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Dated: August 24, 2011.

Vanessa T. Vu,

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notification of a Joint Public Teleconference of the Chartered Science Advisory Board and Board of Scientific Counselors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a joint public teleconference of the Chartered SAB and Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) to discuss a draft report providing advice on Office of Research and Development's (ORD's) new strategic directions for research.

DATES: The public teleconference will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

ADDRESSES: The public teleconference will be conducted by telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wishes further information concerning the teleconference may contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via

telephone/voice mail (202) 564-2218, fax (202) 565-2098; or e-mail at nugent.angela@epa.gov. General information concerning the SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDAA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The BOSC was established by the EPA to provide advice, information, and recommendations regarding the ORD research program. The SAB and BOSC are Federal Advisory Committees chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB and BOSC will hold a joint public teleconference to discuss a draft report providing advice on Office of Research and Development's (ORD's) new strategic directions for research. The SAB and BOSC will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The Office of Research and Development is restructuring its research programs for FY 2012 to better understand environmental problems and inform sustainable solutions to meet EPA's strategic goals. The SAB and BOSC held a public meeting on June 29-30, 2011 to receive briefings and discuss draft research frameworks for ORD's six major research programs (76 FR 32198-32199). The SAB and BOSC will hold a public teleconference on September 19, 2011 to discuss their draft joint advisory report. Additional information about SAB and BOSC advice on new ORD strategic research directions can be found on the SAB Web site at http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Strategic%20Research%20Directions?OpenDocument.

Availability of Meeting Materials: A meeting agenda and other materials for the meeting will be placed on the SAB Web site at <http://epa.gov/sab>.

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 September 19, 2011 meeting, interested parties should notify Dr. Angela Nugent, DFO, by e-mail no later than September 15, 2011.

Individuals making oral statements will be limited to five minutes per speaker. **Written Statements:** Written statements for the September 19, 2011 meeting should be received in the SAB Staff Office by September 15, 2011, so that the information may be made available to the SAB and BOSC for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the 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 electronic 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 Dr. Nugent 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.

Dated: August 26, 2011.

Vanessa T. Vu,

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("CAA" or the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed consent decree to address a lawsuit filed by WildEarth Guardians and Sierra Club in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California: *WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Jackson*, No. 3:11-cv-00190-WHA (N.D. Cal.). On July 6, 2011, Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint alleging that EPA failed, among other things, to take final action under section 110(k)(2) and (3) of the CAA to approve or disapprove, approve in part, or disapprove in part State Implementation

Plan (SIP) submittals or portions of submittals meeting applicable requirements of section 110(a)(2) of the CAA, for the States of Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Indiana, Maine, Ohio, New Mexico, Delaware, Kentucky, Nevada, Arkansas, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Arizona, Georgia and West Virginia with regards to the 2006 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (“NAAQS”). The proposed consent decree establishes deadlines for EPA to take these actions.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by *October 3, 2011*.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA–HQ–OGC–2011–0618, online at <http://www.regulations.gov> (EPA’s preferred method); by e-mail to oei.docket@epa.gov; by mail to EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; or by hand delivery or courier to EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Comments on a disk or CD-ROM should be formatted in Word or ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, and may be mailed to the mailing address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Geoffrey L. Wilcox, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; *telephone:* (202) 564–5601; *fax number* (202) 564–5603; *e-mail address:* wilcox.geoffrey@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree

The proposed consent decree would resolve a portion of a lawsuit seeking to compel the Administrator to take final action under sections 110(k)(2) and (3) of the CAA to either approve or disapprove, approve in part, or disapprove in part SIP submittals or portions of submittals meeting applicable requirements of section 110(a)(2) of the CAA. The SIP submissions at issue are the “infrastructure” SIPs that States are required to submit to meet the basic structural requirements to provide for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of the 2006 PM_{2.5} NAAQS within the 20 named States. Under the

consent decree, various deadlines have been established for EPA to take final action for the States of Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Indiana, Maine, Ohio, New Mexico, Delaware, Kentucky, Nevada, Arkansas, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Arizona, Georgia and West Virginia. No later than 15 business days after taking each action, EPA shall send the notice(s) of such action to the Office of the Federal Register for review and publication in the **Federal Register**. After EPA fulfills its obligations under the decree, the Plaintiffs and EPA agree to file a joint motion for voluntary dismissal, with prejudice.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree from persons who were not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines that consent to this consent decree should be withdrawn, the terms of the agreement will be affirmed.

II. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree

A. How can I get a copy of the consent decree?

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OGC–2011–0618) contains a copy of the proposed consent decree. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566–1752.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may use <http://www.regulations.gov> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the

system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select “search.”

It is important to note that EPA’s policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing online at <http://www.regulations.gov> without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute is not included in the official public docket or in the electronic public docket. EPA’s policy is that copyrighted material, including copyrighted material contained in a public comment, will not be placed in EPA’s electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the EPA Docket Center.

B. How and to whom do I submit comments?

You may submit comments as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked “late.” EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD ROM you submit. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA’s electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Use of the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA’s preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address,

or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's electronic mail (e-mail) system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the Docket without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address is automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

Dated: August 26, 2011.

Patricia Embrey,

Acting Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9458-3]

Proposed Settlement Agreement, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement agreement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("CAA" or the "Act"), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement to address a lawsuit filed by Sierra Club and WildEarth Guardians in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California: *Sierra Club et al. v. Jackson*, No. 3:10-cv-04060-CRB (N.D. Cal.). On August 10, 2011, Plaintiffs filed a second amended complaint alleging that EPA failed to perform a duty mandated by CAA section 110(c)(1), to promulgate Federal Implementation Plans ("FIPs") within twenty-four (24) months after issuing a finding of failure to submit State Implementation Plans ("SIPs") meeting applicable requirements of CAA section 110(a)(2), for North Dakota, Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Maryland, Virginia, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida and Georgia with regard to the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards ("NAAQS"). In addition, Plaintiffs also alleged that EPA failed to perform a duty mandated by CAA section 110(k)(2), to take final action on the SIP submittals or portions of submittals meeting applicable requirements of CAA section 110(a)(2), submitted by Maryland, Virginia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arizona with regard to the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. The proposed settlement

agreement establishes deadlines for EPA to take these actions. In addition, the proposed settlement agreement requires EPA to take action, as appropriate, on a petition for rulemaking filed by the Sierra Club on an issue related to existing SIP provisions.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed settlement agreement must be received by *October 3, 2011*.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OGC-2011-0722, online at <http://www.regulations.gov> (EPA's preferred method); by e-mail to oei.docket@epa.gov; by mail to EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; or by hand delivery or courier to EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Comments on a disk or CD-ROM should be formatted in Word or ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, and may be mailed to the mailing address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Geoffrey L. Wilcox, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-5601; fax number (202) 564-5603; e-mail address: wilcox.geoffrey@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Additional Information About the Proposed Settlement Agreement

The proposed settlement agreement would resolve a lawsuit seeking to compel the Administrator to take various actions related to the "infrastructure" SIP submissions of specific states for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. First, the proposed settlement agreement would require the Administrator either to promulgate a FIP, or to approve a SIP submission from the state in lieu thereof, pursuant to CAA section 110(c)(1), addressing the applicable requirements of section 110(a)(2), for North Dakota, Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Maryland, Virginia, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida and Georgia with regard to the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. Second, the proposed settlement agreement would also require the Administrator to take final action pursuant to CAA section 110(k)(2), on the SIP submittals or portions of submittals addressing the applicable requirements of section 110(a)(2), for Maryland, Virginia,

Arkansas, Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arizona with regard to the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

The proposed settlement agreement provides various dates by which EPA must propose action or take final action with respect to each of these duties, depending upon the state in question and the element or elements of section 110(a)(2) at issue. No later than 15 business days following signature on each notice related to a proposed or final action specified in the proposed settlement agreement, EPA is required to send the notice to the Office of the Federal Register for review and publication in the Federal Register. After EPA fulfills all of its obligations under the agreement to take actions required by section 110(c) or section 110(k) with respect to the various elements of section 110(a)(2) for the respective states, the Plaintiffs agree to file a motion for voluntary dismissal, with prejudice.

In addition to specific actions required by section 110(c)(1) and section 110(k), the proposed settlement agreement obligates EPA to respond to a petition for rulemaking from the Sierra Club concerning existing provisions in SIPs related to excess emissions from sources during periods of startup, shutdown, or malfunction ("SSM") that may be contrary to the CAA and EPA's policies addressing such emissions. The proposed settlement agreement requires EPA either to grant or to deny the petition with respect to the allegedly illegal SSM provisions by a specified date. If EPA grants the petition with respect to a provision, EPA agrees to promulgate either a SIP call pursuant to section 110(k)(5) or an error correction pursuant to section 110(k)(6), as EPA deems appropriate.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will accept written comments relating to the proposed settlement agreement from persons who were not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines that consent to this settlement agreement should be withdrawn, the terms of the agreement will be affirmed.