

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Meeting and Public Teleconference(s) of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Particulate Matter Review Panel****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting and teleconference(s) of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Particulate Matter Review Panel to peer review EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter: Second External Review Draft* (July 2009) and EPA's forthcoming *Risk Assessment to Support the Review of the PM Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards: External Review Draft* (September 2009) and *Particulate Matter Urban-Focused Visibility Assessment: External Review Draft* (September 2009).

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on October 5, 2009 from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. (Eastern Time) and October 6, 2009 from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. (Eastern Time). An optional public teleconference may be held on October 7, 2009 from 2 p.m.–5 p.m. (Eastern Time) if more time is needed after the face-to-face meeting of October 5–6, 2009. A teleconference will be held November 12, 2009 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. (Eastern Time) to discuss draft letters from CASAC.

**ADDRESSES:** The October 5–6, 2009 meeting will be held at the Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. The public teleconference(s) will be conducted by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the public meeting or public teleconference(s) may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail (202) 343-9867; fax (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at [stallworth.holly@epa.gov](mailto:stallworth.holly@epa.gov). General information concerning the CASAC can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) was

established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee. CASAC provides advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App 2. The Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Section 109(d)(1) of the CAA requires that the Agency periodically review and revise, as appropriate, the air quality criteria and the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the six "criteria" air pollutants, including particulate matter (PM). EPA conducts scientific assessments to determine both primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) standards for each of these pollutants. As part of that process, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) has released the *Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter* (Second External Review Draft, July 2009) for review by CASAC at the October 5–6, 2009 meeting. EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) will release two additional documents for CASAC review and public comment entitled *Risk Assessment to Support the Review of the PM Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards: External Review Draft* (September 2009) and *Particulate Matter Urban-Focused Visibility Assessment: External Review Draft* (September 2009) on or about September 4, 2009. The purpose of the October 5–6, 2009 meeting is to review these three documents. In addition, this meeting will also include a discussion with CASAC of an EPA/OAR document entitled *Policy Assessment for the Review of the Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: Preliminary Draft* (September 2009) on the nature of the policy assessment document including the overall structure, areas of focus, and level of detail. The EPA plans to release this preliminary draft document on or about September 15, 2009. If additional time is needed to complete the agenda after the October 5–6, 2009 face-to-face meeting, a public teleconference will be held on October 7, 2009 from 2 p.m.–5 p.m. (Eastern Time). To review and approve CASAC's draft letters on the three review documents, a public teleconference will be held on

November 12, 2009 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Background information about the formation of the CASAC Particulate Matter Review Panel was published in the **Federal Register** on March 8, 2007 (72 FR 10527–10528). The Panel previously held a public teleconference on November 30, 2007 (announced in 72 FR 63177–63178) to provide consultative advice on EPA's draft *Integrated Review Plan for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter* (October 2007), the first document in this review of the PM NAAQS. On April 1–2, 2009, CASAC reviewed the *Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter* (First External Review Draft, December 2008), and provided consultative advice on *Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: Scope and Methods Plan for Health Risk* (February 2009) and *Exposure Assessment and Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: Scope and Methods Plan for Urban Visibility Impact Assessment* (February 2009). The April 12, 2009 meeting was announced February 19, 2009 in 74 FR 7688–7689.

**Technical Contacts:** Any questions concerning EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter* (July 2009) should be directed to Dr. Lindsay Stanek, ORD, at [stanek.lindsay@epa.gov](mailto:stanek.lindsay@epa.gov) or 919-541-7792. Any questions concerning EPA's *Risk Assessment to Support the Review of the PM Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards: External Review Draft* (September 2009) should be directed to Dr. Zachary Pekar, OAR, at [pekar.zachary@epa.gov](mailto:pekar.zachary@epa.gov); telephone: 919-541-3704. Any questions concerning *Particulate Matter Urban-Focused Visibility Assessment* (September 2009) should be directed to Ms. Vicki Sandiford, OAR, at [sandiford.vicki@epa.gov](mailto:sandiford.vicki@epa.gov) or 919-541-2629. Any questions concerning *Policy Assessment for the Review of Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards* (September 2009) should be directed to Ms. Beth Hassett-Sipple, OAR, at [hassett-sipple.beth@epa.gov](mailto:hassett-sipple.beth@epa.gov) or 919-541-4605.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** A meeting agenda, charge questions and other materials for the October 5–6, 2009 meeting will be placed on the CASAC Web site at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabpeople.nsf/WebCommitteesSubcommittees/CASAC%20Particulate%20Matter%20Review%20Panel> (see links to "Current Advisory Activities"). CASAC's draft letters on the three review documents will be at this same URL prior to the

