

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6115-6]

Air Pollution Control; Proposed Actions on Clean Air Act Grants to the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed determination with request for comments and notice of opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: The EPA has made a proposed determination under section 105(c) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) that a reduction in expenditures of non-Federal funds for the Monterey Bay Unified County Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD, or "District") in Monterey, California is the result of a non-selective reduction in expenditures. This determination, when final, will permit the MBUAPCD to keep the financial assistance awarded to it by EPA for FY-97 under section 105(c) of the CAA.

DATES: Comments and/or requests for a public hearing must be received by EPA at the address stated below by July 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All comments and/or requests for a public hearing should be mailed to: Sara Bartholomew, Grants and Program Integration Office (AIR-8), Air Division, U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105-3901; FAX (415) 744-1076.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Bartholomew, Grants and Program Integration Office (AIR-8), Air Division, U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105-3901 at (415) 744-1250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of Section 105 of the CAA, EPA provides financial assistance (grants) to the MBUAPCD to aid in the operation of its air pollution control programs. In FY-96 EPA awarded the MBUAPCD \$272,869, which represented approximately 7% of the District's budget. In FY-97, EPA awarded the MBUAPCD \$255,265, which represented approximately 8% of the District's budget.

Section 105(c)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. 7405(c)(1), provides that "[n]o agency shall receive any grant under this section during any fiscal year when its expenditures of non-Federal funds for recurrent expenditures for air pollution control programs will be less than its expenditures were for such programs during the preceding fiscal

year. In order for [EPA] to award grants under this section in a timely manner each fiscal year, [EPA] shall compare an agency's prospective expenditure level to that of its second preceding year." EPA may still award financial assistance to an agency not meeting this requirement, however, if EPA, "after notice and opportunity for public hearing, determines that a reduction in expenditures is attributable to a non-selective reduction in the expenditures in the programs of all Executive branch agencies of the applicable unit of Government." CAA § 105(c)(2). These statutory requirements are repeated in EPA's implementing regulations at 40 CFR 35.210(a).

In its FY-97 § 105 application, which EPA reviewed in early 1997, the MBUAPCD projected expenditures of non-Federal funds for recurrent expenditures (or its maintenance of effort (MOE)) of \$2,888,803. This MOE would have been sufficient to meet the MOE requirements of the CAA because it was not lower than the FY-96 MOE of \$2,701,629. In October of 1997, however, the MBUAPCD submitted to EPA documentation which shows that its actual FY-97 MOE was \$2,561,303. This amount represents a shortfall of \$140,326 from the MOE for FY-96. In order for the District to be eligible to keep its FY-97 grant, EPA must make a determination under § 105(c)(2).

The MBUAPCD is a single-purpose agency whose primary source of funding is permit fee revenue. Fees associated with permits issued by the MBUAPCD go directly to the district to fund its operations. It is the "unit of Government" for § 105(c)(2) purposes. The MBUAPCD submitted documentation to EPA which indicates that the reduction of actual expenditures is primarily composed of declining fee revenues. Due to shortfalls in revenues, the Board has directed the district to control costs and reduce the existing fund balance.

In summary, the MBUAPCD's MOE reductions resulted from budget cuts stemming from a loss of revenues due to circumstances beyond the District's control. EPA proposes to determine that the MBUAPCD's lower FY-97 MOE level meets the § 105(c)(2) criteria as resulting from a non-selective reduction of expenditures. Pursuant to 40 CFR 35.210, this determination will allow the MBUAPCD to keep the funds received from EPA for FY97.

This notice constitutes a request for public comment and an opportunity for public hearing as required by the Clean Air Act. All written comments received by July 24, 1998, on this proposal will be considered. EPA will conduct a

public hearing on this proposal only if a written request for such is received by EPA at the address above by July 24, 1998.

If no written request for a hearing is received, EPA will proceed to the final determination. While notice of the final determination will not be published in the **Federal Register**, copies of the determination can be obtained by sending a written request to Sara Bartholomew at the above address.

Dated: June 11, 1998.

David P. Howekamp,

Director, Air Division, U.S. EPA, Region 9.

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[AD-FRL-6115-3]

Industrial Combustion Coordinated Rulemaking; Federal Advisory Committee Notice of Upcoming Meeting**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Industrial Combustion Coordinated Rulemaking (ICCR); Federal Advisory Committee notice of upcoming meeting.

SUMMARY: As required by section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 9(c), EPA gave notice of the establishment of the ICCR Federal Advisory Committee (hereafter referred to as the ICCR Coordinating Committee) in the **Federal Register** on August 2, 1996 (61 FR 40413).

