

Virginia. This adequacy finding is effective on July 18, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document “we, us,” or “our” refer to EPA. The word “budgets” refers to the motor vehicle emission budgets for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) for the out-years 2015 and 2020. The word “SIP” in this document refers to the revised Phase II SIPs submitted on March 22, 2000, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2000 by the District, Maryland and Virginia, respectively. The revised Phase II SIPs consist of the revised attainment plan for the one-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone for the Metropolitan Washington DC Nonattainment Area.

On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that budgets contained in submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. By transmittal letters dated as shown below, the District, Maryland, and Virginia each formally submitted revisions to the attainment plan for the purpose of establishing out-year budgets for 2015 and 2020 for the Metropolitan Washington DC Ozone Nonattainment Area. The revised Phase II SIPs submittal dates are:

The District of Columbia—March 22, 2000;
Maryland—March 31, 2000;
Virginia—March 31, 2000.

On April 24, 2000, we posted the availability of these revised Phase II SIPs and their budgets on our conformity website for the purpose of soliciting public comment on the adequacy of the budgets. The comment period closed on May 24, 2000.

On June 22, 2000, EPA Region III sent letters to the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia which constituted final Agency actions on the adequacy of the budgets contained in the revised Phase II SIPs. Those actions were EPA’s finding that the mobile budgets contained in the revised attainment plan are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our finding, the budgets contained in the submitted revised attainment plans for the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Nonattainment Area may be used for future conformity determinations. This is an announcement of an adequacy finding that we already made on June 22, 2000.

The effective date of this finding is July 18, 2000. This finding will also be announced on EPA’s website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq> (once there, click on the “Conformity” button, then look for “Adequacy Review of Submissions for Conformity”). The website will contain a detailed analysis of our adequacy finding and our responses to public comments.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176 of the Clean Air Act. EPA’s conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to SIPs and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do so. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the NAAQS. The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP’s budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4).

Please note that an adequacy finding of the mobile budgets of a submitted SIP is separate from EPA’s completeness determination on that SIP, and separate from EPA’s final action as to whether or not the SIP is approvable. Even if we find budgets adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved. We describe our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance memorandum dated May 14, 1999 and titled “Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision.” We followed this guidance in making this adequacy finding for the budgets contained in the revised Phase II SIPs submitted on March 22, 2000, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2000 by the District, Maryland, and Virginia, respectively. You may obtain a copy of this guidance from EPA’s conformity web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq> (once there, click on the “Conformity” button) or by calling the contact name listed in “For Further Information Contact” section of this notice.

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Dated: June 23, 2000.

Bradley M. Campbell,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of East St. Louis, Illinois Submitted Ozone Attainment Demonstration for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that EPA has found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Illinois portion of the St. Louis ozone attainment demonstration are adequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, the St. Louis area can use the motor vehicle emissions budgets for volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen from the submitted ozone attainment demonstration for future conformity determinations.

DATES: These budgets are effective July 18, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments will be available at 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”).

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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 a letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on June 12, 2000, stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets for volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen in the Illinois portion of the St. Louis submitted ozone attainment demonstration for 2003 are adequate. This finding 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 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 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.

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Dated: June 16, 2000.

Francis X. Lyons,

Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6728-3]

Community Based In-Home Asthma Environmental Education and Management

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Request for grant proposals.

SUMMARY: Request for Proposals for Community Based In-Home Asthma Environmental Education and Management. This is an announcement of the availability of FY 2000 grant funds for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Indoor Environments Division/Office of Radiation and Indoor Air. Section 103(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act authorizes the Administrator to conduct and promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments,

demonstrations, surveys and studies relating to the causes, effects (including health and welfare effects), extent, prevention, and control of air pollution by ((b)(3)) making grants to air pollution control agencies, to other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations, and to individuals, for purposes stated in 103(a)(1). The intended use of these funds is to support pilot studies of asthma education, including asthma management and indoor asthma trigger identification/mitigation, in existing Community-Based In-Home Environmental Management or Education programs. EPA is awarding these grants to support the recipients to conduct pilot studies of in-home asthma education and assess the effectiveness of their in-home approaches to educating children with asthma, their parents and/or primary care givers, and other people with asthma, including how to identify the indoor triggers to which the asthmatic(s) in the household may be sensitive, and how to mitigate them. EPA plans to award two grants to each of two organizations for \$100,000.00 each, however the final number of awards and award amounts may vary depending on proposal quality and resource availability.

DATES: Letter of Intent due by July 7, 2000. Pre-application Assistance Conference Call dates are:

1. July 11, 2000, 12 noon until 2pm Eastern Daylight Time
2. July 14, 2000, 12 noon until 2pm Eastern Daylight Time

Application Deadline: Postmarked no later than August 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send Letter of Intent and Applications to the attention of Sheila Brown, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (6609J), Washington, DC 20460

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila Brown (202) 564-9370

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The focus for funding is to: (a) Reduce the impact of in-home environmental asthma triggers on children and adults with asthma; (b) strengthen the capacity of individual households to control in-home environmental asthma triggers; and (c) assess the effectiveness and sustainability of strategies for in-home environmental asthma trigger management and education within communities. Completed applications, including work plans and detailed budgets, are due to the Indoor Environments Division no later than August 7, 2000. If you intend to apply, you must send a letter of intent postmarked no later than July 7, 2000 to

Attention: Sheila Brown, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (6609J), Washington, D.C. 20460, or an e-mail to <brown.sheila@epa.gov> no later than 3 pm (EDT) on July 7, 2000, indicating the name of your organization, the name and phone number of a contact person in the organization, whether you expect to participate in one of the pre-award technical assistance conference calls (see page 5), and if so, on which day. Should demand exceed capacity, we will schedule an additional call and inform you by telephone of the date and time.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for funding, an applicant must:

(1) Demonstrate the ability to implement an in-home education program which includes: In-home identification and assessment of potential indoor environmental asthma triggers; direct one-on-one education in the home on asthma, asthma management, and mitigation of indoor environmental triggers to which household members with asthma may be sensitive;

(2) Meet the standards for eligibility as identified in Section 103 (3)(b) of the Clean Air Act (page 1, paragraph 1);

(3) Request no more than \$100,000.00 to accomplish pilot project objectives;

(4) Properly complete and submit standard form SF-424 and a work plan no greater than seven pages in length (in no smaller than 12 point type) by the established due date;

(5) Commit to complete the proposed pilot project activities within 18-24 months of grant award.

Ranking Criteria

Applications will be ranked on the basis of the criteria listed below. Ranking for each criterion is based on a scale of 1 (does not meet the requirement) to 10 (exceeds the requirement).

(1) Applicant organization currently is established and operates within a base community, performing community level work. (1-10 points).

(2) Applicant organization currently is, or is affiliated with, an established in-home environmental management and/or education program. (1-10 points)

(3) Education materials and assessment tools developed or selected for use in conducting in-home education and assessment pilot project activities address established indoor environmental triggers of asthma including: environmental (secondhand) tobacco smoke, house dust mites, cockroaches, molds, and animal dander. Materials are compatible with the