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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Lars Perlmutter, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, (Mail Code C539-04), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: 919-541-3037, fax number: 919-541-5315; or email: perlmutter.lars@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

Written Comments

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0072, at <https://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or the other methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA's docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

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only. Our Docket Center staff continues to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. Hand deliveries or couriers will be received by scheduled appointment only. For further information and updates on EPA Docket Center services, please visit us online at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

II. Information About the Document

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).

In December 2020, the EPA announced its final decision to retain the primary and secondary PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ standards, without revision (85 FR 82684, December 18, 2020).¹ On June 10, 2021, the Agency announced its

¹ Other welfare effects of PM, such as ecological effects, are being considered in the separate, ongoing review of the secondary NAAQS for oxides of nitrogen and oxides of sulfur. Accordingly, the public welfare protection provided by the secondary PM standards against ecological effects such as those related to deposition of nitrogen- and sulfur-containing compounds in vulnerable ecosystems is being considered in that separate review.

decision to reconsider the 2020 p.m. NAAQS final action.² In its announcement of the reconsideration of the PM NAAQS, the Agency explained that, in support of the reconsideration, it would develop an ISA Supplement and an updated PA. A draft of the ISA Supplement was released in September 2021, for public comment and review by the CASAC. The PA, when final, serves to "bridge the gap" between the scientific and technical information in the 2019 ISA and ISA Supplement and any air quality, exposure and risk analyses available in the reconsideration, and the judgments required of the Administrator in determining whether to retain or revise the existing PM NAAQS. The draft PA builds upon the information presented in the 2019 ISA, the ISA Supplement, and the 2020 PA. The draft PA document will be available on or about October 8, 2021, on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-air-quality-standards>. The EPA is soliciting advice and recommendations from the CASAC by means of a review of this draft document at an upcoming public meeting of the CASAC. Information about this public meeting, including the dates and location, will be published as a separate notice in the **Federal Register**. Following the CASAC meeting, the EPA will consider comments received from the CASAC and the public in preparing revisions to this document.

The draft document briefly described above does not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination. The EPA will consider any public comments submitted in response to this notice when revising the document.

Dated: October 5, 2021.

Panagiotis Tsirigotis,
Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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>.

² The press release for this announcement is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-reexamine-health-standards-harmful-soot-previous-administration-left-unchanged>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)
Filed September 27, 2021 10 a.m. EST
Through October 4, 2021 10 a.m. EST
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-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20210150, Final, USACE, CA, Port of Long Beach Deep Draft Navigation Feasibility Study, Review Period Ends: 11/08/2021, Contact: Larry Smith 213-452-3846.

Amended Notice

EIS No. 20210108, Draft, NRC, SC, License Renewal of the Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility in Richland County, South Carolina, Comment Period Ends: 11/19/2021, Contact: Diana Diaz-Toro 301-415-0930.

Revision to FR Notice Published 08/06/2021; NRC has reopened the comment period to end on 11/19/2021.

Dated: October 4, 2021.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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[EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0196; FRL-9071-01-OCSP]

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Pesticide Programs is announcing a virtual public meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) on October 27 and 28, 2021, with participation by webcast only. There will be no in-person gathering for this meeting.

DATES: *Virtual meeting:* The virtual meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. (EDT), and Thursday, October 28, 2021, from 11 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. (EDT). To make oral comments during the virtual meeting, please email Shannon Jewell by Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

ADDRESSES: *Virtual meeting:* Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-advisory-committees-and-regulatory-partners/pesticide-program-dialogue-committee-ppdc> to find a link to register for the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Jewell, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW (7501P), Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (571) 289-9911; email address: jewell.shannon@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you work in agricultural settings or if you are concerned about implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*); the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*); the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) (which amends FIFRA section 33); and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Potentially affected entities may include but are not limited to: Agricultural workers and farmers; pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental, consumer, and farm worker groups; pesticide users and growers; animal rights groups; pest consultants; state, local, and tribal governments; academia; public health organizations; and the public. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0196, is available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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Once the EPA/DC is reopened to the public, the docket will also be available in-person at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket) in the EPA/DC, West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001. The

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, and the telephone number for the OPP Docket is (703) 305-5805.

For further information on EPA/DC services, docket contact information and the current status of the EPA/DC and Reading Room, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

II. Background

The PPDC is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. EPA established the PPDC in September 1995 to provide policy advice, information and recommendations to the EPA Administrator through the Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. The PPDC provides a public forum to discuss a wide variety of pesticide regulatory developments and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from the use of pesticides. The EPA will consider candidates from the following sectors: Environmental/public interest and animal rights groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide industry and trade associations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; federal and state/local/tribal governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations.

The PPDC usually meets face-to-face twice a year, generally in the spring and the fall. Additionally, members may be asked to serve on work groups to develop recommendations to address specific policy issues. The average workload for members is approximately 4 to 6 hours per month. PPDC members may receive travel and per diem allowances where appropriate and according to applicable federal travel regulations.

III. How do I participate in the virtual public meeting?

A. Virtual meeting. The virtual meeting will be conducted via webcast. Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-advisory-committees-and-regulatory-partners/pesticide-program-dialogue-committee-ppdc> to find a link to register for the meeting.

B. Oral comments. Requests to make brief oral comments to the PPDC during the virtual meeting should be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer, listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**