

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6247-3]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared October 4, 1999 Through October 8, 1999 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 the **Federal Register** dated April 10, 1999 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-APH-A82125-00 Rating EC2, Fruit Fly Cooperative Control Program, Eradication Program, Implementation.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns with the control program. To address these concerns EPA suggested that the integrated approach be updated, that the risk assessment be more comprehensive, and that mitigation measures be developed for non-target species and sensitive resources.

ERP No. D-DOE-A08031-00 Rating EC1, Transmission System Vegetation Management Program, Implementation, Managing Vegetation, Site Specific, Right-of-Way Grant, CA, ID, MT, OR, UT, WA and WY.

Summary: EPA supported the management approach, but expressed concerns with its application. EPA requested that DOE take steps to minimize adverse ecological impacts from the use of herbicides to control vegetation beneath transmission lines and at electric substations.

ERP No. D-JUS-E81038-AL Rating EC2, Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), Expand Training for State and Local Emergency First Responders, Located at Fort McClellan, Calhoun, Cleburne, Randolph, Clay, Talladega, St. Clair, Etowah and Cherokee Counties, AL.

Summary: EPA expressed concern regarding potential air quality and hazardous waste disposal impacts and requested that these issues be further discussed in the Final EIS.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-FHW-F40353-WI, US 12 Highway Improvement, Sauk City to Middleton, Funding and COE Section

404 Permits Issuance, Sauk and Dane Counties, WI.

Summary: EPA has expressed concerns based on the project's potential impacts to Baraboo Hills National Natural Landmark Area. EPA was also concerned with the methodology used to analyze secondary impacts.

ERP No. RF-NOA-B91025-00, American Lobster Fishery Management Plan, Implementation, To Prevent Overfishing of American Lobster and to Rebuild Lobster Stocks, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the New England and Mid-Atlantic.

Summary: EPA had no comment on the project.

Dated: October 19, 1999.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6463-3]

Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting: Environmental Economics Advisory Committee

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the USEPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. Important Notice: Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

1—Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC)

The Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Friday, November 12, 1999, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building—North, Room 6013, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (the entrance to the building is adjacent to the Federal Triangle Metro stop on 12th Street). The SAB main telephone number is (202) 564-4533. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end no later than 3:00 p.m.

Purpose of the Meeting

The EEAC is meeting to consider and to provide advice and comment to EPA on its report *Induced Travel: A Review of Recent Literature with a Discussion of Policy Issues*. The EEAC will also receive a briefing by Agency personnel on the status of its efforts to develop an Economic Research Strategy and the committee will discuss its plans for additional meetings during Fiscal Year 2000.

Background Information

(a) *Induced Travel:* The Environmental Economics Advisory Committee has been asked to conduct an advisory review of the EPA report, *Induced Travel: A Review of Recent Literature with a Discussion of Policy Issues*. This follows a briefing on the subject at its April 20, 1999 meeting (see 64 FR 14232-14233). The theory of induced growth in vehicle travel hypothesizes that increases in the carrying capacity of a specific highway corridor or road network will result in an increased level of vehicle traffic. The increase in road capacity results in a decrease in the generalized cost of travel (especially the time costs of travel) and hence an increase in the demand for travel. This issue is a contentious issue among traffic engineers, transportation planners, and the environmental community. A common engineering approach assumes that demand for travel is derived from exogenous growth in economic activities, generally neglecting the inter-relationships between highway capacity, relative travel times, and overall regional accessibility.

The background document developed on this issue by EPA outlines the behavioral relationships underlying the theory of induced travel and reviews recent research that documents and empirically measures induced travel effects. The Agency believes that this research provides a strong case for the existence of induced travel effects, and in some cases suggests that a large fraction of growth in vehicle miles of travel (VMT) is directly attributable to increases in road capacity. The paper concludes with a discussion of the relevant research needs in this area and the implications for EPA policies and regulations.

(b) *Economic Research Plan:* The EEAC was asked at its April 9, 1998 meeting to provide the Agency with its advice on a list of topics proposed for inclusion in the EPA economic research program (see 63 FR 14112). The committee sent an Advisory to the EPA Administrator on September 22, 1998

(EPA-SAB-EEAC-ADV-98-005) to satisfy this request. Since that time, the Agency has continued to develop a draft Economics Research Strategy. The Agency will brief the EEAC on the status of its efforts to complete this strategy.

Charge to the Committee

The principal questions for the Science Advisory Board are:

(1) Is the theory of induced travel from the provision of highway capacity consistent with economic theory?

(2) Does the analytical methodology used in recent research—specifically the use of the econometric fixed effects statistical models—test the hypothesis of induced travel over the highway networks during the time periods studied?

(3) Do the empirical results of the recent research support a conclusion that induced travel has historically occurred over the national and state highway networks during the time periods studied?

