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Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (2822), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; (or E-Mail *Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov*)  
and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 15, 1999.

**Doreen Sterling,**

*Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[CAO22-NOA; FRL-6512-6]

### Adequacy Status of Submitted PM10 State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of inadequacy determination.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, EPA is notifying the public that we have found the PM10 attainment submittals of Coachella Valley, Searles Valley (Trona Portion), and San Bernardino County, California, inadequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our finding, the PM10 motor vehicle budgets from the submitted plans cannot be used for conformity determinations.

**DATES:** This determination was effective November 23, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The finding notification letters are available at website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity"). You may also contact Charnjit Bhullar, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR-2, 75 Hawthorne

Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 744-1153 or *Bhullar.charnjit@epa.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. The federal conformity rule, 40 CFR part 93, requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will help to reduce air quality violations, achieve expeditious attainment of air quality standards, and will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards. The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP submittal is adequate for conformity purposes are specified in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4) and 58 FR 62194.

On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations unless EPA has affirmatively found them adequate through a process providing for public notice and comment. Where EPA finds a SIP submittal inadequate, the budgets cannot be used for conformity determinations.

The new process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIPs is contained in a May 14, 1999, memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision." EPA will be revising the conformity rule to codify this guidance. You can obtain this guidance at <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, click on the conformity button and look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity."

##### Status of Submitted Budgets

In the Coachella Valley serious PM10 attainment plan and the Searles Valley Moderate PM10 attainment plan, different motor vehicle emission elements were not combined into clearly defined budgets consistent with the federal conformity regulations ((40 CFR 93.118(e)(4) and 58 FR 62194). Thus EPA determined that these plans do not contain emission budgets that are adequate for use in conformity determinations.

Similarly, in the San Bernardino County Moderate PM10 attainment plan, different motor vehicle emission elements in the Moderate PM10 attainment plan were not combined into clearly defined budgets consistent with the federal conformity regulations ((40

CFR 93.118(e)(4) and 58 FR 62194). Further the submittal stated that mobile sources are not a significant contributor to PM10 violations in the nonattainment area. EPA found that PM10 from motor vehicles is a significant contributor to the air quality problem because it is responsible for approximately one-half of the total inventory. Because of these problems, EPA determined that this plan does not contain an emission budget that is adequate for use in conformity determinations.

In letters dated November 23, 1999, from EPA to the California Air Resources Board (CARB), South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD), Region IX notified the agencies that we had determined that the submittals for these three areas are inadequate for conformity. These agencies have agreed with the definition of the problem and to resolve them by submitting revisions to these PM10 plans early next year.

As stated in the May 14, 1999 guidance, EPA's adequacy review should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval or disapproval of the submitted SIPs. Approvability of the SIP submittals mentioned in this document will be addressed in a future rulemaking.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: December 10, 1999.

**David P. Howekamp,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6511-6]

### Consultation on a Longitudinal Cohort Study of Environmental Effects on Mothers and Children

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting: consultation on the feasibility of conducting a longitudinal cohort study of environmental effects on mothers and children.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a one-day consultation cosponsored by the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NIH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The meeting is being convened to discuss the feasibility of conducting a longitudinal cohort study

of environmental effects on the health and well-being of mothers and children. Experts on various types of cohort studies will present background on their respective approaches. Presentations will highlight issues that need to be considered in deciding to commence such a study, including specific advantages and disadvantages of each type, and its overall feasibility. Discussants will comment on each approach. Interested parties may register to attend as observers.

**DATES:** The meeting date is January 12, 2000. The times for the meeting are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting site is the Hubert Humphrey Building, Stonehenge Room, 6th floor, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. The workshop is open to the public, but seating is limited. Those planning to attend must register no later than January 7, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To register as an observer by January 7, 2000, contact Ms. Cyndy Hale, HHS/CDC/NCEH, 4770 Buford Highway, N.W. MS F15, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724; telephone: 770-488-4637; facsimile: 770-488-7361; email: cmh5@cdc.gov. For further information, contact Dr. Carole Kimmel, EPA, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8623D), Washington, D.C. 20460; telephone 202-564-3307; fax: 202-565-0050; E-mail: kimmel.carole@epa.gov.

Dated: December 10, 1999.

**William H. Farland,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6512-1]

### Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant an exclusive patent license.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404, EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license to practice the invention described and claimed in the patent listed below, all corresponding patents issued throughout the world, and all reexamined patents and reissued patents granted in connection with such patent, to Lane Regional Air Pollution

Authority, Springfield, Oregon. The patent is:

U.S. Patent No. 5,333,511, entitled "Portable Controlled Air Sampler," issued August 2, 1994.

The invention was announced as being available for licensing in the April 26, 1995 issue of the **Federal Register** (60 FR 20490). Co-inventor Schweiss' interest has been assigned to his employer, the Government of the United States, as represented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Co-inventor Boyum's interest has been exclusively licensed to the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority. The proposed exclusive license will contain appropriate terms, limitations and conditions to be negotiated in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and the U.S. Government patent licensing regulations at 37 CFR Part 404.

EPA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and grant the exclusive license, unless within 60 days from the date of this Notice, EPA receives, at the address below, written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The documentation from objecting parties having an interest in practicing the above patent should include an application for exclusive or nonexclusive license with the information set forth in 37 CFR 404.8. The EPA Patent Counsel and other EPA officials will review all written responses and then make recommendations on a final decision to the Regional Administrator for Region X or to a Region X Office Director who has been delegated the authority to issue patent licenses under 35 U.S.C. 207.

**DATES:** Comments to this notice must be received by EPA at the address listed below by February 18, 2000.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Ehrlich, Patent Counsel, Office of General Counsel (Mail Code 2377A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C. 20460, telephone (202) 564-5457.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

**Marla E. Diamond,**

*Associate General Counsel.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6511-7]

### Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(g)(4) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; In Re: Saco Municipal Landfill Superfund Site, Saco, Maine

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement for recovery of past response costs and projected future response costs concerning the Saco Municipal Landfill Superfund Site, Saco, Maine. The settlement requires the settling party, the Joseph M. Herman Shoe Company, Inc., to reimburse the Environmental Protection Agency (the "Agency") for response costs incurred and to be incurred at the Saco Municipal Landfill Superfund Site. This amount includes a premium to cover risks associated with the settlement. The settling party will make a payment of \$18,000 into the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund. In addition, the settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling party pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02214.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted within 30 (thirty) days of publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Mailcode RAA, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and should refer to: In re: Saco Municipal Landfill Superfund Site, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-1-99-0067.