

2010-0020; EPA ICR No. 1487.06) expiring 09/30/01.

Abstract: This ICR authorizes the collection of information under 40 CFR part 35, subpart O, which establishes the administrative requirements for cooperative agreements funded under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) for State, political subdivisions, and Federally recognized Indian tribal government response actions. This regulation also codifies the administrative requirements for Superfund State Contracts for non-State lead remedial responses. This regulation includes only those provisions mandated by CERCLA, required by OMB Circulars, or added by EPA to ensure sound and effective financial assistance management. The information is collected from applicants and/or recipients of EPA assistance and is used to make awards, pay recipients, and collect information on how Federal funds are being spent. EPA requires this information to meet its Federal stewardship responsibilities. Recipient responses are required to obtain a benefit (federal funds) under 40 CFR part 31, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments" and under 40 CFR part 35, "State and Local Assistance." 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: The current annual reporting and record keeping burden for this collection is estimated to

average 11.58 hours per response. The current estimated number of annual respondents is 361 and the estimated total annual hour burden is 4,182 hours. The frequency of response is as required. 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.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden to the address listed above.

Dated: May 4, 2001.

Steve Caldwell,

Acting Director, State, Tribal and Site Identification Center, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, Office of Solid Waste and Remedial Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[IL-202; FRL-6976-9]

Adequacy Status of the Metro East St. Louis, IL, Submitted Ozone Attainment State Implementation Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes; Notice of Withdrawal of Adequacy

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of adequacy.

SUMMARY: EPA has decided to withdraw our finding of adequacy and find inadequate the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Metro East St. Louis, Illinois, ozone attainment demonstration State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted on November 15, 1999, and supplemented on February 10, 2000. We are withdrawing our adequacy finding due to a recent court decision. The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit decided on August 30, 2000, that the implementation of the Nitrogen

Oxides (NO_x) SIP Call rule could not be required before May 31, 2004. The emission levels in the St. Louis attainment demonstration SIP were based on the assumption that transport of ozone precursors into St. Louis from upwind states would be addressed by May 2003 pursuant to EPA's NO_x SIP Call. Without these regional NO_x SIP Call controls in place in 2003, the Metro East St. Louis area will not be able to demonstrate attainment as described in the submitted SIP. For this reason, the motor vehicle emissions budgets for 2003 can no longer be considered adequate and are inadequate. The notice of the adequacy determination that is being withdrawn was made on June 12, 2000, in a letter to the State and was published in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 2000.

DATES: The notice of adequacy is withdrawn as of May 10, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Morris (312-353-8656)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 12, 2000, EPA Region 5 sent a letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets for NO_x and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the November 15, 1999, and supplemented on February 10, 2000, Metro East St. Louis ozone attainment demonstration SIP for 2003 were adequate for the purpose of transportation conformity. EPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 2000, [65 FR 41068] announcing that we had made an adequacy determination for the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Metro East St. Louis attainment demonstration SIP. This finding was also announced on EPA's conformity website, <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>.

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 SIPs and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do conform. 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.

EPA described the 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"). This guidance was used in making the

adequacy determination on the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the ozone attainment demonstration for St. Louis. The criteria by which EPA determines whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). An adequacy review is separate from EPA's SIP completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate action to approve or disapprove the SIP. The SIP could later be disapproved for reasons unrelated to transportation conformity even though the budgets had been deemed adequate.

EPA believes that a consequence of the D.C. Circuit's order delaying the implementation date of the NO_x SIP Call rule is that the budgets submitted by Illinois can no longer be considered adequate for purposes of transportation conformity and that these budgets are now inadequate. This belief is based on the fact that the attainment demonstration relied on the expected reductions from the NO_x SIP call in 2003, whereas those reductions can not now be assumed prior to 2004.

