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**DATES:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting is currently scheduled to be held at The Residence Inn Arlington Capital View Hotel at 2850 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington, Virginia 22202. However, this date and location are subject to change and interested parties should monitor the Subcommittee website (above) for the latest logistical information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Courtney McCubbin, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Mail code 6401A, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; Phone number: 202-564-2436; email: [mccubbin.courtney@epa.gov](mailto:mccubbin.courtney@epa.gov).

Background on the work of the Subcommittee is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/caaac/mobile-sources-technical-review-subcommittee-mstrs-caaac>.

Individuals or organizations wishing to provide comments to the Subcommittee should submit them to Ms. McCubbin at the address above by March 17, 2020. The Subcommittee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the meeting, the Subcommittee may also hear progress reports from some of its workgroups as well as updates and announcements on activities of general interest to attendees.

*For individuals with disabilities:* For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Ms. McCubbin (see above). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Ms. McCubbin, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: January 15, 2020.

**Sarah Dunham,**

*Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0691; FRL-10003-50-OMS]

### Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) State Implementation Plan (SIP) Requirements Rule (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) State Implementation Plan (SIP) Requirements Rule (EPA ICR Number 2258.05, OMB Control Number 2060-0611), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed renewal of the existing ICR for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS State Implementation Plan (SIP) Requirements Rule, which is currently approved through January 31, 2020. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on October 1, 2019, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An Agency may not conduct, or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before March 2, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0691, online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Leigh Herrington, Office of Air Quality

Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, by phone at (919) 541-0882 or by email at [herrington.leigh@epa.gov](mailto:herrington.leigh@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is (202) 566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**Abstract:** The PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS SIP Requirements Rule became effective on October 24, 2016 (81 FR 58010). This rule provides the framework of Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements for air agencies to develop state implementation plans to help attain and maintain the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. States have applied this framework to develop attainment plans and redesignation requests and maintenance plans for areas designated nonattainment for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, the 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, and the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

The ICR finalized with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS SIP Requirements Rule estimated, for the 3 years following the ICR approval date, the burden associated with plan development and plan revisions related to ongoing implementation efforts in 31 areas designated nonattainment for the 1997, 2006 and 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. The estimates included the burden to develop and submit, and the burden to the EPA to review and to approve or disapprove, attainment plans to meet the requirements prescribed in CAA sections 110 and part D, subparts 1 and 4 of title I. A PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS attainment plan contains rules and other measures designed to improve air quality and achieve the NAAQS by the deadlines established under the CAA. It also must address several additional CAA requirements related to demonstrating timely attainment and must contain contingency measures in the event the nonattainment area does not achieve reasonable further progress throughout the attainment period or in the event the area does not attain the NAAQS by its attainment date. States that have attained by the applicable attainment date may be eligible to submit a redesignation request and maintenance plan to receive a redesignation from "nonattainment" to "attainment." After a state submits an attainment or maintenance plan, the CAA requires the

EPA to approve or disapprove the plan. Tribes may develop or submit attainment plans but are not required to do so.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* State and local governments.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR parts 50, 51, and 93).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 8.

*Frequency of response:* Once per triggering event.

*Total estimated burden:* 25,500 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated costs:* \$1,600,000 (per year), which includes no annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in Estimates:* There is a decrease of 65,100 annual hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is primarily a result of a reduction in the number of designated nonattainment areas.

**Courtney Kerwin,**

*Director, Regulatory Support Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0072; FRL-10004-46-OAR]

### Release of a Final Document Related to the Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of a document titled, *Policy Assessment for the Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter* (PA). This document was prepared as part of the current review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Particulate Matter (PM). Building on the *Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter* (ISA), completed in December 2019, the PA is intended to “bridge the gap” between the currently available scientific information and the judgments required of the Administrator in determining whether to retain or revise the existing NAAQS for PM.

**DATES:** The PA will be made available on or about January 27, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** This document will be available primarily via the internet at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-air-quality-standards>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Scott Jenkins, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (Mail Code C504-06), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: 919-541-1167; fax number: 919-541-5315; email: [jenkins.scott@epa.gov](mailto:jenkins.scott@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Two sections of the Clean Air Act (CAA) govern the establishment and revision of the NAAQS. Section 108 (42 U.S.C. 7408) directs the Administrator to identify and list certain air pollutants and then to issue air quality criteria for those pollutants. The Administrator is to list those air pollutants that in his “judgment, cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare”; “the presence of which in the ambient air results from numerous or diverse mobile or stationary sources”; and “for which . . . [the Administrator] plans to issue air quality criteria . . .” (42 U.S.C. 7408(a)(1)(A)-(C)). Air quality criteria are intended 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 . . .” (42 U.S.C. 7408(a)(2)). Under section 109 (42 U.S.C. 7409), the EPA establishes primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) NAAQS for pollutants for which air quality criteria are issued. Section 109(d) requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria. The revised air quality criteria reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. The EPA is also required to periodically review and revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised criteria. Section 109(d)(2) requires that an independent scientific review committee “shall complete a review of the criteria . . . and the national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards . . . and shall recommend to the Administrator any new . . . standards and revisions of the existing criteria and standards as may be appropriate . . .” Since the early 1980s, this independent review function has been performed by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC).

Presently, the EPA is reviewing the air quality criteria and NAAQS for PM. The EPA’s overall plan for this review is

presented in the *Integrated Review Plan for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter* (IRP).<sup>1</sup> A draft of the *Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter* (ISA) was reviewed by the CASAC at a public meeting in December 2018 (83 FR 55529, November 6, 2018) and discussed on a public teleconference in March 2019 (84 FR 8523, March 8, 2019). The final ISA was made available in January 2020.<sup>2</sup> The final PA announced today draws from the scientific evidence assessed in the ISA, together with the results of air quality and other quantitative analyses, as available.

The PA, when final, is intended to “bridge the gap” between the scientific and technical information available in the review and the judgments required of the Administrator in determining whether to retain or revise the existing PM NAAQS. The EPA released the draft PA in September 2019 (84 FR 47944, September 11, 2019). The draft PA was reviewed by the chartered CASAC on October 24–25, 2019 at a public meeting held in Cary, NC. Public comments on the draft PA were received via a separate public teleconference on October 22, 2019 (84 FR 51555, September 30, 2019). A public meeting to discuss the CASAC letter and response to charge questions on the draft PA was held in Cary, NC on December 3, 2019 (84 FR 58713, November 1, 2019), and the CASAC provided its advice on the draft PA in a letter to the EPA Administrator dated December 16, 2019.<sup>3</sup> The final PA reflects staff’s consideration of the advice and comments from CASAC, as well as public comments. The final PA will be available on or about January 27, 2020, on the EPA’s website at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-air-quality-standards>.

The documents briefly described above do not represent, and should not be construed to represent, any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

<sup>1</sup> The IRP (EPA-452/R-16-005, December 2016) is available at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-standards-planning-documents-current-review>.

<sup>2</sup> The ISA for PM (EPA/600/R-19/188, December 2019) is available at <https://www.epa.gov/isa/integrated-science-assessment-isa-particulate-matter>.

<sup>3</sup> The CASAC letter is available at [https://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/264cb1227d55e02c85257402007446a4/E2F6C71737201612852584D20069DFB1/\\$File/EPA-CASAC-20-001.pdf](https://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/264cb1227d55e02c85257402007446a4/E2F6C71737201612852584D20069DFB1/$File/EPA-CASAC-20-001.pdf).