

As part of EPA's review of the primary and secondary PM NAAQS,³ the Agency is conducting quantitative assessments characterizing (1) the health risks associated with exposure to ambient PM, and (2) urban visibility impairment associated with ambient PM. The EPA's plans for conducting these assessments, including the proposed scope and methods of the analyses, were presented in two planning documents titled, *Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: Scope and Methods Plan for Health Risk and Exposure Assessment and Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: Scope and Methods Plan for Urban Visibility Impact Assessment* (henceforth, *Scope and Methods Plans*).⁴ These documents were released for public comment in February 2009 and were the subject of a consultation with the CASAC on April 2, 2009 (74 FR 11580; March 18, 2009).

The draft assessment documents announced today convey the approaches taken to assess exposures to ambient PM and to characterize associated health risks or urban visibility impairment, as well as present the initial key results, observations, and related uncertainties associated with the quantitative analyses performed. Earlier drafts of these documents were released for CASAC review and public comment in September 2009 (74 FR 46589; September 10, 2009). The EPA extended the public comment period to provide stakeholders and the public with adequate time to conduct analyses and prepare meaningful comments (74 FR 51148; October 5, 2009). The first draft assessment documents were the subject of a CASAC review meeting on October 5 and 6, 2009 (74 FR 46586; September 10, 2009).

The second draft titled, *Particulate Matter Urban-Focused Visibility Assessment* will be available on or about January 19, 2010. The second draft *Quantitative Health Risk Assessment for Particulate Matter* will be available on or about January 29, 2010, through the Agency's Technology Transfer Network (TTN) Web site at http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s_pm_2007_risk.html.

In addition, on or about February 26, 2010, EPA will make available a third draft document titled *Policy Assessment for the Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards: First External Review Draft*. This document will serve

to "bridge the gap" between the scientific information and the judgments required of the Administrator in determining whether it is appropriate to retain or revise the standards. The Policy Assessment will build upon information presented in the *Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter* (Final Report)⁵ and the two draft assessment documents described above. The first draft Policy Assessment may be accessed online through EPA's TTN Web site at http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s_pm_2007_pa.html.

The EPA is soliciting advice and recommendations from the CASAC by means of a review of these three draft documents at upcoming public meetings of the CASAC that will be held in March 2010. Information about these public meetings, including the dates and locations, will be published as a separate notice in the **Federal Register**. Following the CASAC meetings, EPA will consider comments received from the CASAC and the public in preparing revisions to these documents.

The draft documents briefly described above do not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination. The EPA will consider any public comments submitted in response to this notice when revising the documents.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC); Ambient Air Methods and Monitoring Subcommittee (AAMMS); Meeting and Public Teleconference

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is announcing a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Ambient Air Monitoring & Methods Subcommittee

(AAMMS or Subcommittee) to provide advice concerning ambient air monitoring issues for the Particulate Matter (PM) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) related to urban visibility. The chartered CASAC will subsequently hold a public teleconference to review and approve the Subcommittee's report.

DATES: The CASAC AAMMS meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) and Wednesday, February 25, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Eastern Time). The public teleconference will be held on March 26, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the SAB Conference Center at 1025 F Street, NW., Suite 3700, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wishes to submit a written or brief oral statement or wants further information concerning the February 24-25, 2010 meeting may contact Ms. Kyndall Barry, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail (202) 343-9868; fax (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at barry.kyndall@epa.gov. For information on the CASAC teleconference on March 26, 2010, please contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at the above listed address; via telephone/voice mail (202) 343-9867 or e-mail at stallworth.holly@epa.gov. General information concerning the CASAC and the CASAC documents can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (FACA), notice is hereby given that the CASAC AAMMS will hold a public meeting to provide advice on monitoring issues related PM urban visibility and that the chartered CASAC will hold a public teleconference to review and approve the Subcommittee's draft report. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) was established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee. CASAC provides advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC Panel and chartered CASAC

³ See <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/review.html> for more information on the NAAQS review process.

⁴ EPA-452/P-09-001 and -002; February 2009; Available: http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s_pm_2007_pd.html.

