

receive confidential information from the individuals who voluntarily participate in the survey. However, if a respondent does consider the information submitted to be of a proprietary nature, EPA will assure its confidentiality based on the provisions of 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, "Confidentiality of Business Information."

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: EPA estimates the annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information to range from between 1.5 minutes and 16 minutes per response, depending on whether or not the survey respondent has asthma or lives with someone who has asthma. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to: Review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of

information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

This survey effort is expected to cost approximately \$0.75 per respondent living in a non-asthmatic household; \$1.75 per respondent living in an asthmatic household, but participating only in the screening survey; and \$8.00 per respondent participating in both the screening survey and the survey itself. Respondents will incur no capital, start-up costs, or operation and maintenance costs as a result of this survey.

Dated: April 8, 2001.

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Director, Indoor Environments Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of Motor Vehicle Budgets in Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes; Delaware; ROP Plans for Delaware Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area (Kent and New Castle Counties)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy status.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing that the motor vehicle emissions budgets (budgets) for Kent County and for New Castle County contained in the revised 2002 Rate of Progress Plan (ROP) and in the 2005 ROP Plan are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. These ROP plans were submitted to EPA by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) as State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions on December 22, 2000. EPA has found the ROP plans' budgets for these two counties, which comprise the Delaware portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area, are adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

DATES: The findings that the budgets are adequate were made in a letter dated April 5, 2001 from EPA Region III to the DNREC. These adequacy findings are effective on May 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin Kotsch, U.S. EPA, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 at (215) 814-3335 or by e-mail at: Kotsch.Martin@EPA.gov.

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). The word "SIP" in this document refers to the ROP Plans for the Delaware portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area submitted to EPA as SIP revisions on December 22, 2000.

On March 2, 1999, the DC Circuit Court ruled that budgets contained in submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. On December 22, 2000, the Delaware DNREC formally submitted SIP revisions to EPA consisting of a revised 2002 ROP Plan and the 2005 ROP Plan for the Delaware portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area (Kent and New Castle Counties). On January 17, 2001, we posted the availability of the ROP plans and the budgets for these two counties on our conformity website for the purpose of soliciting public comment on the adequacy of the budgets. The comment period closed on February 16, 2001. We did not receive any comments.

On April 5, 2001, EPA Region III sent a letter to DNREC which constituted final Agency actions on the adequacy of the budgets contained in the revised 2002 and the 2005 ROP plans submitted by DNREC for Kent and New Castle Counties. Those actions were EPA's findings that the ROP plans' budgets for Kent County and for New Castle County are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our April 5, 2001 findings, the revised 2002 ROP plan budgets and the 2005 ROP plan budgets contained in Delaware's December 22, 2000 SIP submittals for Kent County and for New Castle County (the Delaware Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area) may be used for future conformity determinations.

This is an announcement of adequacy findings that we already made on April 6, 2001. The effective date of these findings is May 2, 2001. These findings 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 findings.

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 national ambient air quality standards. The criteria by which we determine whether SIP's budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118 (e)(4).

Please note that an adequacy finding for budgets contained in a SIP is separate from EPA's completeness determination of the SIP submission, and separate from EPA's action to approve or disapprove the SIP. 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 these adequacy findings of the budgets in the Delaware Rate of Progress Plans submitted on December 22, 2000. 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: April 6, 2001.

William C. Early,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. *Important Notice:* Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from

the SAB office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

1. Executive Committee—May 15, 2001

The US EPA Science Advisory Board's (SAB's) Executive Committee (EC) will meet on Tuesday, May 15, 2001 from 8:30 to 5:00 pm. The meeting will convene in the Great Room, 3rd Floor, US Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Federal Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004.

Purpose of the Meeting—At this meeting, the Executive Committee will review the following draft report prepared by one of its subcommittees.

Dioxin Reassessment Review Subcommittee (DRRS) of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) "2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-Dioxin (TCDD) and Related Compounds: USEPA's draft Exposure and Human Health Reassessment—An SAB Report" (see 65 FR 60190, dated October 10, 2000 for details).

Charge to the Executive Committee—The SAB benefitted from more than 40 public comments on the Agency's dioxin reassessment document during the course of the DRRS review meeting on November 1-2, 2000. The DRRS's consideration of those public comments, as well as consideration of the Agency's reassessment document per se, are reflected in the current SAB draft report. The focus of the May 15th review will be on the following questions:

(a) Does the draft report adequately respond to the questions posed in the Charge?

(b) Are the statements and/or responses in the draft report clear?

(c) Are there any errors of fact in the draft report?

In accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the public and the Agency are invited to submit written comments on these three questions. Submissions should be received in the EPA Science Advisory Board Offices by May 8, 2001. Please address all correspondence to Ms. Diana Pozun, EPA Science Advisory Board, Mail Code 1400A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington DC 20460. (Telephone (202) 564-4544, FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at pozun.diana@epa.gov). Submission by e-mail is preferred and will maximize the time available for review by the Executive Committee.

Although not required by FACA, the SAB will have a brief period (a total of half an hour) available for all applicable oral public comments (maximum of five minutes per speaker). Given the broad

public input received at the November 1-2, 2000 meeting, the focus of the Charge of this review, and the opportunity to address amply the Charge in writing, the Board does not anticipate extensive oral comments at the May 15th meeting. However, anyone wishing to make oral comments that focus on the three questions above, and that are not duplicative of their written comments or earlier oral comments, should discuss the matter with the Designated Federal Officer for the Executive Committee, Dr. Donald G. Barnes (see contact information below) no later than noon on May 8, 2001.

Availability of Materials—The draft meeting agenda and drafts of the report that will be reviewed at the meeting will be available to the public on the SAB website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) by close-of-business on April 30, 2001. Information concerning the draft report and other relevant links can be found under the "New" button.

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Executive Committee at US EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; phone (202) 564-4533; fax (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at barnes.don@epa.gov.

2—Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC)—May 25, 2001

The Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on May 25, 2001 at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314; telephone (703) 837-0440. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am and end no later than 3:00 pm.

Purpose of the Meeting—The purpose of the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee meeting is to: (a) Consult with EPA representatives on the agency's planned activities to develop analytical approaches for the implementation of Executive Order 13141 entitled Environmental Reviews of Trade Agreements; (b) to discuss EPA's letter noting its intention to work across various Agency programs to determine whether it should request that EPA and the Science Advisory Board conduct a joint workshop on ways to estimate the benefits from premature mortality risk reductions that are predicted to result from environmental regulations; and (c) to receive a briefing by EPA representatives on the Agency's economic benefit recapture approach.