On November 8, 2000, EPA sent a letter to Illinois advising Illinois of the need to revise the Metro East St. Louis ozone attainment demonstration and to submit revised budgets. The revised budgets are expected to be based on controls that will be in place by the year 2004.

Consequently, EPA has decided to withdraw the June 12, 2000, adequacy determination and is instead finding that the budgets are inadequate. EPA is taking this action without prior notice and comment because adequacy determinations are not considered rulemaking subject to the procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act. In addition, EPA does not believe further notice through EPA's conformity website is necessary in advance because of the delay in the NO_x SIP Call implementation date, it is clear that the budgets can no longer be considered adequate. Consequently, further public comment would be unnecessary and not in the public interest. In this action, EPA is also withdrawing all statements and comments previously made in relation to its earlier determination of the adequacy of the budgets for transportation conformity purposes. The substance of the budgets and any revisions to them will be further reviewed by EPA as part of its final decision on the 1-hour ozone attainment demonstration SIP for the St. Louis nonattainment area. This SIP was initially submitted to EPA on November

15, 1999 and supplemented on February 10, 2000.

EPA will announce the withdrawal of the adequacy determination and inadequacy finding on its conformity website, (go to <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/traq> and then click on "conformity").

Dated: April 30, 2001.

Jerri-Anne Garl,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee and the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) and its Small Community Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS) will meet jointly on June 7-8, 2001, in Washington, D.C. The Committee will hear remarks from the EPA Administrator, Governor Christine Todd Whitman, and the Associate Administrator for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Edward D. Krenik, on Thursday, June 7th. The LGAC Subcommittees will provide updates on activities since the last Committee meeting. Other agenda topics will include Federalism and Environmental Management Systems. The Committee also will discuss proposed operating principles and revisions to its bylaws resulting from the merger of the SCAS with the LGAC.

The Issues Subcommittee will discuss water infrastructure funding, land use credits under State Implementation plans, and sustainability. The Process Subcommittee will discuss the Agency's draft Public Involvement Policy and accountability measures for Federalism implementation.

The Small Community Advisory Subcommittee will meet in a separate session on Wednesday, June 6th from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Subcommittee will update activities since its meeting in Seattle, Washington, on March 1-2, 2001. Topics will include Small Community Funding, a recommendation for Small Community Advocate, Federalism, TMDL Implementation, Sustainability, and Enforcement Flexibility.

The SCAS will hear comments from the public from 1:30-1:45 p.m. at its

separate meeting June 6th. The LGAC and SCAS will hear comments from the public between 12:30-12:45 p.m. at their joint session on June 7. Each individual or organization wishing to address the combined Committee or Subcommittee meetings will be allowed a minimum of three minutes. Please contact the Designated Federal Officers (DFO) at the numbers listed below to schedule agenda time. Time will be allotted on a first come, first served basis.

These are open meetings and all interested persons are invited to attend. Meeting minutes will be available after the meeting and can be obtained by written request from the DFO. Members of the public are requested to call the DFO at the number listed below if planning to attend so that arrangements can be made to comfortably accommodate attendees as much as possible. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis.

DATES: The Small Community Advisory Subcommittee meeting is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6th. The Local Government Advisory Committee and Small Community Advisory Subcommittee joint meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 7th and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on June 8th.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Washington, D.C. at the EPA's Headquarters, located at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW—the Ariel Rios North Building. The SCAS meeting on Wednesday will be held in conference room 3530. The joint LGAC/SCAS meeting on Thursday and Friday will be held in the Green Room on the 3rd floor.

Additional information can be obtained by writing the DFOs at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (1306A), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The DFO for the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) is Denise Zabinski Ney (202) 564-3684 and the DFO for the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS) is Anne Randolph (202) 564-3679.

Dated: May 1, 2001.

Denise Zabinski Ney,

Designated Federal Officer, Local Government Advisory Committee.

Dated: May 1, 2001.

Anne Randolph,

Designated Federal Officer, Small Community Advisory Subcommittee.

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