

concern several documents: the draft final recommendations on a backstop emissions trading program regarding regional emissions milestones for stationary sources of sulfur dioxide (SO₂); a memorandum of understanding; and, a draft model rule. EPA is publishing this notice on behalf of the WRAP.

DATES: Please see Attachment to this notice.

ADDRESSES: Please see Attachment to this notice for public meeting locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Al Zemsky, Senior External Advisor, Air Division, [AIR-1], U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, Telephone: (415) 744-1262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The WRAP, comprising governors from Western states, tribal leaders and federal agency representatives, is seeking public comment on a proposal to reduce regional emissions from stationary sources of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), as well as proposed recommendations regarding a backstop emissions trading program. The comments are important for developing final recommendations for Western air quality regulations to be submitted to the U.S. EPA.

The dates, times, and locations of the public meetings and the availability of the documents to be reviewed for comment are described in the Attachment to this notice.

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

Dated: August 3, 2000.

John Wise,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

Attachment: Notice of Public Comment and Public Meetings; August 14–September 8, 2000

The Proposal

The Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP), comprising governors from 12 Western states, tribal leaders and federal agency representatives, is seeking public comment on a proposal to reduce regional emissions from stationary sources of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), as well as proposed recommendations regarding a backstop emissions trading program. SO₂ is an important contributor to haze in Western parks and wilderness areas. Preliminary analysis indicates that the cost of using a backstop trading program to reduce emissions will be \$50–100 million cheaper than a traditional command-and-control program. Since the largest sources of sulfur dioxide are coal-fired electric power generating plants, a backstop trading program can offset—and potentially reduce—any

increases in the cost of electricity for consumers.

To Comment

The WRAP is seeking public comment on several documents, including: (1) The draft final recommendations; (2) a memorandum of understanding; and, (3) a draft model rule. Complete details of the program are available at www.wrapair.org. The Web site contains links to submit comments via e-mail and instructions on how to join a listserve, which will automatically send an e-mail alerting subscribers that new information has been posted to the Web. If you have questions, contact either Patrick Cummins at the Western Governors' Association, 1515 Cleveland Place, Suite 200, Denver CO 80202, (303) 623-9378; or Bill Grantham at the National Tribal Environmental Council at 2221 Rio Grande NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 242-2175.

Background

The WRAP was created as the successor organization to the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission (GCVTC), which made over 70 recommendations in June 1996 for improving visibility in 16 national parks and wilderness areas on the Colorado Plateau. The Partnership promotes, supports and monitors implementation of those recommendations throughout the West.

Under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Regional Haze Rule, nine of the Western states have the option to comply using the GCVTC's regional visibility protection program. The optional program requires the establishment of a regional emission target for 2018, in addition to interim targets. The recommendations and options regarding the market trading program were developed over the last two years by WRAP committees comprising a diverse group of stakeholders including industry, environmental groups and academia.

Other pollutants and pollution sources—vehicles, fires, smaller industrial sources—will be addressed in programs over the next few years. The final WRAP recommendations will be submitted to EPA by October 2, 2000. EPA will consider the market trading program as part of its formal rulemaking process for the Regional Haze Rule.

Public Meetings

August 22—Santa Fe, New Mexico—7 p.m., Rannels Bldg. Auditorium, 1190 St. Francis Drive

August 24—Phoenix, Arizona—7 p.m., Room 1709-10, Arizona DEQ, 3033 N. Central

August 29—Flagstaff, Arizona—6:30 p.m., Fremont Room, Dubois Center (follow signs off McConnell Drive), Northern Arizona University, Lower Campus

August 30—Salt Lake City, Utah—7 p.m., Utah DEQ Building, Room 101, 168 N. 1950 West

August 31—Casper, Wyoming—7 p.m., Basco Building, 777 West First Street
Sept. 6—Boise, Idaho—7 p.m., Idaho DEQ, 1410 N. Hilton

(Other state and tribal public meetings may be scheduled, and will be posted to the Web site.)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Draft Health Assessment Document for Diesel Exhaust

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft document for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of a Science Advisory Board (SAB) review draft of the Health Assessment Document for Diesel Exhaust (EPA/600/8-90/057E, July 2000) for public review and comment. The document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development.

