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Kimberly D. Bose,
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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 (EIS)

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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://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20230106, Final, USFS, MN,
Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project, Review Period Ends: 10/10/2023, Contact: Orry Hatcher 218–626–4300.

EIS No. 20230107, Final, NRC, TN,
Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction Permit for the Kairos Hermes Test Reactor, Review Period Ends: 09/25/2023, Contact: Tamsen Dozier 301–401–2272.

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Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–ORD–2023–0435; FRL–11277–01–ORD]

Call for Information on the Integrated Science Assessment for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; call for information.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing an Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) as part of the review of the air quality criteria and the primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Ozone (O₃) and related photochemical oxidants. The ISA will be developed by the Center for Public Health and Environmental Assessment (CPHEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development. When final, the ISA is intended to update the previous ISA for O₃ and related photochemical oxidants (EPA/600/R–20/012), published in 2020. Interested parties are invited to assist EPA in developing and refining the scientific information base for the review of the O₃ NAAQS by submitting research studies and data that have been published or accepted for publication since January 1, 2018.

DATES: All communications and information should be received by EPA by October 24, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Information may be submitted electronically, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions as provided in the section of this notice entitled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; phone: 202–566–1752; facsimile: 202–566–9744; or email: ord.docket@epa.gov. For technical information, contact Qingyu Meng; phone: 919–541–2563; or email: meng.qingyu@epa.gov; or Jeffrey Herrick; phone: 919–541–7745; or email: herrick.jeffrey@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act (the Act) directs the Administrator to identify and list certain air pollutants which, among other things, “cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare;”¹ and then to issue air quality criteria for them. 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 [the] pollutant in the ambient air”

Under section 109 of the Act, EPA is then to establish NAAQS for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d)(1) of the Act additionally requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health and welfare. Under the same provision, EPA is also to periodically review and, if appropriate, revise the NAAQS, based on the revised air quality criteria. Documents and technical materials associated with NAAQS reviews are available at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs>.

Photochemical oxidants, including O₃, are one of six “criteria” pollutants for which EPA has established NAAQS, and O₃ is the current indicator for that NAAQS. In its periodic review of the air quality criteria for these pollutants, EPA reviews the currently available science and prepares an ISA. The ISA provides the scientific foundation for EPA's NAAQS reviews, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, and for the Administrator's decisions on the adequacy of the current NAAQS and the appropriateness of possible alternative standards. Early steps in this review process include announcing the initiation of the review of the air quality criteria and the NAAQS and the intention of the EPA to develop an ISA, and requesting that the public submit scientific literature that they want to bring to the attention of the Agency as it begins this process. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), whose review and advisory functions are mandated by section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act, is charged, among other things, with the independent scientific review of the air quality criteria. In conjunction with the CASAC review, the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft ISA. The ISA developed in this review of the air quality criteria and O₃ NAAQS will build on the scientific assessment from the last review,² focusing on assessing and integrating the information newly available since that considered in the 2020 ISA. With regard to development of the ISA, the public is encouraged to assist in identifying relevant scientific information for the review by submitting research studies that were

¹ Under Clean Air Act section 302(h), welfare effects include, but are not limited to, “effects on soils, water, crops, vegetation, manmade materials, animals, wildlife, weather, visibility, and climate, damage and deterioration of property, and hazards to transportation, as well as effects on economic values and on personal comfort and well-being.”

² The scientific assessment for the last review is documented in the Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants (Final Report, April 2020). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, EPA/600/R–20/012, 2020; 85 FR 21849, April 20, 2020.

not part of the prior review, and that have been published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. The Agency is interested in obtaining newly available information, particularly concerning toxicological studies of effects of controlled exposure to O₃ in laboratory animals, humans, and *in vitro* systems; epidemiologic (observational) studies of health effects associated with ambient O₃ exposures in human populations; studies examining populations and life stages that may be at increased risk of O₃-related health effects. For studies examining effects on welfare or the environment, studies that address or provide new information on terrestrial biota are of particular interest, including effects of O₃ on vegetation; communities and populations of plants and associated biota, as well as exposure-response relationships between O₃ in ambient air and specific welfare effects. The EPA also seeks recent information in other areas of O₃ research such as atmospheric chemistry and physics, sources and emissions, analytical methodology, transport and transformation in the environment, and ambient concentrations.

The Agency also seeks information regarding the design and scope of the review of the air quality criteria to ensure that it addresses key policy-relevant issues and considers the new science that is relevant to informing our understanding of these issues. The Agency seeks new scientific information that may address key uncertainties identified in the last O₃ NAAQS review, which are provided in section 3.6 of the 2020 Policy Assessment (EPA-452/R-20-001, May 2020).³ The Agency also seeks new scientific information or data that may address scientific and technical issues raised in two more recent letters from CASAC: one dated November 22, 2022 (EPA-CASAC-23-001)⁴ and the other dated June 9, 2023 (EPA-CASAC-23-002).⁵ Other

opportunities for submission of new peer-reviewed, published (or in-press) papers will be possible as part of public comment on the draft ISA that will be reviewed by the CASAC.

II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at www.regulations.gov

Submit your materials identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2023-0435 by one of the following methods:

- www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: ord.docket@epa.gov.
- Mail: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, Office of Research and Development Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Docket Center's hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). If you provide materials by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of these materials. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the materials, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2023-0435. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all materials it receives in the public docket without change and to make the materials available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless materials include information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the materials that are placed in the public

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Docket: Documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the ORD Docket in EPA's Headquarters Docket Center.

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Ortho-Phthalaldehyde; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a specific exemption request from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to use the pesticide ortho-phthalaldehyde (OPA, CAS No. 643-79-8) to treat the coolant fluid of the internal active thermal control system of the International Space Station to control aerobic/microaerophilic bacteria in the aqueous coolant. The applicant proposes the use of a new chemical which has not been registered by EPA. Therefore, in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the

³ The 2020 Policy Assessment for the Review of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards is available at: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/documents/o3-final_pa-05-29-20compressed.pdf.

⁴ Letter from Elizabeth A. Sheppard, Chair, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, to Administrator Michael S. Regan. Re: CASAC Review of the EPA's Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants (Final Report—April 2020). November 22, 2022. EPA-CASAC-23-001. Available at: https://casac.epa.gov/ords/sab/f?p=105:18:8476900499267::RP,18:P18_ID:2614.

⁵ Letter from Elizabeth A. Sheppard, Chair, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, to Administrator Michael S. Regan. Re: CASAC Review of the EPA's Policy Assessment (PA) for the Reconsideration of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (External Review Draft Version 2) (June 9, 2023) (EPA-CASAC-23-002). Available at

https://casac.epa.gov/ords/sab/f?p=113:18:7093179574667::RP,18:P18_ID:2636#meeting.