November 12, 2009 teleconference. The *Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter: Second External Review Draft* (July 2009) is available at [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s\\_pm\\_2007\\_isa.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s_pm_2007_isa.html). The *Risk Assessment to Support the Review of the PM Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards: External Review Draft* (September 2009) and the *Particulate Matter Urban-Focused Visibility Assessment: External Review Draft* (September 2009) will be available on or before September 4, 2009 and the *Policy Assessment for the Review of Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: Preliminary Draft* (September 2009) will be available on or about September 15, 2009 at [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s\\_pm\\_index.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s_pm_index.html).

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:**

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for consideration on the topics included in this advisory activity. **Oral Statements:** To be placed on the public speaker list for the October 5–6, 2009 meeting, interested parties should notify Dr. Holly Stallworth, DFO, by e-mail no later than September 28, 2009. Individuals making oral statements will be limited to five minutes per speaker. To be placed on the public speaker list for the November 12, 2009

teleconference, interested parties should notify Dr. Stallworth, DFO, by e-mail no later than November 9, 2009.

Individuals making oral statements on the teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker. **Written Statements:** Written statements for the October 5–6, 2009 meeting should be received in the SAB Staff Office by September 28, 2009, so that the information may be made available to the CASAC Panel for its consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements for the November 12, 2009 meeting should be received in the SAB Staff Office by November 9, 2009. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, WordPerfect, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Submitters are asked to provide versions of each document submitted with and without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites.

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Stallworth at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at

least ten days prior to the teleconference, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: September 2, 2009.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### National Recommended Final Water Quality Criteria for Acrolein

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final criteria.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 304(a) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of final national recommended water quality criteria for the protection of aquatic life for acrolein. Draft national recommended water quality criteria for acrolein were published for scientific views from the public on December 17, 2008 at 73 FR 76644. The final criteria published today are based on EPA's *Guidelines for Deriving Numerical National Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses* (1985), (EPA/R–85–100). EPA's recommended section 304(a) water quality criteria provide guidance to States and authorized Tribes in adopting water quality standards for protecting aquatic life and human health and provide guidance to EPA for promulgating Federal regulations under CWA section 303(c), when such action is necessary.

**ADDRESSES:** Scientific views received from the public on the draft acrolein criteria are available from the EPA Docket Center and are identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2008–0795. They may be accessed online at:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for reviewing comments.
- *E-mail:* [OW-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:OW-Docket@epa.gov).
- *Mail:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) Water Docket, MC 2822T; 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.
- *On Site:* EPA Docket Center, 1301 Constitution Ave, NW., EPA West, Room 3334, Washington DC 20460.

For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA

Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

**Docket:** All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://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 material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Office of Water Docket/EPA/DC, 1301 Constitution Ave, NW., EPA West, Room 3334, Washington DC 20460. This Docket Facility is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Water is (202) 566–2426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Frank Gostomski, Health and Ecological Criteria Division (4304T), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; (202) 566–1105; [gostomski.frank@epa.gov](mailto:gostomski.frank@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. What Are Water Quality Criteria?

Water quality criteria are scientifically derived numeric values that protect aquatic life or human health from the deleterious effects of pollutants in ambient water.

Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act requires EPA to develop and publish and, from time to time, revise, criteria for water quality accurately reflecting the latest scientific knowledge. Water quality criteria developed under section 304(a) are based solely on data and scientific judgments on the relationship between pollutant concentrations and environmental and human health effects. Section 304(a) criteria do not reflect consideration of economic impacts or the technological feasibility of meeting the chemical concentrations in ambient water.

Section 304(a) criteria provide guidance to States and authorized Tribes in adopting water quality standards that ultimately provide a basis for controlling discharges or releases of pollutants. The criteria also provide guidance to EPA when promulgating Federal regulations under section 303(c) when such action is necessary. Under the CWA and its implementing regulations, States and authorized Tribes are to adopt water quality criteria to protect designated uses (e.g., public