

appropriate public comment period. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation and the organization (if any) the individual will represent. Oral comments before the HSRB are generally limited to five minutes per individual or organization. Please note that this includes all individuals appearing either as part of, or on behalf of, an organization. While it is our intent to hear a full range of oral comments on the science and ethics issues under discussion, it is not our intent to permit organizations to expand the time limitations by having numerous individuals sign up separately to speak on their behalf. If additional time is available, further public comments may be possible.

2. *Written comments.* Please submit written comments prior to the meeting. For the HSRB to have the best opportunity to review and consider your comments as it deliberates on its report, you should submit your comments at least five business days prior to the beginning of this teleconference. If you submit comments after this date, those comments will be provided to the Board members, but you should recognize that the Board members may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to making a decision. Thus, if you plan to submit written comments, the Agency strongly encourages you to submit such comments no later than noon, Eastern Time, Wednesday, January 4, 2012. You should submit your comments using the instructions in section I, under subsection C, "What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?" In addition, the Agency also requests that persons submitting comments directly to the docket also provide a copy of their comments to Jim Downing or Lu-Ann Kleibacker listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the HSRB.

#### E. Background

The HSRB is a Federal advisory committee operating in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act 5 U.S.C. App.2 section 9. The HSRB provides advice, information, and recommendations to EPA on issues related to scientific and ethical aspects of human subjects research. The major objectives of the HSRB are to provide advice and recommendations on: (1) Research proposals and protocols; (2) reports of completed research with human subjects; and (3) how to strengthen EPA's programs for protection of human subjects of

research. The HSRB reports to the EPA Administrator through the EPA Science Advisor.

1. *Topics for Discussion.* The HSRB will be reviewing its draft report from the October 19–20, 2011, HSRB meeting. The Board may also discuss planning for future HSRB meetings. Background on the October 19–20, 2011 HSRB meeting can be found at the HSRB Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb>. The October 19–20, 2011 meeting draft report is now available. You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from regulations.gov Web site and the HSRB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb>. For questions on document availability or if you do not have Internet access, consult the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

2. *Meeting minutes and reports.* Minutes of the meeting, summarizing the matters discussed and recommendations, if any, made by the advisory committee regarding such matters, will be released within 90 calendar days of the meeting. Such minutes will be available at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb/> and <http://www.regulations.gov>. In addition, information regarding the Board's final meeting report will be found at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb> or from the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: December 7, 2011.

**Paul T. Anastas,**

*EPA Science Advisor.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9506–2]

### Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection to State Operating Permit for Murphy Oil USA, Inc., Meraux Refinery in St. Bernard Parish, LA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final action.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that the EPA Administrator has responded to a citizen petition asking EPA to object to an operating permit (Permit Number 2500–00001–V5) issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). Specifically, the Administrator has granted in part and denied in part the

December 10, 2009 petition, submitted by Tulane Environmental Law Clinic on behalf of Concerned Citizens Around Murphy (Petitioners). The petition asked the Administrator to object to the October 15, 2009 operating permit that LDEQ issued to Murphy Oil, USA, Inc. (Murphy Oil) for the Meraux Refinery. Pursuant to sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), a petition for judicial review of those parts of the Order that deny issues in the petition may be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit within 60 days from the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may review copies of the final Order, the petition, and other supporting information at EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75202–2733.

EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to view copies of the final Order, petition, and other supporting information. You may view the hard copies Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding Federal holidays. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment at least 24 hours before visiting day. Additionally the final order for the Murphy Oil, Meraux Refinery is available electronically at: [http://www.epa.gov/region07/air/title5/petitiondb/petitions/murphy\\_response2011.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region07/air/title5/petitiondb/petitions/murphy_response2011.pdf).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bonnie Braganza at (214) 665–7340, email address [braganza.bonnie@epa.gov](mailto:braganza.bonnie@epa.gov), or the above EPA, Region 6 address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CAA affords EPA a 45-day period to review, and object to as appropriate, a Title V operating permit proposed by State permitting authorities. Section 505(b)(2) of the Act authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator, within 60 days after the expiration of this review period, to object to a Title V operating permit if EPA has not done so. Petitions must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the State, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issue arose after this period.

EPA received a petition from the Petitioners dated December 10, 2009, requesting that EPA object to the issuance of the Title V operating permit to Murphy Oil, for the operation of the

Meraux Refinery in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana for the following reasons: (1) Murphy Oil did not provide information sufficient to evaluate the source and its application and to determine applicable requirements; (2) the netting analysis fails to include emergency flaring emissions; (3) the project triggers NSR review for sulfur dioxide and volatile organic compounds; and (4) the netting analyses relies on limitations that are not practically enforceable.

On September 21, 2011, the Administrator issued an order granting in part and denying in part the petition. The order explains the reasons behind EPA's decisions.

Dated: December 5, 2011.

**Al Armendariz,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9506-4]

### Regulation of Fuel and Fuel Additives: Modification to Octamix Waiver

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On February 1, 1988, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conditionally granted a waiver requested by the Texas Methanol Corporation (Texas Methanol) for a gasoline-alcohol fuel, pursuant to section 211(f) of the Clean Air Act.<sup>1</sup> A minor correction was made on May 12, 1988.<sup>2</sup> A modification to the original conditions was made on October 21, 1988.<sup>3</sup> Spirit of 21st Century LLC submitted a request to modify the waiver. The new request seeks approval on an alternative corrosion inhibitor, TXCeed, to be used within Texas Methanol's gasoline-alcohol fuel, also known as OCTAMIX. EPA considers this to be a request for modification of the waiver under 211(f) of the Clean Air Act (Act).

**DATES:** Comments or a request for a public hearing must be received on or before January 13, 2012. EPA does not plan to hold a public hearing on this notice, unless one is requested. If requested by December 29, 2011, a public hearing will be held. If such a hearing is held, comments must be received within 90 days after the date of such hearing.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0893, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov).

- *Fax:* (202) 566-9744.

- *Mail:* "EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0893, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460."

- *Hand Delivery:* EPA Headquarters Library, Room 3334, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0893. EPA's policy is that all comments will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or email. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. 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. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional instructions on submitting comments, go to Unit 1.B of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

**Docket:** All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although

listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Air Docket, EPA Headquarters Library, Mail Code: 2822T, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1742, and the facsimile number for the Air Docket is (202) 566-9744.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding this proposal contact, Joseph R. Sopata, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, (202) 343-9034.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 211(f)(1) of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or "the Act") makes it unlawful for any manufacturer of any fuel or fuel additive to first introduce into commerce, or to increase the concentration in use of, any fuel or fuel additive for use by any person in motor vehicles manufactured after model year 1974, which is not substantially similar to any fuel or fuel additive utilized in the certification of any model year 1975, or subsequent model year, vehicle or engine under section 206 of the Act. The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "the Agency") last issued an interpretive rule on the phrase "substantially similar" at 73 FR 22281 (April 25, 2008). Generally speaking, this interpretive rule describes the types of unleaded gasoline that are likely to be considered "substantially similar" to the unleaded gasoline utilized in EPA's certification program by placing limits on a gasoline's chemical composition as well as its physical properties, including the amount of alcohols and ethers (oxygenates) that may be added to gasoline. Fuels that are found to be "substantially similar" to EPA's certification fuels may be registered and introduced into commerce. The current "substantially similar" interpretive rule for unleaded gasoline allows oxygen content up to 2.7 weight for certain ethers and alcohols.

<sup>1</sup> 53 FR 3636, February 8, 1988.

<sup>2</sup> 53 FR 17977, May 19, 1988.

<sup>3</sup> 53 FR 43768, October 28, 1988.