For Further Information

Single copies of the background document on "Induced Travel" can be obtained by contacting Dr. Lewison Lem, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy and Reinvention, Energy and Transportation Sectors Division (2126), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460, (202) 260-5447, FAX (202) 260-0512, or via email at: lem.lewison@epa.gov. No background material is to be provided on the economics research strategy.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Mr. Thomas Miller, Designated Federal Officer for the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee, *in writing* no later than 4:00 pm, November, 8, 1999, at the above address, via fax (202) 501-0582, or via email at: miller.tom@epa.gov. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Mr. Miller no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. To discuss technical aspects of the meeting, please contact Mr. Miller by telephone at (202) 564-4558. A copy of the draft agenda will be available on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) or upon request from Ms. Dorothy Clark at (202) 564-4537, or by FAX at (202) 501-0582 or via e-mail at clark.dorothy@epa.gov no later than November 2, 1999.

2—Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Tuesday, November 16 through Thursday, November 18, 1999. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. each day in the Science Advisory Board Conference Room 6013 Ariel Rios Building (North Entrance—adjacent to the entrance to the Federal Triangle Metro Stop on 12th Street), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC and adjourn no later than 5:30 pm the first and second day, and no later than 2:30 pm the third day.

At this meeting, the RAC will: (a) Conduct a review of the risk assessment of radon in homes in light of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation (BEIR VI) report. The Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) draft document being reviewed is entitled "Assessment of Risks from Radon in Homes," dated October, 1999; (b) discuss and plan for the next RAC review meeting; and (c) briefly discuss additional projects planned for review in the balance of Fiscal Year 2000 and other projects as time permits.

During this meeting, the RAC intends to draft its report in review of the ORIA draft document. This was originally reviewed by the RAC as an advisory of a white paper (see EPA-SAB-RAC-ADV-99-010, dated July 14, 1999. Also 64 FR 10294-10295, dated Wednesday, March 4, 1999) focusing on the technical aspects of the Agency's methodology for estimating cancer risks from exposure to indoor radon in light of the NAS BEIR VI committee report entitled "Proposed EPA Methodology for Assessing Risks from Indoor Radon Based on BEIR VI," dated February 1999. The charge questions to be answered will include, but are not limited to areas of adequacy of the methodology and overall approach; appropriateness of assumptions behind the calculations; and the adequacy in describing and characterizing the limitations and uncertainties.

Regarding planning for upcoming reviews, the RAC will discuss with ORIA the proposed projects for Fiscal Year 2000. Among the proposed projects to be discussed are Review of an Updated Computer Model for Evaluating Atmospheric Releases of Radionuclides; Review of a Draft Uranium Mining Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (TENORM) Technical Report; Review of the Multi-Agency Radiation Laboratory Analytical Protocols (MARLAP) Manual; and proposed project sheets on self-initiated

topics that are being explored by the RAC, namely Orphan Source Contamination of Metals, and Border Detectors.

For Further Information

Members of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting, such as copies of the proposed meeting agenda, or who wish to submit written comments should contact Mrs. Diana L. Pozun at (202) 564-4544; fax (202) 501-0582, or via E-Mail at: pozun.diana@epa.gov. Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Committee must contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian *in writing* (by letter, fax, or by e-mail—see contact information below) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Tuesday, November 9, 1999 in order to be included on the Agenda. For further information, contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Officer for the Radiation Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20004, phone (202)-564-4557; fax (202)-501-0582; or via E-Mail at: kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov.

For questions pertaining to the Review of the Assessment of Risks from Radon in Homes, please contact Dr. Jerome S. Puskin, ORIA (Mail Code 6603J), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; tel. (202) 564-9212, or Fax (202) 565-2065, or E-mail: puskin.jerome@epa.gov. For questions on any other topics discussed between the SAB's RAC and the ORIA staff, please contact Dr. Mary E. Clark, (6601J), ORIA, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, tel. (202) 564-9348; Fax (202) 565-2043; or E-mail: clark.marye@epa.gov. Documents pertaining to BEIR VI may also be obtained on the world wide web at the following address: <http://www4.nas.edu/cls/brerhome.nsf> and then click on "Publication List." The documents are in ascending chronological order, with BEIR VI being published in February, 1998 (near the end of the list). The documents pertaining to BEIR VI may also be obtained on the world wide web at the following address: <http://www.nap.edu/reading room> and search on "radon."

3—Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)

The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Thursday, November 18, 1999 at the Hawthorne Suites, 300 Meredith Drive Durham, NC 27713, tel. (919) 361-1234.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end no later than 5 p.m.

Purpose of the Meeting

The Committee will continue its review of the carbon monoxide (CO) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) with a review of the National Center for Environmental Assessment's (NCEA) revised draft *Air Quality Criteria for Carbon Monoxide* (Second External Review Draft) October 1999, EPA/600/P-99/001B. At this meeting (the second in a series of meetings—see EPA-SAB-CASAC-LTR-99-003 for results of that first review), EPA is seeking advice and comment from CASAC with regard to the scientific soundness of the draft CO Criteria Document for its subsequent use in providing scientific basis for Agency decisions on retention or the possible need for revision to the existing CO NAAQS. The CASAC review will focus on the extent to which the draft document: (1) Adequately identifies and poses pertinent issues that need to be addressed in the document; (2) accurately and concisely summarizes relevant key findings from previous CO criteria review(s); (3) accurately and concisely summarizes and assesses important newly available pertinent information (or have any important new studies been omitted?); (4) appropriately interprets and synthesizes the assessed information; and (5) arrives at sound conclusions and findings, taking into account the newly available data assessed. The CASAC will also conduct a Consultation with the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (EXPOS) (of the Office of Air and Radiation) on its plans for the draft Carbon Monoxide Staff Paper and related analyses. CASAC will receive a briefing from ORD concerning the review process and schedule for the upcoming CASAC review of the Particulate Matter NAAQS (which begins on December 2, 1999—this meeting will be the subject of a subsequent **Federal Register** notice).

