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Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD10-11-000]

#### Frequency Regulation Compensation in the Organized Wholesale Power Markets; Notice of Technical Conference

April 27, 2010.

Take notice that Commission staff will hold a technical conference to elicit input on issues pertaining to Frequency Regulation Compensation in the ISO/RTO Markets. The technical conference will take place on May 26, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Time. The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All interested persons are invited to participate in the conference.

Those interested in speaking at the conferences should notify the Commission by May 3, 2010 by completing an online form describing the topics that they will address: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/markets-05-26-speaker-form.asp>. Due to time constraints, we may not be able to accommodate all those interested in speaking. A detailed agenda, including panel speakers, will be published at a later date.

The technical conference will be transcribed. Transcripts of the conferences will be immediately available for a fee from Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646). The transcripts will be available for free on the Commission's eLibrary system and on the Calendar of Events approximately one week after the conference.

There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an e-mail to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 208-1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For further information about the conference, please contact: Tatyana Kramskaya (Technical Information), Office of Energy Policy and Innovation,

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6262, [Tatyana.Kramskaya@ferc.gov](mailto:Tatyana.Kramskaya@ferc.gov); Eric Winterbauer (Legal Information), Office of the General Counsel—Energy Markets, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8329, [Eric.Winterbauer@ferc.gov](mailto:Eric.Winterbauer@ferc.gov).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R05-OAR-2009-0666; FRL-9149-6]

### Adequacy Status of the Chicago, Illinois Area Submitted 8-Hour Ozone Redesignation and Maintenance Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) in the Chicago, Illinois ozone nonattainment area are adequate for use in transportation conformity determinations. Illinois submitted a redesignation request and maintenance plan for the Illinois portion of the Chicago ozone nonattainment area on July 23, 2009. As a result of our finding, this area must use the MVEBs from the submitted ozone maintenance plan for future transportation conformity determinations.

**DATES:** This finding is effective May 26, 2010.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Leslie, Environmental Engineer, Criteria Pollutant Section (AR-18J), Air Programs Branch, Air and Radiation Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604 (312) 353-6680, [leslie.michael@epa.gov](mailto:leslie.michael@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document, whenever "we", "us" or "our" is used, we mean EPA.

#### Background

Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. On April 22, 2010, EPA

Region 5 sent a letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency stating that the 2009 and 2020 MVEBs for the Chicago, Illinois 8-hour ozone nonattainment area are adequate. Receipt of these MVEBs was announced on EPA's transportation conformity Web site, and no comments were submitted. The finding is available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>.

The adequate 2009 and 2020 MVEBs, in tons per day (tpd), for VOCs and NO<sub>x</sub> for the Chicago, Illinois area are as follows:

Chicago area	NO <sub>x</sub> (tpd)	VOCs (tpd)
2009 .....	284.65	133.78
2020 .....	88.17	73.68

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 state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do conform. Conformity to a State Implementation Plan (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.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in our July 1, 2004, preamble starting at 69 FR 40038, and we used the information in these resources while making our adequacy determination. Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

The finding and the response to comments are available at EPA's transportation conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

Dated: April 29, 2010.

**Walter W. Kovalick Jr.,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OW–2009–0761; FRL–9149–8]

### Executive Order 13508 Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration Section 203 Final Coordinated Implementation Strategy

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of a final strategy for restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay that was prepared pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 13508 of May 12, 2009, Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration. The purpose of this strategy is to describe federal actions to protect and restore the health, heritage, natural resources, and social and economic value of the nation's largest estuarine ecosystem and the natural sustainability of its watershed. The EO requires that the final strategy be published within one year of the date of the EO.

**DATES:** Effective May 12, 2010.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Travis Loop, USEPA, Region 3, Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Annapolis City Marina, 410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109 (3CB10), Annapolis, MD 21403; *telephone number:* (410) 267–5758; *fax number:* (410) 267–5777; *e-mail:* [loop.travis@epa.gov](mailto:loop.travis@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

Executive Order 13508, Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration, dated May 12, 2009 (74 FR 23099, May 15, 2009), established a Federal Leadership Committee, chaired by EPA, and including senior representatives from the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Homeland Security, Interior and Transportation. EO 13508 directed these agencies to prepare and publish a strategy for coordinated implementation of existing programs and projects to guide efforts to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. The draft strategy was released for public comment on November 9, 2009 (74 FR 57675, November 9, 2009). This final strategy incorporates revisions resulting from public comments and ongoing consideration by the federal agencies.

##### Why was this document prepared?

Executive Order 13508, Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration, dated May 12, 2009 (74 FR 23099, May 15, 2009), required a Federal Leadership

Committee composed of seven Federal agencies to (1) prepare and publish a set of reports on key challenges to protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay, (2) prepare and publish a draft strategy for coordinated implementation of existing programs and projects to guide efforts to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay within 180 days of the date of the EO, and (3) prepare and publish a final strategy for coordinated implementation of existing programs and projects to guide efforts to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay within one year of the date of the EO.

The federal agency draft reports required by EO 13508 Sections 202(a) through (g) were released to the public for review on September 10, 2009. The draft reports were reviewed by the Federal Leadership Committee, in consultation with relevant state agencies. The reports were revised to reflect consideration of the comments received during state consultation and preliminary public input. The revised final reports were released on November 24, 2009.

The draft strategy for coordinated implementation of existing programs and projects to guide efforts to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay required by EO 13508 Section 203 was released for public comment on November 9, 2009 (74 FR 57675, November 9, 2009). The Federal Leadership Committee established a docket for public comments (EPA–HQ–OW–2009–0761). Several hundred individual comments were received, along with about 45,000 comments provided through mass-mailing campaigns. The Federal Leadership Committee has prepared a summary of its responses to public comments on the draft strategy. The summary is available at <http://executiveorder.chesapeakebay.net>.

The final strategy for restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay incorporates revisions resulting from public comments and ongoing consideration by the federal agencies. This final strategy meets the EO requirement to publish the final strategy within one year of the EO.

##### How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

**Docket:** EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2009–0761. The final EO 13508 Section 203 strategy document is available in the docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, as well as at <http://executiveorder.chesapeakebay.net>.

Assistance and tips for accessing the docket can be found at <http://executiveorder.chesapeakebay.net>. For