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 Pb.¹ The documents announced in this notice have been developed as part of the integrated review plan (IRP) which is developed in the planning phase for the review. The documents have been prepared jointly by the EPA’s Center for Public Health and 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. These documents will be available on the EPA’s website at https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/lead-pb-air-quality-standards, accessible under “Planning Documents” from the current review.

The IRP for the current review of the lead NAAQS will be comprised of three volumes. Volumes 1 and 2 are the subject of this notice. Volume 1 provides background information on the air quality criteria and standards for Pb and may serve as a reference by the public and the CASAC in their consideration of the subsequent two volumes. Volume 2 addresses the general approach for the review and planning for the integrated science assessment (ISA). Comments are solicited from the public on Volume 2, which will also be the subject of a consultation with the CASAC, to be announced in a separate Federal Register notice. This volume identifies policy-relevant issues in the review and describes key considerations in EPA’s development of the ISA. Volume 3, which is not yet completed, is the planning document for quantitative analyses to be considered in the policy assessment (PA), including exposure and risk analyses. In order that consideration of the availability of new evidence in the review can inform these plans, the development and public availability of Volume 3 will generally coincide with that of the draft ISA and it will be the subject of a consultation with the CASAC at that time.

Comments on Volume 2 of the IRP should be submitted to the docket, as described above, by April 4, 2022. A separate Federal Register notice will provide details about the CASAC consultation meeting and the process for participation in the CASAC consultation on Volume 2. The EPA will consider the consultation comments from the CASAC and public comments on the IRP, Volume 2, in preparation of the Pb ISA. Volume 1 of the IRP, also being made available, provides background or contextual and historical material for this NAAQS review. These documents do not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Disclosure of Information Claimed as, or Determined by EPA To Be, Confidential Business Information (CBI) in Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Small Refinery Exemption Petitions and Certain RFS Compliance Reports

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing notice of disclosure to all obligated parties under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program that have petitioned for a small refinery exemption (SRE) or that have submitted any of the following RFS compliance reports: RFS2500 Efficient Producer Data Report, RFS303 Annual Report, RFS0104 RFS Activity Report, and RFS0105 RFS Activity Report. In response to a request by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), EPA will disclose information to GAO which has been submitted to EPA that is claimed to be, or has been determined to be, confidential business information (CBI). The information to be disclosed includes all documents, information, and data related to all small refinery exemption petitions received by EPA since May 21, 2021, through December 31, 2021, and all information in the aforementioned RFS compliance reports. These records include, but are not limited to: (a) All materials submitted by the small refineries as part of their petitions; (b) any documentation sent by the Department of Energy (DOE) to EPA stating DOE’s findings and scores associated with the petitions and any EPA responses thereto; (c) any EPA record addressing the subject of the exemption petitions, including any analysis that EPA conducted in addition to DOE’s findings; and (d) EPA’s final exemption decisions sent to the refineries.

DATES: EPA will disclose the material discussed in this document to GAO, including any CBI therein, on March 28, 2022. All CBI-claimed documents will be destroyed, deleted, or returned to EPA at the conclusion of GAO’s review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Karen Nelson, Environmental Protection Specialist, Compliance Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality at nelson.karen@epa.gov or (734) 214–4657.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In connection with a GAO review, EPA received a request under 40 CFR 2.209(b) from GAO for records submitted to EPA under the RFS program since the date EPA last shared similar documents with GAO (May 21, 2021) through December 31, 2023. GAO, as part of the same program review, has also requested access to a RIN analysis that potentially contains derivative CBI sourced from certain RFS compliance reports. The information that will be disclosed to GAO includes all

¹ The EPA’s call for information for this review was issued on July 7, 2020 (85 FR 40041).
documents, information, and data related to all SRE petitions that are received by EPA between May 21, 2021, and December 31, 2023—including new petitions and supplemental information submitted in support of an existing petition—and all information from the following compliance reports for the specified time periods: RFS2500, Efficient Producer Data Report for compliance years 2016 through 2021; RFS0303, Annual Report for compliance years 2011 through 2019; RFS0104, RFS Activity Report for compliance years 2011 through 2019; and RFS0105, RFS Activity Report for compliance year 2020. These records include, but are not limited to: (a) All materials submitted by the small refineries as part of their petitions; (b) any documentation sent by DOE to EPA stating DOE’s findings and score associated with the petitions; (c) any analysis that EPA conducted in addition to DOE’s findings; (d) EPA’s final exemption decisions sent to the refineries; and (e) all information from the aforementioned RFS compliance reports for the specified time periods.

This notice is being provided pursuant to 40 CFR 2.209(b)(2) to inform potentially affected entities that EPA intends to transmit certain documents, which may contain information submitted by oil refiners and refineries, or any company associated therewith, that is claimed to be, or has been determined to be, CBI to GAO in response to its request for information. The disclosure of CBI is limited to GAO and further disclosure is generally restricted by 31 U.S.C. 716(e), and subject to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. 1905. Any objections to this disclosure must be raised within 15 calendar days from publication of this notice.

DATED: March 1, 2022.
Byron Bunker,
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (Act) (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board’s Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the applications are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)). The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank and from the Board’s Freedom of Information Office at https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in paragraph 7 of the Act. Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20551–0001, not later than March 25, 2022.