epa.gov/commonsense>.

Gregory Ondich,

Acting Designated Federal Officer.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[FRL-6100-8]

**Public Meeting To Discuss Adverse
Environmental Impacts Resulting From
Cooling Water Intake Structures**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection
Agency will hold a public meeting to
discuss issues associated with defining
and measuring adverse environmental
impacts from cooling water intake
structures. The purpose of this meeting
is to facilitate an exchange of
information that will assist EPA in
developing regulatory options for