

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background:**

Throughout this document, whenever “we,” “us” or “our” is used, we mean EPA. Today’s notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 5 sent letters to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on March 24, 2000, and May 31, 2000, stating that both the VOC and NOx motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Chicago, Illinois submitted ozone attainment demonstration for 2007 are adequate. EPA sent similar letters to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on May 8, 2000, and May 31, 2000. Similar letters were sent to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on May 1, 2000, and May 31, 2000.

Before making these findings, we opened a 30 day public comment period for the adequacy of mobile source vehicle emission budgets in the States’ submittals. No comments were received during this comment period. However, there were comments received during the comment period relating to the proposed conditional approval of the attainment demonstration SIPs. After examining those comments, we determined that several applied to the adequacy process and while they were not submitted during the adequacy comment period, they should be addressed. We responded to these comments and issued supplemental letters to Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin finalizing the adequacy findings on May 31, 2000. All three letters found that the VOC and NOx motor vehicle emissions budgets in the submitted ozone attainment demonstrations for 2007 are adequate. These findings and the response to comments will also be announced on EPA’s conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the “Conformity” button, then look for “Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity”).

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA’s conformity rule 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 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’s motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for transportation

conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA’s completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA’s ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

We’ve described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP motor vehicle emission budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled “Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision”). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

Dated: June 8, 2000.

Norman Niedergang,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6719–5]

Drinking Water Utilities Team; Strategic SDWA Compliance Planning for Small Systems Workshops

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; announcement of Workshops on Strategic SDWA Compliance Planning for Small Systems.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a series of one-day workshops on “Strategic SDWA Compliance Planning for Small Systems” for consulting engineers, state regulatory agency staff, and other individuals who provide advice or assistance to small water systems. Water system managers and decision-makers are also encouraged to attend. The agency is conducting these workshops in cooperation with the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, American Consulting Engineers Council, American Water Works Association, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, National Association of Water Companies, National Drinking Water Clearinghouse, National Rural Water Association, Rural Community Assistance Program, and U.S. Department of Agriculture—Rural Utilities Service. One workshop will be offered in each EPA Region. There will

be no teleconferencing available at any of these workshops.

The purpose of the workshops is to offer approaches designed to assist small systems in understanding the full range of challenges and opportunities they face in the very near future. Acknowledging the increasing regulatory burden to be faced by small systems, the workshops will cover issues such as: source water supply and protection; existing infrastructure repair and replacement; system organizational structures; new regulations; technologies for compliance; and financial issues. Specific tools and techniques to assist systems in identifying and prioritizing strategic issues and to identify optimum solutions will also be presented.

Included on the agenda for these workshops will be:

Strategic Planning in the 21st Century
Internal System Assessment

- Existing Infrastructure
- Technical, Financial, and Managerial Capacity

Assessing External Challenges

- New Regulations
- Treatment Technology for regulatory compliance
- Source Water Supply
- Competition

Assessing External Opportunities

- Partnerships
- Source Water Protection
- Resources
- Public Awareness

Identifying Options and Determining Optimum Solutions

DATES: All workshops will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The schedule for the workshops is as follows:

June 27—DoubleTree Riverfront Hotel, 50 Warren Street, Lowell, MA 01852, Phone #: 978–452–1200; For group rate, must contact hotel by June 12

June 28—Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany, NY 12211, 800–448–3500; For group rate, must contact hotel by June 13

June 29—The Venice Inn, 431 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD 21740, Phone #: 301–733–0830; For group rate, must contact hotel by June 15 301–733–0830

July 12—Clarion Hotel, 3601 N. Desert Drive, Atlanta, GA 30344, Phone #: 404–762–5566; For group rate, must contact hotel by June 21

July 13—Radisson Hotel Dallas, 1893 West Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75235, Phone #: 888–588–9846; For group rate, must contact hotel by June 21

July 26—Radisson Hotel Lincolnwood, 4500 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 60646, Phone #: 847-677-1234; For group rate, must contact hotel by July 4

July 27—Hilton St. Louis Airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63134, Phone #: 314-426-5500; For group rate, must contact hotel by July 7

August 15—Holiday Inn Denver International Airport, 15500 E. 40th Ave., Denver, CO 80239, Phone #: 303-371-9494; For group rate, must contact hotel by July 15)

August 16—Cathedral Hill Hotel, 1101 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94109, Phone #: 800-622-0855 or 415-776-8200; For group rate, must contact hotel by July 18

August 17—Radisson Hotel Seattle Airport, 17001 Pacific Highway, So., Seattle, WA 98188, Phone #: 206-244-6000; For group rate, must contact hotel by July 16

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for any of the workshops, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Act Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. For additional information, please visit our web site at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater.html> or contact Peter E. Shanaghan, Team Leader, Drinking Water Utilities Team, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4606), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 at 202-260-5813.

Dated: June 13, 2000.

Janet Pawlukiewicz,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water & Drinking Water.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1329-DR]

New Mexico; Amendment No. 5 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of New Mexico FEMA-1329-DR, dated May 13, 2000, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 9, 2000.

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 June 9, 2000.

(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 Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Robert J. Adamcik,

Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1309-DR]

U.S. Virgin Islands; Amendment No. 3 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the U.S. Virgin Islands (FEMA-1309-DR), dated November 23, 1999, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 9, 2000.

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, in a letter dated June 9, 2000, the President concurred with the Director's recommendation to adjust the cost sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*), and the Insular Areas Act (10 U.S.C. 1469a (d) in a letter to James L. Witt, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as follows:

I have determined that the damage in the U.S. Virgin Islands, resulting from Hurricane Lenny on November 16-20, 1999, is of sufficient severity and magnitude that special conditions are warranted regarding the cost sharing arrangements for Federal funds provided under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (Stafford Act).

Therefore, I concur with your recommendation to amend my declaration of November 23, 1999 to authorize Federal funds for the Individual and Family Grant, Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs at 90 percent of total eligible costs.

Please notify the Federal Coordinating Officer of this amendment to my major disaster declaration.

(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 Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

Notice of Opportunity to Attend Focus Group Meeting and/or Submit Written Comments Regarding the Quality of the Authority's Written Decisions and the Measures for Assessing That Quality

AGENCY: Federal Labor Relations Authority.

ACTION: Notice of meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The decisional component of the Federal Labor Relations Authority is evaluating the quality of the Authority's written decisions and the measures for assessing that quality. The Authority has established an internal Task Force to conduct this evaluation. The Task Force proposes to conduct a focus group meeting to solicit and consider customers' views on the quality of Authority decisions and measurements of such quality.

DATES: A meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on July 19, 2000, in Washington, DC. Written comments must be received on or before July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Federal Labor Relations Authority's Headquarters, 607 14th St. NW., Washington, DC 20424, 2nd Floor Agenda Room. Mail or deliver written comments to the Office of Case Control, Federal Labor Relations Authority, 607 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20424-0001.