The public can follow the progress of the ICCR through attendance at meetings (which will be announced in advance) and by accessing the Technology Transfer Network (TTN), which serves as the primary means of disseminating information about the ICCR.

DATES: The next meeting of the ICCR Coordinating Committee is scheduled for July 28-29, 1998. Also, most of the ICCR Work Groups—which report to the Coordinating Committee—have meetings scheduled in July, 1998. The dates of these Work Group meetings are summarized below. Further information on the dates of the Coordinating Committee meeting and the Work Group meetings may be obtained by accessing the TTN or by calling EPA (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**).

ADDRESSES: The Coordinating Committee meeting on July 28-29, 1998 will be held at the Renaissance Long

Beach Hotel, 111 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California. The telephone number for the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel is (562) 437-5900. The locations of the Work Group meetings are summarized below. Further information on the locations of the Coordinating Committee meeting and the Work Group meetings may be obtained by accessing the TTN or by calling EPA (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**).

Inspection of Documents: Docket. Minutes of the meetings, as well as other relevant materials, will be available for public inspection at the U.S. EPA Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Docket No. A-96-17. The docket is open for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except for Federal holidays, at the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-7548. The docket is located at the above address in Room M-1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor). A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Porter or Sims Roy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Emission Standards Division, Combustion Group, (MD-13), Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone numbers (919) 541-5251 and 541-5263, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Technology Transfer Network (TTN)

The TTN is one of the EPA's electronic bulletin boards. The TTN can be accessed through the Internet at:

WWW: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/iccr>

FTP: [mountain.epa.gov](ftp://mountain.epa.gov)

When accessing the WWW site, select Technical Sites which brings up the Directory of TTN Sites, then select ICCR—Industrial Combustion Coordinated Rulemaking from the Directory of TTN Sites.

Access to the TTN through FTP is a streamlined approach for downloading files, but is only useful, if the desired filenames are known.

If more information on the TTN is needed, call the help desk at (919) 541-5384.

Meetings of the ICCR Coordinating Committee and Work Groups are open to the public. All Coordinating Committee meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register** and on the TTN. Work Group meetings will be announced on the TTN and in the **Federal Register**, when possible.

The next meeting of the Coordinating Committee will be held July 28-29, 1998 at the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel, 111 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California from about 8:00 a.m. to about 6:00 p.m. The agenda for this meeting will include reports from the Work Groups on their progress, testing needs and prioritization issues, discussion of data gathering efforts to support the ICCR, and a discussion of direction and guidance from the Coordinating Committee to the Work Groups. An opportunity will be provided for the public to offer comments and address the Coordinating Committee.

The Work Groups have currently scheduled the following meetings:

Work group	Date	Location
Incinerators	July 7, 1997	Pittsburgh, PA.
IC Engines	July 30, 1998	Long Beach, CA.
	September 17, 1998	RTP, NC.
Boilers	July 30, 1998	Long Beach, CA.
	September 17, 1998	RTP, NC.
Stationary	July 30, 1998	Long Beach, CA.
Combustion Turbines	September 17, 1998	RTP, NC.
Process Heaters	July 30-31, 1998	Long Beach, CA.
	September 17, 1998	RTP, NC.
Economics Analysis	July 30, 1998	Long Beach, CA.
Testing and Monitoring Protocol	July 31, 1998	Long Beach, CA.

The agendas for these meetings include review and revision of the ICCR databases, data and information gathering efforts, possible emission testing, and potential subcategorization. An opportunity will be provided at each meeting for the public to offer comments and address the Work Group.

Individuals interested in Coordinated Committee meetings, Work Group meetings, or any aspect of the ICCR for that matter, should access the TTN on a regular basis for information.

Two copies of the ICCR Coordinating Committee charter are filed with appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress and are available upon request to the Docket (ask for item #I-B-1). The purpose of the ICCR Coordinating Committee is to assist EPA

in the development of regulations to control emissions of air pollutants from industrial, commercial, and institutional combustion of fuels and non-hazardous solid wastes. The Coordinating Committee will attempt to develop recommendations for national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) implementing section 112 and solid waste combustion regulations implementing section 129 of the Act, and may review and make recommendations for revising and developing new source performance standards (NSPS) under section 111 of the Act. The recommendations will cover boilers, process heaters, industrial/commercial and other incinerators, stationary internal

combustion engines, and stationary combustion turbines.

Lists of Coordinating Committee and Work Group members are available from the TTN for the purpose of giving the public the opportunity to contact members to discuss concerns or information they would like to bring forward during the ICCR process.

It is anticipated that the next meeting of the Coordinating Committee, following the meeting in July, will be September 15-16, 1998 in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

Dated: June 17, 1998.

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Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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