

representative species chosen, biological and toxicological relevance of the major endpoints selected and measured, and the validation process used by EPA for all four Tier 2 non-mammalian tests (Ref. 2). Based on the FIFRA SAP's recommendations and public comments received, the EPA revised the test protocols (Ref. 3) and developed draft test guidelines for the following three tests: Japanese quail 2-generation toxicity test, Medaka extended 1-generation reproduction test, and Larval amphibian growth and development assay.

- The Japanese quail 2-generation reproduction test features a number of core apical endpoints related to survival, growth, reproduction and, potentially, behavior, as well as more pathway-specific endpoints (*e.g.*, histopathology). See draft OCSPP Test Guideline 890.2100, entitled "Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program Test Guidelines; Avian Two-generation Toxicity Test in the Japanese Quail."

- The Medaka extended 1-generation reproduction test, developed and evaluated primarily by scientists from the United States and Japan, starts with F0 adults, proceeds through the entire F1 generation, and provides an option for an entire life cycle exposure of the F2 generation. The test, which features both pathway-specific (*e.g.*, histopathology) and apical (*e.g.*, growth, reproduction) endpoints, has been successfully evaluated using several chemical substances expected to have different effects on the hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal (HPG) axis. See draft OCSPP Test Guideline 890.2200, entitled "Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program Test Guidelines; Medaka Extended One Generation Reproduction Test (MEOGRT)."

- The Larval amphibian growth and development assay is designed to assess possible risks of both HPG- and hypothalamic-pituitary-thyroid (HPT)-active toxicants. The assay, which was also developed through a joint effort between the United States and Japan, is initiated with Nieuwkoop-Faber (NF) stage 8 embryos and proceeds through NF stage 62 (complete metamorphosis). The amphibian test considers a variety of both apical and more pathway-specific endpoints. See draft OCSPP Test Guideline 890.2300, entitled "Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program Test Guidelines; Larval Amphibian Growth and Development Assay (LAGDA)."

IV. References

The following is a listing of the documents that are specifically referenced in this document. The docket

includes these documents and other information considered by EPA, including documents that are referenced within the documents that are in the docket, even if the referenced document is not physically located in the docket.

For assistance in locating these other documents, please consult the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

1. EPA. Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program; Proposed Statement of Policy; Notice. **Federal Register** (63 FR 71542, December 28, 1998) (FRL-6052-9).
2. FIFRA SAP. SAP Minutes No. 2013-04. A Set of Scientific Issues Being Considered by the Environmental Protection Agency Regarding: Proposed Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP) Tier 2 Ecotoxicity Tests, June 25-28, 2013. 2013. Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0182-0084.
3. EPA. Summary of EPA's Responses to Recommendations of the June 25-28, 2013 FIFRA SAP Regarding Proposed EDSP Tier 2 Non-Mammalian Tests. 2014.
4. EPA. OCSPP Harmonized Ecological Effects Test Guideline 850.1350 (Public Draft); Mysid Chronic Toxicity Test, April 1996. EPA 712-C-96-166. 1996. Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPPT-2009-0154.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*; 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*; 21 U.S.C. 346a.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 01/19/2015 Through 01/23/2015 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

EIS No. 20150019, Draft EIS, USACE, NC, Town of Ocean Isle Beach Shoreline Management Project, Comment Period Ends: 03/09/2015, Contact: Tyler Crumbley 910-251-4170

EIS No. 20150020, Draft EIS, NOAA, 00, PROGRAMMATIC—Habitat Restoration Activities Implemented throughout the Coastal United States, Comment Period Ends: 03/20/2015, Contact: Frederick Sutter 301-427-8600

EIS No. 20150021, Final EIS, NMFS, 00, Recreational Red Snapper Sector Separation, Amendment 40 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico, Review Period Ends: 03/02/2015, Contact: Roy Crabtree 727-824-5301

EIS No. 20150022, Draft Supplement, BOEM, 00, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sales 2016 and 2017, Central Planning Area Lease Sales 241 and 247; Eastern Planning Area Lease Sales 226, Comment Period Ends: 03/16/2015, Contact: Gary Goeke 504-736-3233

EIS No. 20150023, Final Supplement, USN, 00, Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) Sonar Systems, Review Period Ends: 03/02/2015, Contact: Cynthia Morgan 703-695-8266 EIS No. 20150024, Final EIS, FHWA, ME, I-395/Route 9 Transportation System, Review Period Ends: 03/02/2015, Contact: Mark Hasselmann 207-512-4913

EIS No. 20150025, Final EIS, FERC, 00, Algonquin Incremental Market Project, Review Period Ends: 03/02/2015, Contact: Maggie Suter 202-502-6463

