Acid Rain Program: Excess Emissions Penalty Inflation Adjustments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of annual adjustment factors.

SUMMARY: The Acid Rain Program requires sources that do not meet their annual Acid Rain emissions limitations for sulfur dioxide (SO_2) or nitrogen oxides (NO_X) to pay inflation-adjusted excess emissions penalties. This document provides notice of the annual adjustment factors used to calculate excess emissions penalties for compliance years 2019 and 2020.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Acid Rain Program limits SO_2 and NO_X emissions from fossil fuel-fired electricity generating units. All affected sources must hold allowances sufficient to cover their annual SO_2 mass emissions, and certain coal-fired units must meet annual average NO_X emission rate limits. Under 40 CFR 77.6, any source that does not meet these requirements must pay an excess emissions penalty without demand to the EPA Administrator. The automatic penalty is computed as the number of excess tons of SO_2 or NO_X emitted times a per-ton penalty amount of $2,000 times an annual adjustment factor, which must be published in the Federal Register.

The annual adjustment factor used to compute excess emissions penalties for compliance year 2019 is 2.0236, resulting in an automatic penalty amount of $4,047 per excess ton of SO_2 or NO_X emitted in 2019. In accordance with 40 CFR 77.6(b) and 72.2, this annual adjustment factor is determined from values of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI–U) for August 1989 and August 2018.

The annual adjustment factor used to compute excess emissions penalties for compliance year 2020 is 2.0591, resulting in an automatic penalty amount of $4,118 per excess ton of SO_2 or NO_X emitted in 2020. This annual adjustment factor is determined from values of the CPI–U for August 1989 and August 2019.

Dated: September 25, 2019.

Reid P. Harvey,
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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Pursuant to the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:43 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters related to the Corporation’s supervision, corporate, and resolution activities.

PLACE: The meeting was held in the Board Room located on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: The meeting was closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Martin J. Gruenberg, seconded by Kathleen L. Kraninger (Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau), and concurred in by Director Joseph M. Otting (Comptroller of the Currency) and Chairman Jelena McWilliams, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters which were to be the subject of this meeting on less than seven days’ notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B) of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b)(c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Vicktoria J. Allen, Acting Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Request for Nominations for Voting Members on the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for members to serve on the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee, in the Center for Tobacco Products. FDA seeks to include the views of women and men, members of all racial and ethnic groups, and individuals with and without disabilities on its advisory committees and, therefore, encourages nominations of appropriately qualified candidates from these groups.

DATES: Nominations received on or before December 16, 2019 will be given first consideration for membership on the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee. Nominations received after December 16, 2019 will be considered for nomination to the committee as later vacancies occur.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for membership should be sent electronically by logging into the FDA Advisory Nomination Portal: https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/FACTRSPortal/FACTRS/index.cfm, or by mail to Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, Rm. 5103, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002.