

II. Information About the Project

Two sections of the Clean Air Act (CAA or the Act) govern the establishment and revision of the NAAQS. Section 108 directs the Administrator to identify and list certain air pollutants and then issue “air quality criteria” for those pollutants. The 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 such pollutant in the ambient air . . .” (CAA section 108(a)(2)). Under section 109 of the Act, the EPA is then to establish primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) NAAQS for each pollutant for which the EPA has issued air quality criteria. Section 109(d)(1) of the Act requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria. Revised air quality criteria are to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health and welfare. Under the same provision, the EPA is also to periodically review and, if appropriate, revise the NAAQS, based on the revised air quality criteria.

The Act additionally requires appointment of an independent scientific review committee that is to periodically review the existing air quality criteria and NAAQS and to recommend any new standards and revisions of existing criteria and standards as may be appropriate (CAA section 109(d)(2)(A)–(B)). Since the early 1980s, the requirement for an independent scientific review committee has been fulfilled by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC).

Presently the EPA is reviewing the air quality criteria and NAAQS for photochemical oxidants and O₃.¹ The draft document announced in this notice is being developed as part of the planning phase for the review. The draft IRP has been prepared jointly by the EPA’s National Center for Environmental Assessment, within the Office of Research and Development, and the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, within the Office of Air and Radiation. This document will be available on the EPA’s website at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/ozone-o3-air-quality-standards>. The document will be accessible under “Planning Documents” from the current review.

The draft IRP is being made available for consultation with CASAC and for public comment. Comments should be

submitted to the docket, as described above, by December 3, 2018. A separate **Federal Register** notice will provide details about this meeting and the process for participation. The final IRP will be prepared in consideration of CASAC and public comments. The draft document announced in this notice presents the draft plan for this review, including the anticipated timeline for the review, the expected process for conducting the review, and the key policy-relevant science issues that are expected to guide the review. This draft document does not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202–564–5632 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 10/22/2018 Through 10/26/2018
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: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-eneпа-public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20180258, Final, FERC, LA, Calcasieu Pass Project, Review Period Ends: 12/03/2018, Contact: Office of External Affairs 866–208–3372.

EIS No. 20180259, Draft, USFS, OR, Ragged Ruby, Comment Period Ends: 12/17/2018, Contact: Sasha Fertig 541–575–3061.

EIS No. 20180260, Draft Supplement, USFS, ND, Northern Great Plains Management Plans Revision (Dakota Prairie Oil and Gas RFDS SEIS), Comment Period Ends: 12/17/2018, Contact: Leslie Ferguson 701–989–7308.

EIS No. 20180261, Final, USACE, AK, Nanushuk Project, Review Period

Ends: 12/03/2018, Contact: Ellon Lyons 907–474–2169.
EIS No. 20180262, Final, USFS, AK, Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis Project, Review Period Ends: 12/17/2018, Contact: Delilah Brigham 907–828–3232.

EIS No. 20180263, Draft, FERC, TX, Texas LNG Project, Comment Period Ends: 12/17/2018, Contact: Office of External Affairs 866–208–3372.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20180251, Final, NJDEP, NJ, Rebuild by Design (RBD) Meadowlands Flood Control Project, Review Period Ends: 11/26/2018, Contact: Dennis Reinknecht 609–984–0556 Revision to FR Notice Published 10/26/2018; Correcting Lead Agency from HUD to NJDEP.

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FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Virtual Meeting; Request for Comments on Prospective Ad hoc Candidates

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: There will be a 2-hour preparatory virtual meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) on November 14, 2018, to consider and review the scope and clarity of the draft charge questions for the December 4–7, 2018 FIFRA SAP Meeting on the Evaluation of a Proposed Approach to Refine Inhalation Risk Assessment for Point of Contact Toxicity: A Case Study Using a New Approach Methodology (NAM). In addition, EPA is announcing and inviting comments on the experts currently under consideration as ad hoc participants in this review.

DATES: The preparatory virtual meeting will be held on November 14, 2018, from approximately 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (EST). This is an open public meeting that will be conducted via webcast using Adobe Connect and telephone. Registration is required to participate during this meeting. Please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/sap> to register.

Comments. Requests to make oral comments during the preparatory

¹ The EPA’s call for information for this review was issued on June 26, 2018 (83 FR 29785).