EIS No. 20150026, Final Supplement, USFS, WY, Long Term Special Use Authorization for Wyoming Game and Fish Commission to Use National Forest System Lands for their Winter Elk Management Activities at Alkali Creek Feedground, Review Period Ends: 03/16/2015, Contact: Pam Bode 307-739-5513

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20140354, Draft EIS, USACE, FL, South Central Palm Beach Island Comprehensive Shoreline Stabilization Project, Comment Period Ends: 02/25/2015, Contact: Garrett Lips 561-674-2421

Revision to FR Notice Published 12/12/2014; Extending Comment Period from 01/26/2015 to 2/25/2015

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[Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0232; FRL-9922-21-ORD]

Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 60-day public comment period for the draft document titled, “Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria” (EPA/600/R-13/005). The draft document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA’s Office of Research and Development (ORD) as part of the review of the primary (health-based) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). The Integrated Science Assessment (ISA), in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, provide the scientific basis for EPA decisions on the adequacy of the current NAAQS and the appropriateness of possible alternative standards. EPA is developing a separate ISA and NAAQS review for the secondary (welfare-based) NAAQS for NO₂, in conjunction with a review of the secondary NAAQS for sulfur dioxide (78 FR 53452).

EPA is releasing this draft document to seek review by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the public (meeting date and location to be specified in a separate **Federal Register** notice). This draft document is not final as described in EPA’s information quality guidelines, and it does not represent and should not be construed to represent Agency policy or views. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in response to this notice when revising the document.

DATES: The 60-day public comment period begins January 30, 2015, and ends March 31, 2015. Comments must be received on or before March 31, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The “Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—

Health Criteria” will be available primarily via the Internet on NCEA’s home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea> or the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0232. A limited number of CD-ROM copies will be available. Contact Ms. Marieka Boyd by phone: 919-541-0031; fax: 919-541-5078; or email: boyd.marieka@epa.gov to request a CD-ROM, and please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, “Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria” to facilitate processing of your request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the ORD Docket at EPA’s Headquarters Docket Center; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: Docket_ORD@epa.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act directs the Administrator to identify certain pollutants that, among other things, “cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare” and to issue air quality criteria for them. These air quality criteria are to “accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of [a] pollutant in the ambient air. . . .” Under section 109 of the Act, the EPA is then to establish NAAQS for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d) of the Act subsequently requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. EPA is also required to review and, if appropriate, revise the NAAQS, based on the revised air quality criteria (for more information on the NAAQS review process, see <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/review.html>).

The oxides of nitrogen are one of six criteria pollutants for which EPA has established NAAQS. Periodically, EPA reviews the scientific basis for these standards by preparing an ISA (formerly called an Air Quality Criteria Document). The ISA, in conjunction with additional technical and policy

assessments, provides the scientific basis for EPA decisions on the adequacy of the current NAAQS and the appropriateness of possible alternative standards. The CASAC, an independent science advisory committee whose review and advisory functions are mandated by Section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act, is charged (among other things) with independent scientific review of EPA’s air quality criteria.

On February 10, 2012 (77 FR 7149), EPA formally initiated its current review of the air quality criteria for the health effects of oxides of nitrogen and the primary (health-based) NO₂ NAAQS, requesting the submission of recent scientific information on specified topics. EPA held a workshop on February 29 to March 1, 2012, to gather input from scientific experts, both internal and external to EPA, as well as from the public regarding key science and policy issues that will frame the review of the health effects of the oxides of nitrogen and the primary NO₂ NAAQS (77 FR 7149, February 10, 2012).

The discussions at this workshop guided the development of EPA’s “Draft Plan for Development of the Integrated Science Assessment for Nitrogen Oxides—Health Criteria,” a draft “Integrated Review Plan for the Primary NAAQS for Nitrogen Dioxide” (EPA-452/R-14-003) (IRP), and initial draft materials for the development of the ISA. The draft plan for the development of the ISA was made available for public comment on May 3, 2013 (78 FR 26026), and was discussed by CASAC via a publicly accessible teleconference consultation on June 5, 2013 (78 FR 27234, May 9, 2013). On June 11, 2013, EPA held a workshop to discuss, with invited scientific experts, initial draft materials prepared for the development of the ISA (78 FR 27374, May 10, 2013). The draft IRP was made available in February 2014 for public comment and CASAC review (79 FR 7184, February 6, 2014). The IRP was reviewed by CASAC at a public meeting on March 12, 2014 (79 FR 8701, February 13, 2014). The final IRP was released in June 2014 (79 FR 36801, June 30, 2014), and is available at: http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/nox/s_nox_2012_pd.html.

Comments on the draft plan for the ISA and discussion at the June 11, 2013, workshop guided development of the “First External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria,” which was released on November 22, 2013 (78 FR 70040), and is available at: http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/isa/recor_display.cfm?deid=259167. The CASAC