

conference, and it is being held primarily to accord an opportunity to citizens of San Diego, and others who are unable to attend the November 9, 2000, meeting, to address the impacts on ratepayers of the Commission's proposed remedies for California wholesale electric markets, as set forth in the Commission's order dated November 1, 2000. The conference will commence at 8 a.m. and close at 12 noon. All interested persons may attend the conference.

Persons wishing to speak at the conference must submit a request to make a statement in the above-captioned dockets. The request should be submitted by e-mail to David Boergers at david.boergers@ferc.fed.us (include Docket No. EL00-95-000 in the subject heading of the e-mail), and should be followed up, at the same time, with a letter to the Secretary of the Commission. The request should clearly specify the name of the person desiring to speak, his or her title and affiliation, and the party or parties the speaker represents. In addition, the request should include a telephone number for notifying the speaker. The request should also include a brief summary of the issue or issues the speaker wishes to address, not to exceed one page. All e-mail requests must be submitted on or before November 9, 2000.

The number of persons desiring to speak at the conference may exceed the time available. Thus, interested persons are encouraged to join with other persons with similar interests. Based on the requests to participate, panels of speakers will be specified. The Secretary will issue a notice listing the speakers and panels for the conference.

In addition, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments on matters addressed at the conference. These comments should be submitted on or before November 22, 2000, in the above-captioned proceedings. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection or copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room during normal business hours. Comments are also accessible via the Commission's Records Information Management System (RIMS).

The conference will be transcribed. Information about obtaining transcripts will be provided on the Commission's website, www.ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6901-7]

Clean Air Act Advisory Committee; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

The charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App § 9(c). The purpose of CAAAC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on issues associated with policy and technical issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act.

It is determined that CAAAC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

Inquiries may be directed to Paul Rasmussen, CAAAC Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460 (Mail code 6102A).

Dated: October 31, 2000.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6901-9]

Notice of Availability for Draft Guidance Document on "Guidance for the Submission of State/Local/Tribal Rules in Place of Section 112 Requirements"

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The EPA is making available for public review and comment a preliminary draft of its pending guidance on delegation of Federal section 112 hazardous air pollutant (HAP) requirements to State, Local, and Tribal Air Pollution Control Agencies (S/L/T). The guidance also includes information on the substitution of Federal section 112 requirements with S/L/T requirements. Under section

112(l) of the Clean Air Act, the EPA is authorized to approve alternative S/L/T HAP standards or programs when such requirements are demonstrated to be no less stringent than EPA's rules or requirements.

On August 30, 2000, the EPA revised the 40 CFR part 63, subpart E "Approval of State Programs and Delegation of Federal Authorities" to address concerns of S/L/T regarding flexibility and burdensome requirements. The changes will help S/L/T preserve the integrity of their existing HAP programs by offering a range of options for demonstrating equivalence with corresponding Federal requirements and expediting the approval process.

DATES: The comment period on the draft guidance will close on December 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Pamela J. Smith, Information Transfer and Program Integration Division (MD-12), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone 919-541-0641, telefax 919-541-5509 or E-mail Smith.pam@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information, please contact Thomas A. Driscoll, Information Transfer and Program Integration Division (MD-12), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone 919-541-5135, telefax 919-541-5509 or E-mail driscoll.tom@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A draft of EPA's guidance is available at [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/uatw/112\(l\)/112-lpg.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/uatw/112(l)/112-lpg.html) for public review and comment. The EPA does not intend to respond to individual comments, but rather to consider comments and information from the public in the preparation of a final guidance document.

Dated: October 19, 2000.

Henry C. Thomas,

Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6900-4]

Notice of Availability of Draft Reference Dose Document for Methylmercury

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft reference dose document for methylmercury.

SUMMARY: Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and publish, and from time to time revise, criteria for water to accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge. EPA is revising its reference dose in support of a revised ambient water quality criterion for methylmercury. Today, EPA is notifying the public of the availability of the draft reference dose document and is also announcing that the draft document is ready for external scientific peer review.

EPA is notifying the public about the availability of this draft document and its peer review in accordance with the Agency's new process for developing or revising criteria (63 FR 68354, December 10, 1998). As indicated in the December 10, 1998 **Federal Register** document, the Agency believes it is important to provide the public with an opportunity to submit scientific information on draft criteria. EPA is soliciting views from the public on issues of science pertaining to the information used in deriving the draft reference dose.

DATES: All significant scientific information must be submitted to the Agency under docket number W-00-29. All submissions of significant scientific information are requested to be submitted on or before December 14, 2000. Information submitted after this date may not receive the degree of consideration of information submitted earlier. The Administrative Record supporting this draft reference dose document is available at the Water Docket, Room EB-57, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460 on Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For access to docket materials call (202) 260-3027 for an appointment. A reasonable fee will be charged for photocopies.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and three copies of any written significant scientific information to W-00-15 Comment Clerk, Water Docket, Ariel Rios 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Comments may be hand-delivered to the Water Docket, Room EB57, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. Issues may also be submitted electronically to *OW-Docket@epa.gov*. Information should be submitted as a WP5.1, 6.1 and/or 8.0 or an ASCII file with no form of encryption.

Copies of the draft reference dose document entitled, Reference Dose for Methylmercury, may be obtained from EPA's Water Resource Center by phone at (202) 260-7786, or by e-mail to *center.water-resource@epa.gov* or by conventional mail to EPA Water Resource Center, RC-4100, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. Alternatively, consult *www.epa.gov/ost/criteria/methylmercury/* for download availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Manibusan, Health and Ecological Criteria Division (4304), US EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; (202) 260-3688; *manibusan.mary@epa.gov*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Is a Reference Dose?

The reference dose is defined as an estimate, with uncertainty spanning perhaps one order of magnitude, of a daily exposure to the human population (including sensitive subgroups) that is likely to be without an appreciable level of risk of deleterious effects during a lifetime. The RfD is useful as a reference point from which to gauge the potential effects of the chemical at other doses. Usually, doses less than the RfD are not likely to be associated with adverse health risks and are, therefore, less likely to be of regulatory concern. As the frequency and/or magnitude of the exposures exceeding the RfD increase, the probability of adverse effects in a human population increases. However, it should not be categorically concluded that all doses below the RfD are "acceptable" or risk-free and that all doses in excess of the RfD are "unacceptable" or will result in adverse effects.

Why Is EPA Notifying the Public About the Draft Reference Dose Document and Peer Review?

Today, in order to expand the public's involvement in the criteria development process, EPA is notifying the public about the availability of the draft reference dose document for methylmercury and its peer review.

In following the Agency's new process, EPA notified the public of its intentions to revise the ambient water quality criteria in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 2000 (65 FR 60664). At that time EPA made available to the public a list of all references identified by a recent literature review and solicited any additional pertinent data or scientific views that would be useful in revising the ambient water quality criteria. EPA is revising the ambient

water quality criteria for methylmercury based on new data and new analyses. The draft reference dose document to support the ambient water quality criterion is ready for external scientific peer review.

As indicated in the December 10, 1998 **Federal Register** document, the Agency believes it is important to provide the public with an opportunity to submit scientific information on draft criteria. EPA is soliciting views from the public on issues of science pertaining to the information used in deriving the draft reference dose. EPA will review and consider significant scientific information submitted by the public that might not have otherwise been identified during development of this criterion.

Geoffrey H. Grubbs,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at *www.ffiec.gov/nic/*.