

improve the practices associated with the development, evaluation, and application of models for environmental decision making. Furthermore, by providing access to its tools and methods, EPA increases transparency and can improve the public's understanding of how science is used to make environmental decisions.

While the Models Guidance does not impose legally binding requirements on EPA or the public, it provides recommendations on the principles of good modeling practice, stressing the importance of model quality, documentation, and transparency with the aim of helping to determine when and how a model can be used to inform a decision.

**ADDRESSES:** The Models Guidance is available electronically through the CREM Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/crem>. A limited number of paper copies will be available from EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile: 301-604-3408; e-mail: [NSCEP@bps-lmit.com](mailto:NSCEP@bps-lmit.com). Please provide your name, mailing address, title, and EPA number (as given above) of the requested publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Noha Gaber, Council for Regulatory Environmental Modeling, Office of the Science Advisor, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Mail Code: 8105R, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone/voice mail at 202-564-2179; Fax: 202-564-2070; or via e-mail at [gaber.noha@epa.gov](mailto:gaber.noha@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To achieve its mission of protecting human health and safeguarding the natural environment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) often employs mathematical models to study environmental systems and processes. These modeling analyses often provide input for the development of regulatory decisions. EPA established the Council for Regulatory Environmental Modeling (CREM) in 2000 in an effort to improve the quality, consistency and transparency of EPA models. In 2003, the EPA Administrator directed the CREM to provide guidance for the development, assessment, and use of environmental models and to develop a publicly-accessible inventory of EPA's most frequently used models. The Models Guidance and Models KBase were developed in close collaboration with members of the CREM, who represent EPA's program and regional offices. This document represents the consensus view among EPA offices. The

Models Guidance was also evaluated and approved by the EPA's Science Policy Council, the Agency's forum for senior level policy deliberation and coordination on significant science issues.

Both the Models Guidance and the Models KBase were issued in draft form in January 2004. In addition to internal review, the CREM products have undergone an external review process through EPA's Science Advisory Board (the report may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/cremgacpanel.html>). The CREM also commissioned the National Academy of Science's (NAS) National Research Council to assess evolving scientific and technical issues related to the selection and use of computational and statistical models in decision making processes at EPA. The NRC report, entitled "Models of Environmental Regulatory Decision Making," was released in 2007 and provides advice on the management, evaluation, and use of models at the EPA. The report may be found at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=11972](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11972).

A revised draft of the Models Guidance, which built on the recommendations of the Science Advisory Board review panel and the NRC report, was issued for public comment in August 2008.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Meeting of the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee (MSTRS) will meet in May 2009. The MSTRS is a subcommittee under the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee. This is an open meeting. The meeting will include discussion of current topics and presentations about activities being conducted by EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality. The preliminary agenda for the meeting and any notices about change in venue will

be posted on the Subcommittee's Web site: [http://www.epa.gov/air/caaac/mobile\\_sources.html](http://www.epa.gov/air/caaac/mobile_sources.html). MSTRS listserver subscribers will receive notification when the agenda is available on the Subcommittee Web site. To subscribe to the MSTRS listserver, send a blank e-mail to [lists-mstrs@lists.epa.gov](mailto:lists-mstrs@lists.epa.gov).

**DATES:** Wednesday May 13, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Loews Madison Hotel, 1177 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Phone 202-862-1600. The hotel is located about four blocks from both the Farragut North and McPherson Square Metro stations.

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Background on the work of the subcommittee is available at: [http://www.epa.gov/air/caaac/mobile\\_sources.html](http://www.epa.gov/air/caaac/mobile_sources.html). Individuals or organizations wishing to provide comments to the subcommittee should submit them to Mr. Guy at the address above by April 24, 2009. The subcommittee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the meeting, the subcommittee may also hear progress reports from some of its workgroups as well as updates and announcements on activities of general interest to attendees.

**For Individuals With Disabilities:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Guy or Ms. Jackson (see above). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Mr. Guy or Ms. Jackson, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: March 25, 2009.

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