⁵ EPA/600/R-08/139F; December 2009; Available: http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s_pm_2007_isa.html.

will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Section 109(d)(1) of the CAA requires that the Agency periodically review and revise, as appropriate, the air quality criteria and the NAAQS for the six "criteria" air pollutants, including particulate matter. The EPA Office of Air and Radiation requested AAMMS advice on monitoring issues related to urban visibility. In October 2006, EPA issued the final rule to revise both the primary and secondary NAAQS for PM (71 FR 61144) and retain PM₁₀ as the indicator for thoracic coarse particles. The secondary standards for PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ were set identical to the respective primary standards to address PM-related welfare effects including visibility impairment, effects on vegetation and ecosystems, materials damage and soiling, and effects on climate change. The Agency is considering development of a specific indicator for urban visibility in support of a future secondary NAAQS. CASAC has been asked to provide advice on proposed options for an urban visibility indicator, and any methods and equipment for its direct measurement. The Agency is also seeking advice from AAMMS on options for a potential pilot monitoring network and/or a nationwide enforcement network for PM welfare effects. The chartered CASAC will hold a public teleconference to review the AAMMS draft report on March 26, 2010.

Technical Contacts: Any technical questions concerning the indicator and ambient air monitoring issues related to the PM NAAQS can be directed to Mr. Tim Hanley, OAQPS, at hanley.tim@epa.gov or (919) 541-4417.

Availability of Meeting Materials: The Agency document, *PM Light Extinction Measurements for a Possible Secondary PM NAAQS*, will be posted on the EPA Technology Transfer Network Web site on the respective page for Ambient Monitoring Technology Information Center at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/casacinf.html>. Prior to the meetings, the agendas and other materials for these CASAC meetings will be accessible through the calendar link on the blue navigation bar at <http://www.epa.gov/casac/>.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for consideration on the topics included in this advisory activity. **Oral Statements:** To be placed on the public speaker list for the

February 24–25, 2010 meeting, interested parties should notify Ms. Kyndall Barry, DFO, by e-mail no later than February 12, 2009. To be placed on

the public speaker list for the March 26, 2010 teleconference, interested parties should notify Dr. Holly Stallworth, DFO, by e-mail no later than March 15, 2010. Individuals making oral statements will be limited to five minutes per speaker. **Written Statements:** Written statements for the February 24–25, 2010 meeting should be received in the SAB Staff Office by

February 12, 2010, so that the information may be made available to the CASAC Panel for its consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements for the March 26, 2010 meeting should be received in the SAB Staff Office by March 12, 2010. Written statements should be supplied to the appropriate DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, WordPerfect, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Submitters are asked to provide versions of each document submitted with *and* without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Ms. Barry at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Meeting of the Air Quality Modeling Subcommittee Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Air Quality Modeling Subcommittee (AQMS) of the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council). The AQMS, supplemented with additional members from the Council, will review

air quality modeling results for scenarios with and without EPA's regulatory programs implemented under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The air quality modeling work has been developed in support of the Office of Air and Radiation's Second Section 812 Prospective Analysis of the benefits and costs of the Clean Air Act.

DATES: The meeting date is Friday, February 19, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending no later than 5 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Science Advisory Board Conference Center, 1025 F Street, NW., Suite 3705, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public who wish to obtain further information about this meeting may contact Ms. Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9697 or at sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov. General information about the Council may be found on the Council Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/advisorycouncilca>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (FACA), notice is hereby given that the Air Quality Modeling Subcommittee (AQMS) of the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council) will hold a public meeting to evaluate draft documents regarding air quality modeling and evaluation of modeling performance analyses to support the Second Prospective Section 812 Benefit-Cost Analysis of the Clean Air Act. The Council was established in 1991 pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1990 (see 42 U.S.C. 7612) to provide advice, information and recommendations on technical and economic aspects of analyses and reports EPA prepares on the impacts of the CAA on the public health, economy, and environment of the United States. The Council is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under FACA. The AQMS will provide advice through the Council and will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Pursuant to Section 812 of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA), EPA conducts periodic studies to assess benefits and costs of the EPA's regulatory actions under the Clean Air Act. The Council has provided advice on an EPA retrospective study