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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Air Pollution Control; Proposed Administrative Action on Clean Air Act Grant to the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed administrative action
to revoke grant with request for
comments and notice of opportunity for
public hearing.

SUMMARY: Section 105(c)(1) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. 7405(c)(1), provides that “[n]o [air pollution control] agency shall receive any grant under this section during any fiscal year when its expenditures of non-Federal funds for recurrent expenditures for air pollution control programs [maintenance of effort or MOE level] will be less than its expenditures were for such programs during the preceding fiscal year.” Although the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) has successfully completed its Fiscal Year 2002 air pollution control program, PREQB is unable to demonstrate that it has satisfied the statutory maintenance of effort requirement for its Fiscal Year 2002 Clean Air Act section 105 grant. Since PREQB did not satisfy the statutory requirement for the maintenance of effort for Fiscal Year 2002, EPA intends to revoke PREQB’s Fiscal Year 2002 Clean Air Act section 105 grant. Pursuant to section 105(e) of the CAA, the EPA is providing prior notice of its intent to revoke PREQB’s Fiscal Year 2002 Clean Air Act section 105 grant. The proposed administrative action does not otherwise impact the air pollution control program already carried out by PREQB during Fiscal Year 2002, which ended on September 30, 2002. When the proposed action is final, PREQB will be eligible to receive future CAA Section 105 grants to support its air pollution control program.

DATES: Comments and/or requests for a public hearing must be received by EPA at the address stated below by February 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted either by mail or

electronically. Written comments should be mailed to Carl-Axel Soderberg, Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency—Region 2, Centro Europa Building, 1492 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 417, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907-4127. Electronic comments could be sent either to soderberg.carl@epa.gov or to <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is an alternative method for submitting electronic comments to EPA. Go directly to <http://www.regulations.gov>, then select “Environmental Protection Agency” at the top of the page and use the “go” button. Please follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carl-Axel Soderberg, Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency—Region 2, Centro Europa Building, 1492 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 417, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907-4127, Telephone: (787) 977-5814, Email Address: soderberg.carl@epa.gov FAX: (787) 289-7982.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA’s implementing regulations at 40 CFR 35.146(a) reiterate the CAA section 105(c)(1) MOE requirement.

This notice constitutes a request for public comment and an opportunity for public hearing as required by the Clean Air Act and EPA’s implementing regulations at 40 CFR 35.148(b). All written comments received by February 4, 2004 on this proposal will be considered. EPA will conduct a public hearing on this proposal if EPA finds, on the basis of written requests for a public hearing, that the issues raised are substantial or a significant degree of public interest in this proposal has been expressed; written requests for a hearing must be received by EPA at the address above by February 4, 2004.

If no written request for a hearing is received or if EPA determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or no significant degree of public interest in this proposed action has been expressed, EPA will proceed to the final action on this grant.

Dated: December 24, 2003.

Kathleen Callahan,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 2.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of the Greeley, Colorado Carbon Monoxide Revised Maintenance Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this document, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Greeley, Colorado carbon monoxide (CO) revised maintenance plan, that was submitted by the Governor on June 20, 2003, are adequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the DC Circuit Court ruled that budgets in submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council, the City of Greeley, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation are required to use the motor vehicle emissions budgets from this submitted maintenance plan for future conformity determinations.

DATES: This finding is effective January 20, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Russ, Air & Radiation Program (8P-AR), United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466, (303) 312-6479. The letter documenting our finding is available at EPA’s conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document wherever “we”, “us”, or “our” are used we mean EPA.

This action is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. We sent a letter to the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division on October 29, 2003, stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the submitted Greeley revised CO maintenance plan are adequate. This finding has also been announced on our conformity Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm>.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. Our conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to SIPs and establishes