DATES: The public comment period begins August 11, 2000. Comments must be in writing and must be postmarked by September 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The primary distribution method for the SAB review draft document will be via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's (NCEA) web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea> under the What's New and Publications menus. A limited number of paper copies are available from NCEA's Technical Information Staff, (telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050; e-mail: nceadc.comment@epa.gov). If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the title and number of the draft, Health Assessment Document for Diesel Exhaust (EPA/600/8-90/057E, July 2000).

Comments may be mailed to: Diesel Comments, NCEA-W/TIS (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200

Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460. If sent via overnight delivery, please use the following address: 808 17th St., N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20006. Please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Please note that all technical comments received in response to this notice will be placed in a public record. For that reason, commenters should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information contact the Technical Information Staff, NCEA-W (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050; e-mail: nceadc.comment@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This revised draft assessment updates an earlier draft (November 1999) by responding to peer-review comments dated February 2000 from the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of the EPA's SAB. The assessment focuses on health hazards (hazard identification and dose-response analysis for the purpose of characterizing the risk of diesel exhaust exposure), and also provides background information about diesel engine emissions and exposure that is useful for putting the health information into context. EPA risk assessment methods and practices have been followed in identifying possible human chronic health hazards for adverse noncancer effects as well as carcinogenicity hazards. The Diesel Review Panel of the CASAC will meet later this year to review this draft Health Assessment Document for Diesel Exhaust. The meeting will be announced in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: August 3, 2000.

William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6849-6]

Geiger (C & M Oil) Superfund Site, Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: Under Section 122(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Environmental Protection Agency proposes to enter into a settlement to settle claims for response costs at the Geiger (C & M Oil) Superfund Site in Rantowles, Charleston County, South Carolina, with the following parties: Textron Inc. and Avco Corporation in Providence Rhode Island and Charleston Packaging Company, Inc., located in North Charleston, South Carolina.

EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, 404/562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor at the above address on or before September 11, 2000.

Dated: August 4, 2000.

Franklin E. Hill,

Chief, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Technological Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of the sixth meeting of the Technological Advisory Council ("Council"), which will be held at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC.

DATES: Wednesday, September 27, 2000 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St. S.W., Room TW-C305, Washington DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Nilsson at knilsson@fcc.gov or 202-418-0845.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council was established by the Federal Communications Commission to provide a means by which a diverse array of recognized technical experts from a variety of interests such as industry, academia, government, citizens groups, *etc.*, can provide advice to the FCC on innovation in the communications industry.

The purpose of this sixth meeting will be to hear and discuss the progress of the three focus groups established by the Council to consider the issues the FCC presented to it at its April 30, 1999 meeting. These issues include: (1) The current state of the art for software defined radios, cognitive radios, and similar devices, future developments for these technologies, and ways that the availability of such technologies might affect the FCC's traditional approaches to spectrum management; and the current state of knowledge of electromagnetic noise levels and the effects of such noise on the reliability of existing and future communications systems; (2) the current technical trends in telecommunications services, changes that might decrease, rather than increase, the accessibility of telecommunications services by persons with disabilities and ways the FCC might best communicate to designers of emerging telecommunications network architectures, the requirements for accessibility; and (3) the telecommunications common carrier network interconnection scenarios that are likely to develop, including the technical aspects of cross network (*i.e.*, end-to-end) interconnection, quality of service, network management, reliability, and operations issues, as well as the deployment of new technologies such as dense wave division multiplexing and high speed packet/cell switching. The Council may also consider such other issues as come before the Council at the meeting.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many persons as possible. However, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Depending on the Council's progress at this meeting, public participation may be permitted at the discretion of the Council's Chairman.