For information on obtaining copies of the second external review draft of the Air Quality Criteria for Carbon Monoxide, or to obtain information concerning contact individuals, please see 64 FR 55923, October 15, 1999. (For information concerning the first external review draft of the Air Quality Criteria for Carbon Monoxide, please see 64 FR 13198-13199, March 17, 1999.)

For Further Information Concerning the Meeting

Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting should contact Mr. Robert

Flaak, Designated Federal Officer, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4546; fax at (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at flaak.robort@epa.gov. A copy of the draft agenda will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meeting on the SAB website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) or from Ms. Diana Pozun at (202) 564-4544; FAX: (202) 501-0582; or e-mail at: pozun.diana@epa.gov.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the CASAC must contact Mr. Flaak *in writing* (by letter, fax or e-mail—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Wednesday, November 10, 1999 in order to be included on the Agenda.

4—Data From Testing on Human Subjects Subcommittee (DTHSS)

The Joint Science Advisory Board/Scientific Advisory Panel (SAB/SAP) Data from Testing on Human Subjects Subcommittee (DTHSS) will meet on November 30, 1999 at the Sheraton Crystal Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA 22202. The hotel telephone number is 703-486-1111. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and end no later than 7:30 pm.

Purpose of the Meeting: The DTHSS is meeting to discuss issues on which the Subcommittee could not reach consensus following its initial meeting on December 10-11, 1998 (That meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** at 63 FR 64714-64715, November 23, 1998). The complete draft Charge identifying and addressing these issues will be posted on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) by October 30, 1999.

Availability of Review Materials: There are *no new review materials for this meeting*, however, hard copies of the EPA primary background documents for the *previous meeting* may be obtained by contacting: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; Office location: Room 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202; telephone: (703) 305-5805.

For Further Information: Members of the public desiring additional information about the conduct of the meeting should contact Mr. Samuel Rondberg, (1400a), Co-Designated Federal Officer, DTHSS, Science Advisory Board, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street,

SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (301) 812-2560; fax at (410) 286-2689; or via e-mail at samuelf717@aol.com or Dr. Stephanie R. Irene, Co-Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Fate and Effects Division (7505C), 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone/voice mail 703-305-5024, fax 703-305-6309, email to Irene.Stephanie@epa.gov. A copy of the draft agenda will be available on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) or upon request from Ms. Wanda Fields (202) 564-4539, or by FAX at (202) 501-0582 or via e-mail at fields.wanda@epa.gov no later than November 15, 1999.

Providing Oral or Written Comments: Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Committee must contact Mr. Rondberg *in writing* (by letter, or by e-mail—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, November 19, 1999 in order to be included on the Agenda. Written comments may be sent by mail to: The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by delivery service, bring comments to: Room 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. Comments and data also may be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (E-Mail) to: opt-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data also will be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 8.0 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number OPP-98-31247. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through E-Mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

Supplementary Information: The Agency encourages that written statements be submitted before the meeting to provide Panel Members time to consider and review the comments. Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). Information marked CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. An edited copy of the comment that

does not contain the CBI material must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket. All comments and materials received will be made part of the public record and will be considered by the Panel.

A public record has been established for this notice (including comments and data submitted electronically) under docket number OPP-98-31247. A public version of this record, including printed versions of electronic comments, which does not include information claimed as CBI, will be available for inspection from 8:30 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 119 of the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in Availability of Review Materials earlier in this Notice.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week before the meeting), may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting, or mailed soon after receipt by the Agency. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in the Annual Report of the Staff Director

which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256.

Meeting Access

Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact the appropriate DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: October 19, 1999.

John R. Fowle III,

Acting Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2365]

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

October 14, 1999.

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification has been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of these documents is available for viewing and copying in Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by November 9, 1999. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

Subject: 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Services, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms (CC Docket No. 98-171).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Subject: Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate Interexchange Marketplace (CC Docket No. 96-61).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2367]

Petitions for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

October 18, 1999.

Petition for Reconsideration has been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceeding listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room CY-A247, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to this petition must be filed by November 9, 1999. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

Subject: Petition of Ameritech Corporation for Forbearance from Enforcement of Section 275(a) (CC Docket No. 98-65).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-3140-EM]

California; Amendment No. 3 to Notice of an Emergency Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of an emergency declaration for the State of California (FEMA-3140-EM), dated September 1, 1999, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 13, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective October 13, 1999.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis