

the SPP RTO (currently planned on April 1, 2026).

In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a), RM has determined that it is not necessary to hold public information or public comment forums for this rate action but is initiating a 30-day consultation and comment period to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed extension. RM will review and consider all timely public comments at the conclusion of the consultation and comment period and adjust the proposal as appropriate.

Legal Authority

By Delegation Order No. S1–DEL–RATES–2016, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) the authority to develop power and transmission rates to WAPA’s Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, or to remand or disapprove such rates to FERC. By Delegation Order No. S1–DEL–S3–2023, effective April 10, 2023, the Secretary of Energy also delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Under Secretary for Infrastructure. By Redelegation Order No. S3–DEL–WAPA1–2023, effective April 10, 2023, the Under Secretary for Infrastructure further redelegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to WAPA’s Administrator.

Ratemaking Procedure Requirements

Environmental Compliance

Categorical exclusion determinations were previously issued for these rates under the following categorical exclusion listed in appendix B to subpart D of 10 CFR part 1021: B4.3 (Electric power marketing rate changes).⁶ Those categorical exclusion determinations are also applicable to this rate action. Copies of the categorical exclusion determinations are available on WAPA’s website at: www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/rm/rm-environment/cx2016/and www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/rm/rm-environment/2021-cx/. Look for files titled, “2016–077 Proposed Formula Rate Adjustment for Transmission Ancillary Services and Sale of Surplus”

⁶ The determination was done in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021).

and “2021–088 Rate Change Categorical Exclusion Determination-WAPA–197.08052021.”

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

WAPA has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 26th, 2024, by Tracey A. LeBeau, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document, with the original signature and date, is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE **Federal Register Liaison Officer** has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 2, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Public Meeting of the Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is announcing a public meeting of the chartered Science Advisory Board. The purpose of the meeting is to: receive a briefing from EPA on the Agency’s Scientific Integrity Policy; conduct a quality review of the draft SAB report titled: *Review of the Clean Air Status and Trends Ambient Air Monitoring Network (CASTNet)*; discuss the draft SAB report on the proposed rule titled *New Source Performance Standards: Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and*

Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule (RIN 2060–AV09); and discuss recommendations received from the SAB Work Group for Review of Science Supporting EPA Decisions concerning SAB review of EPA planned regulatory actions.

DATES: *Public meeting:* The chartered Science Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 12–5 p.m. eastern time.

Comments: See the section titled “Procedures for providing public input” under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for instructions and deadlines.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be conducted virtually. Please refer to the SAB website at <https://sab.epa.gov> for information on how to attend the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wants further information concerning this notice may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), via telephone (202) 564–2155, or email at armitage.thomas@epa.gov. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, can be found on the SAB website at <https://sab.epa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDDAA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the EPA Administrator on the scientific and technical basis for agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S. Code 10. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the chartered Science Advisory Board will hold a public meeting to receive a briefing from EPA on the Agency’s Scientific Integrity Policy and discuss the following topics. (1) The SAB will conduct a quality review of a draft report developed by an SAB panel. The draft report is titled: *Review of the Clean Air Status and Trends Ambient Air Monitoring Network (CASTNet)*. The SAB quality review process ensures that draft reports developed by SAB panels,

committees, or workgroups are reviewed by the Chartered SAB before being finalized and transmitted to the EPA Administrator. (2) The SAB will discuss a draft report developed by an SAB workgroup on the proposed rule titled *New Source Performance Standards: Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule* (RIN 2060-AV09). (3) The SAB will discuss recommendations received from the SAB Workgroup for Review of Science Supporting EPA Decisions concerning SAB review of EPA planned regulatory actions. Under the SAB's authorizing statute, the SAB "may make available to the Administrator, within the time specified by the Administrator, its advice and comments on the adequacy of the scientific and technical basis" of proposed rules. The SAB Workgroup for Review of Science Supporting EPA Decisions (SAB SSD Workgroup) is charged with identifying EPA planned actions that may warrant SAB review.

Availability of meeting materials: All meeting materials, including the agenda, will be available on the SAB web page at <https://sab.epa.gov>.

Procedures for providing public input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to the EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments pertaining to the committee's charge or meeting materials. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comments should follow the instruction below to submit comments.

Oral statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation will be limited to three minutes. Each person making an oral statement should consider providing written comments as well as their oral statement so that the points presented orally can be expanded upon in writing. Persons interested in providing oral

statements should contact the DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, by February 22, 2024, to be placed on the list of registered speakers.

Written statements: Written statements will be accepted throughout the advisory process; however, for timely consideration by SAB members, statements should be submitted to the DFO by February 22, 2024, for consideration at the February 29, 2024, meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO at the contact information above via email. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its websites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without the explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact the DFO, at the contact information noted above, preferably at least ten days before the meeting, to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Thomas H. Brennan,
Director, Science Advisory Board Staff Office.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Integrated Science Assessment for Lead

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of a final document titled, "Integrated Science Assessment for Lead" (EPA/600/R-23/375). The document was prepared by the Center for Public Health and Environmental Assessment (CPHEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) as part of the review of the primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) lead national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) and represents an update of the 2013 Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) for Lead (EPA/600/R-10/075F). The final

lead ISA, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, will provide the scientific foundation for EPA's decisions on the adequacy of the current lead NAAQS and, if appropriate, on potential alternative standards.

DATES: The document will be available on or about January 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The "Integrated Science Assessment for Lead" will be available primarily via the internet on EPA's Integrated Science Assessment Lead page at <https://www.epa.gov/isa/integrated-science-assessment-isa-lead> or the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2020-0701; FRL-11654-01-ORD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Evan Coffman (919-541-0567 or Coffman.Evan@epa.gov) or Meredith Lassiter (919-541-3200 or Lassiter.Meredith@epa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act (the Act) directs the EPA Administrator to identify and list certain air pollutants that "may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare" and "the presence of which in the ambient air results from numerous or diverse mobile or stationary sources." The Act further directs the Administrator to issue air quality criteria for these 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 . . ." Under section 109 of the Act, EPA is then to establish NAAQS for each pollutant for which the Agency has issued air quality criteria. Section 109(d)(1) requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of air quality criteria and the NAAQS to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. Information on EPA's process for reviewing the air quality criteria and the NAAQS is available at <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs>.

EPA has established NAAQS for six criteria pollutants. Presently, the EPA is reviewing the air quality criteria and NAAQS for lead. As part of that review, EPA prepared an ISA that reflects the latest scientific knowledge on the public health and welfare effects of lead exposures, per section 108(a) of the Act. The final lead ISA, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, will provide the scientific