III. Description of Programs and Potential Disclosure of Information Claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) to Contractors

The EPA’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) has responsibility for protecting public health and the environment by regulating air pollution from motor vehicles, engines, and the fuels used to operate them, and by encouraging travel choices that minimize emissions. In order to implement various Clean Air Act programs, and to permit regulated entities flexibility in meeting regulatory requirements (e.g., compliance on average), we collect compliance reports and other information from them.

Occasionally, the information submitted is claimed to be confidential business information (CBI). Information submitted under such a claim is handled in accordance with EPA’s regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B and in accordance with the EPA procedures, including comprehensive system security plans (SSPs) that are consistent with those regulations. When the EPA has determined that disclosure of information claimed as CBI to contractors is necessary, the corresponding contract must address the appropriate use and handling of the information by the contractor and the contractor must require its personnel who require access to information claimed as CBI to sign written nondisclosure agreements before they are granted access to data.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.301(h), we have determined that the contractors, subcontractors, and grantees (collectively referred to as “contractors”) listed below require access to CBI submitted to us under the Clean Air Act and in connection with the Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule [40 CFR part 98, subparts A (general registration and reporting provisions) LL, and MM], as well as various OTAQ programs related to fuels, vehicles, and engines (40 CFR parts 79 and 80) and we are providing notice and an opportunity to comment. OTAQ collects this data in order to monitor compliance with Clean Air Act programs and, in many cases, to permit regulated parties flexibility in meeting regulatory requirements. For example, data that may contain CBI are collected to register fuels and fuel additives prior to introduction into commerce. Certain programs are designed to permit regulated parties an opportunity to comply on average, or to engage in transactions using various types of credits. For example, OTAQ collects information about batches of gasoline that refiners produce to ensure compliance with reformulated gasoline standards. We are issuing this Federal Register notice to inform all affected submitters of information that we plan to grant access to material that may be claimed as CBI to the contractors identified below on a need-to-know basis.

Under Contract Number EP–C–11–07, CSRA, located at 3170 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042, and at 650 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22901, and its subcontractor, Ecco Select, 1301 Oak Street, Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64106, provide report processing, program support, technical support, and information technology services that involve access to information claimed as CBI related to 40 CFR part 79, 40 CFR part 80, and 40 CFR part 98 subparts A, LL, and MM. Access to data, including information claimed as CBI, will commence on December 31, 2015, and will continue until June 30, 2016. If the contract is extended, this access will continue for the remainder of the contract without further notice.

OTAQ utilizes the services of enrollees under the Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) program. Some SEE enrollees are provided through Grant Number CQ–834621, the National Association for Hispanic Elderly (NAHE), located at 234 East Colorado Boulevard, Suite 300, Pasadena, CA 91101, and through Grant Numbers CQ–835372 and CQ–835572, the Senior Service America, Inc. (SSAI), located at 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1200, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Access to data relating to all of OTAQ’s programs and to subparts A, LL, and MM of the Mandatory GHG Reporting Rule, including information claimed as CBI, is ongoing until December 31, 2016 for Grant Number CQ–834621, October 14, 2016 for Grant Number CQ–835372, and September 30, 2016 for Grant Number CQ–835572. If these grants are extended, this access will continue for the remainder of the grants and any future extensions without further notice.

OTAQ also has fellows provided via the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Intern/Research Participation Program. Some participants are provided through Interagency Agreement Number DW8992403, ORISE, located at 1299 Bethel Valley Road, Building SC–200, Oak Ridge, TN 37830. Access to data relating to all of OTAQ’s programs and to subparts A, LL, and MM of the Mandatory GHG Reporting Rule, including information claimed as CBI, but excluding CBI under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), is ongoing until September 30, 2016. If the program is extended, this access will continue for the remainder of the program and any future extensions without further notice.

 Parties who want further information about this Federal Register notice or about OTAQ’s disclosure of information claimed as CBI to contractors may contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.


Byron J. Bunker, Director, Compliance Division, Office of Transportation & Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Notification of a Public Meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Sulfur Oxides Panel and a Public Teleconference of the Chartered CASAC and the CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.


DATES: The face-to-face meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, and Thursday, January 28, 2016. The teleconference will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Location: The face-to-face meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Raleigh-Brownstone-University, 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The public teleconference will be held by telephone only. Call-in information will be available on the respective CASAC meeting Web pages or by contacting the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to obtain information concerning the public
meeting or teleconference may contact Mr. Aaron Yeow, DFO, EPA Science Advisory Board Office (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564–2050 or at yeow.aaron@epa.gov. General information about the CASAC, as well as any updates concerning the meetings announced in this notice, may be found on the CASAC Web page at http://www.epa.gov/casac.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CASAC was established pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1977, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7409(d)[2], to review air quality criteria and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and recommend any new NAAQS and revisions of existing criteria and NAAQS as may be appropriate. The CASAC is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. 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 sulfur oxides. EPA is currently reviewing the primary (health-based) NAAQS for sulfur dioxide (SO2), as an indicator for health effects caused by the presence of sulfur oxides in the ambient air. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel will hold a public face-to-face meeting to review EPA’s Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria (External Review Draft—November 2015). The CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel will hold a public teleconference to discuss its draft peer review report and the Chartered CASAC will discuss the disposition of the panel’s report at the end of the teleconference. The Chartered CASAC and CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Technical Contacts: Any technical questions concerning the Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria (External Review Draft—November 2015) should be directed to Dr. Tom Long (long.tom@epa.gov), EPA Office of Research and Development.

Availability of Meeting Materials: Prior to the meeting, the review documents, agenda and other materials will be available on the CASAC Web page at http://www.epa.gov/casac.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA’s federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit comments for a federal advisory committee to consider as it develops advice for EPA. Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information on the topic of this advisory activity, and/or the group conducting the activity, for the CASAC to consider during the advisory process. Input from the public to the CASAC will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for CASAC panels to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the DFO directly. Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public face-to-face meeting will be limited to five minutes and on a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes. Each person making an oral statement should consider providing written comments as well as their oral statement so that the points presented orally can be expanded upon in writing. Interested parties should contact Mr. Aaron Yeow, DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by January 20, 2016, to be placed on the list of public speakers for the face-to-face meeting and by March 30, 2016, for the teleconference. Written Statements: Written statements should be supplied to the DFO via email at the contact information noted above by January 20, 2016, for the face-to-face meeting and by March 30, 2016, for the teleconference. The information may be made available to the Panel members for their consideration. It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the Web page for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the CASAC Web site. Written material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Human Studies Review Board; Notification of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of the Science Advisor announces two separate public meetings of the Human Studies Review Board to advise the Agency on the ethical and scientific reviews of EPA research with human subjects.

DATES: A public virtual meeting will be held on January 12–13, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time each day. A separate teleconference meeting is planned for Wednesday, March 30, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m., for the HSRB to finalize its Final Report of the January 12–13, 2016 meeting.

ADDRESSES: Both of these meetings will be conducted entirely on the Internet using Adobe Connect. For detailed access information visit the HSRB Web site: http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board.

Comments: Submit your written comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2015–0588, by one of the following methods:

Internet: http://www.regulations.gov: Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Email: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.


Hand Delivery: The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is located in the EPA Headquarters Building, Room 3334 in the EPA WJC West, at 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington,