

the remaining 20% is in fair condition based on assessments of the plant community. Physical disturbances to wetlands and their surrounding habitat such as compacted soil, ditching, or removal of plants, are the most widespread problems across the country. Approximately a quarter of wetland area nationally has high stress levels for surface hardening, vegetation removal, and ditching. The report has undergone public, peer, state/tribal, and EPA review.

*A. How can I get copies of the NWCA 2011 report and other related information?*

You may view and download the final report from EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/national-aquatic-resource-surveys/nwca>.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Public Comment Draft for the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Assessment of tert-Butyl Alcohol**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 60-day public comment period for the draft IRIS Toxicological Review of tert-Butyl Alcohol. The draft document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD).

EPA is releasing this draft IRIS assessment for public comment and discussion during the June 29-30, 2016 IRIS Public Science Meeting. This draft assessment 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 all public comments submitted in response to this notice when revising this document.

**DATES:** The 60-day public comment period begins May 16, 2016, and ends July 15, 2016. Comments must be received on or before July 15, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft IRIS Toxicological Review of tert-Butyl Alcohol will be available via the Internet on IRIS' Recent Additions at <http://www.epa.gov/iris/iris-recent-additions> or the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0111.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public comment period, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).

For technical information on the draft IRIS assessment of tert-Butyl Alcohol, contact Dr. Janice Lee, NCEA; telephone: 919-541-9458; or email: [lee.janiceS@epa.gov](mailto:lee.janiceS@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Information About IRIS**

EPA's IRIS Program is a human health assessment program that evaluates quantitative and qualitative risk information on effects that may result from exposure to chemicals found in the environment. Through the IRIS Program, EPA provides the highest quality science-based human health assessments to support the Agency's regulatory activities and decisions to protect public health. The IRIS database contains information on chemicals that can be used to support the first two steps (hazard identification and dose-response evaluation) of the human health risk assessment process. When supported by available data, IRIS provides health effects information and toxicity values for health effects (including cancer and effects other than cancer). Government and others combine IRIS toxicity values with exposure information to characterize public health risks of chemicals; this information is then used to support risk management decisions designed to protect public health.

**II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)**

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0111, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).
- *Fax:* 202-566-9744.
- *Mail:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (ORD Docket), Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.
- *Hand Delivery:* The ORD Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket

Center, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue 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. Deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0111. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. The [www.regulations.gov](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 [www.regulations.gov](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 information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at [www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm).

**Docket:** Documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](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 materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the ORD Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[GN Docket No. 12-268; AU Docket No. 14-252; WT Docket No. 12-269; DA 16-453]

### Initial Clearing Target of 126 Megahertz Set for the Broadcast Television Spectrum Incentive Auction; Bidding in the Clock Phase of the Reverse Auction (Auction 1001) Will Start on May 31, 2016

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Incentive Auction Task Force and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau announce the initial clearing target of 126 megahertz for the Broadcast Television Spectrum Incentive Auction and that the bidding in the clock phase of the reverse auction is scheduled to begin on May 31, 2016. This document also announces the mailing of Final Confidential Status Letters, the number of forward auction blocks, and details and dates regarding the availability of educational and informational materials and bidding for reverse auction applicants that are qualified to bid in the reverse auction clock phase.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division:* For general auction questions, contact Linda Sanderson at (717) 338-2868. For reverse auction legal questions, contact Erin Griffith or Kathryn Hinton at (202) 418-0660.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the *Incentive Auction Clearing Target Public Notice*, GN Docket No. 12-268, AU Docket No. 14-252, WT Docket No. 12-269, DA 16-453, released on April 29, 2016. The complete text of the *Incentive Auction*

*Clearing Target Public Notice* is available for public inspection and copying from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Thursday or from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET on Fridays in the FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text is also available on the Commission's Web site at <http://wireless.fcc.gov>, the Auction 1001 Web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/auctions/1001>, or by using the search function on the ECFS Web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Alternative formats are available to persons with disabilities by sending an email to [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

1. The Incentive Auction Task Force (Task Force) and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announce the 126 megahertz initial spectrum clearing target that has been set by the Auction System's initial clearing target determination procedure and the associated band plan for the initial stage of the incentive auction, as well as the number of Category 1 and Category 2 generic license blocks in each Partial Economic Area (PEA) that will be offered in the initial stage during the forward auction (Auction 1002). The Task Force and Bureau also announce that they will send a confidential letter (the Final Confidential Status Letter) to inform each applicant that was permitted to make an initial commitment in the reverse auction (Auction 1001) of its status with respect to the clock phase of the reverse auction. Finally, the Task Force and Bureau provide details and specific dates regarding the availability of educational materials and the bidding in the clock phase of the reverse auction.

#### I. Initial Clearing Target and Band Plan

2. The Auction System's initial clearing target determination procedure has set an initial spectrum clearing target of 126 megahertz. Under the band plan associated with this spectrum clearing target, 100 megahertz, or 10 paired blocks, of licensed spectrum will be offered in the forward auction on a near-nationwide basis.

3. The generic license blocks offered in the initial stage during the forward auction under this band plan will consist of a total of 4030 "Category 1" blocks (zero to 15 percent impairment) and a total of 18 "Category 2" blocks (greater than 15 percent and up to 50 percent impairment). Approximately 97 percent of the blocks offered for the forward auction will be "Category 1"

blocks, and 99 percent of the "Category 1" blocks will be zero percent impaired. Attached to the *Incentive Auction Clearing Target Public Notice* as Appendix A is a list indicating the number of "Category 1" and "Category 2" blocks available in each PEA.

4. The initial clearing target was determined by the procedure the Commission adopted in the *Auction 1000 Bidding Procedures Public Notice*, 80 FR 61917, October 14, 2015. Based on the initial commitments made by broadcast applicants seeking to bid in the clock phase of Auction 1001, the procedure identified a provisional assignment of eligible television stations to channels for each possible clearing target with the primary objective of minimizing impairments to forward auction licenses, consistent with the Commission's statutory obligation to make all reasonable efforts to preserve stations' populations served and coverage areas and its international arrangements with Canada and Mexico. The initial clearing target announced is the highest possible clearing target and associated band plan for which the provisional assignment satisfies the optimization objectives and the near-nationwide standard for impairments. If a subsequent stage is necessary, the clearing target determination procedure will be applied to select a new clearing target and corresponding band plan.

#### II. Final Confidential Status Letters for Reverse Auction Applicants

5. The Bureau will send to the contact person for each applicant that was permitted to make an initial commitment in Auction 1001 a Final Confidential Status Letter to inform the applicant of its status. The letter will notify the applicant, for each station included in the application, either that (1) the station is qualified to participate in the clock phase of the reverse auction; (2) the station is not qualified because no initial commitment was made for that station; (3) the station is not qualified because the commitment(s) made by the applicant for that station could not be accommodated; or (4) the station is not qualified because the Auction System determined that the station is not needed to meet the initial or any subsequent clearing target.

6. Applicants with one or more qualified stations will be deemed qualified bidders for the clock phase of Auction 1001 and will be automatically registered for the auction. The initial commitment is the station's unconditional, irrevocable offer to fulfill the terms of the commitment, which if accepted by the Commission, becomes a