

Central Business District (CBD), Funding, Right-of-Way Permit and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Harris, Fort Bend and Waller Counties, TX.

Summary: EPA had no further comments to offer on the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Dated: January 8, 2002.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7128-2]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy and management issues.

NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principle constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing.

NACEPT has identified emerging environmental issues and trends facing the Agency and will present a draft report and recommendations to the EPA. In addition, NACEPT will report on the work and status of subcommittees and workgroups. NACEPT will also determine next steps in continuing its role as a strategic and visionary advisory group. The meeting will be preceded by a new member administrative orientation session on January 28, 2002.

DATES: NACEPT will hold a two-day public meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, January 30, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A pre-meeting orientation for newly appointed NACEPT members will take place from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town located at 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA. The hotel is conveniently located across from the King Street Metro.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Materials or written comments to the Council can be sent to Peter Redmond, Designated Federal Officer/NACEPT, using the contact information below (e-mail is preferred). Also, contact Mr. Redmond for copies of the draft report on emerging trends and issues. The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting; members of the public expecting to submit written comments and/or make brief oral statements (suggested 5-minute limit) during the public comment session are encouraged to contact Mr. Redmond by January 22, 2002.

Meeting Access: Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Mr. Redmond at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter G. Redmond, Designated Federal Officer/NACEPT, redmond.peter@epa.gov, (ph) 202-564-1292, (fax) 202-501-0661, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Dated: January 7, 2002.

Peter G. Redmond,

Designated Federal Officer/NACEPT, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 7127-9]

EPA Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Ecological Reporting Panel of the US EPA Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) will conduct a public teleconference on February 8, 2002 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm Eastern Standard Time.

Purpose of the Meeting—The purpose of the meeting will be to finalize the Panel's report, A Framework for Reporting on Ecological Condition. The report is a result of a strategic project begun by the Ecological Processes and

Effects Committee several years ago to assist the Agency to more systematically assess and report on the condition of ecological resources for decision-makers and the public. The strategic project arose from the Committee's experience reviewing a number of Agency programs and projects such as those designed to assess ecological risks, define biological criteria, monitor and report on watershed condition. Given the time frame of the strategic project, and the need to set it aside from time to time to conduct priority peer reviews for the Agency, new members were appointed to EPEC over the course of the project and the terms of other members ended. For this reason, the current Ecological Reporting Panel is composed of a subset of both past and present members of EPEC and is reporting directly to the SAB Executive Committee.

Availability of Review Materials—Because the Panel is not conducting a review, there are no Agency materials associated with the meeting. When the Panel reaches agreement on the draft report, it will be forwarded to the SAB Executive Committee for their consideration. At that time, the draft report will be posted to the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>).

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (3 minutes or less) must contact Ms. Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4561; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Ms. Sanzone no later than noon Eastern Time on February 5, 2002. Additional instructions on how to participate in the conference call may be obtained by contacting Mary Winston at (202) 564-4538, or via e-mail at winston.mary@epa.gov.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting

will be limited to a total time of ten minutes (unless otherwise indicated). For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

General Information—Additional information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The FY2000 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

Meeting Access—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact the Ms. Sanzone at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, EPA Science Advisory Board.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[CA069-EMF, FRL-7128-4]

Official Release of EMFAC2000 Motor Vehicle Emission Factor Model for Use in the San Francisco Bay Area; State of California

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving and announcing the availability of the latest version of the California EMFAC model for use in ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) development in the San Francisco Bay Area. EPA is approving the model for use in the Bay Area with certain conditions due to technical limitations of the model. The model is only approved for use in development of ozone motor vehicle emission factors for SIP development and future conformity determinations in the San Francisco Bay Area.

DATES: This determination is effective January 11, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karina O'Connor (775) 687-4670, x3112, Air Planning Office (AIR-2), Air Division, U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. What Is the EMFAC Model?

The EMFAC model is part of the California Air Resources Board's (CARB's) Motor Vehicle Emission Inventory (MVEI) modeling system. The first three models in the system are the CALIMFAC, the WEIGHT and the EMFAC models. The CALIMFAC model estimates emission rates for California on-road vehicles when the vehicle is new and as it ages. The WEIGHT model determines each vehicle model year's accumulated mileage and the relative weight each vehicle model year should be given in the California statewide emission inventory. The EMFAC model combines the results from these two models, along with correction factors and other data, to produce emission factors for the entire California vehicle fleet.

B. Why Are We Announcing Our Approval of the EMFAC Model?

Clean Air Act section 172(c)(3) and 40 CFR 51.112(a)(1) require that SIP inventories be based on the most current and applicable emission estimation models that are available at the time the SIP is developed. Clean Air Act section

176(c)(1) requires that the latest emission estimates be used in transportation conformity analyses. Transportation conformity is a Clean Air Act requirement to ensure that federally supported highway and transit activities are consistent with ("conform to") the SIP. Conformity to a SIP means that a transportation activity will not cause or contribute to new violations of ambient air quality standards; worsen existing violations; or delay timely attainment of such standards.

Under 40 CFR 93.111(a), EPA must approve new versions of EMFAC for SIP development before they can be used in conformity analyses. In its November 30, 2001 letter, CARB requested that EPA approve EMFAC2000 for use in Bay Area ozone SIP development and transportation conformity determinations. EPA notes that EMFAC2000 would normally be considered the latest emissions model for statewide use in California SIP development (rather than an interim update to the EMFAC model as EMFAC7G was an interim update to EMFAC7F). EMFAC2000 is a significant change from previous EMFAC models and is capable of calculating motor vehicle emissions for all California areas. However, EMFAC2000 is now known to contain technical limitations. It would be inappropriate to approve EMFAC statewide for all SIPs and conformity determinations.

C. Why Is EPA Approving This Version of EMFAC for Only Ozone Emission Analyses in the Bay Area?

EPA is approving EMFAC2000 for ozone SIP development for only the Bay Area at this time. EPA is proceeding with this approval because: (1) EMFAC2000 is an improvement on existing available models despite certain technical limitations; and (2) CARB has committed to revise the Bay Area ozone attainment SIP's motor vehicle emissions budgets with EMFAC2001 or a successor model as part of its mid-course review SIP revision in April 2004. Additionally, we understand that the next EMFAC model will correct EMFAC2000's technical limitations and be available for use in all future California SIPs. Therefore, CARB does not currently intend to develop other SIPs with EMFAC2000.

II. EPA Action

A. What Version of EMFAC Is EPA Approving?

In this notice, EPA is approving and announcing that EMFAC 2000, as developed by CARB and submitted for approval to EPA on November 30, 2001,