

Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 10 a.m. (EDT), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission determined to hold a technical conference to explore a proposal by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) to enhance the flexibility of shippers that using its supply area and/or market area pooling points and issues raised by that proposal including, but not limited to, the possible degradation of existing service, and the possible effects on scheduling and nomination priorities, primary firm rights, and the allocation of mainline versus receipt point capacity among proposed and existing points.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Robert McLean at (202) 502-8156 or e-mail Robert.McLean@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL8779-4; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0925]

Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of a document titled, "First External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide" (EPA/600/R-09/019). This draft document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development as part of the review of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for carbon monoxide.

EPA is releasing this draft document to seek review by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)

and the public. The draft document does not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination. EPA will consider any timely public comments submitted in response to this notice when revising the document.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 8, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The "First External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide" will be available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of CD-ROM or paper copies will be available. Contact Ms. Debbie Wales by phone (919-541-4731), fax (919-541-5078), or e-mail (wales.deborah@epa.gov) to request either of these, and please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, "First External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide" (EPA/600/R-09/019) to facilitate processing of your request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Dr. Thomas C. Long, NCEA; telephone: 919-541-1880; facsimile: 919-541-2985; or e-mail: long.tom@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act directs the EPA Administrator to identify certain pollutants that "cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare" and to issue air quality criteria for them. These 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 to establish national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d) of the Act 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 or welfare. EPA is also to revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised air quality criteria.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is one of six "criteria" pollutants for which EPA has established NAAQS. Periodically, EPA reviews the scientific basis for these standards by preparing an Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) (formerly

called an Air Quality Criteria Document). The ISA and supplementary annexes, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, provide the scientific basis for EPA decisions on the adequacy of the current NAAQS and the appropriateness of possible alternative standards. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), an independent science advisory committee whose review and advisory functions are mandated by Section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act, is charged (among other things) with independent scientific review of EPA's air quality criteria.

On September 13, 2007 (72 FR 52369), EPA formally initiated its current review of the air quality criteria for CO, requesting the submission of recent scientific information on specified topics. A workshop was held on January 28-29, 2008 (73 FR 2490) to discuss policy-relevant science to inform EPA's planning for the CO NAAQS review. Following the workshop, a draft of EPA's "Plan for Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Carbon Monoxide" (EPA-452/D-08-001) was made available in March 2008 for public comment and was discussed by the CASAC via a publicly accessible teleconference consultation on April 8, 2008 (73 FR 12998). EPA finalized the plan and made it available in August 2008 (EPA/452/R-08/005; http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/co/s_co_cr_pd.html). In November 2008, EPA held an authors' teleconference to discuss, with invited scientific experts, preliminary draft materials prepared during the ongoing development of the CO ISA and its supplementary annexes.

After the end of the comment period on the First External Review Draft ISA for CO, the CASAC review panel will review the draft at a public meeting. Timely public comments received will be provided to the CASAC review panel. A future **Federal Register** notice will inform the public of the exact date and time of that meeting.

II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0925, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

- *Fax:* 202-566-1753.

- *Mail:* Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.,

Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.

- **Hand Delivery:** The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, Room 3334 EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202-566-1744. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit an original and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0925. 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 comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site 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 e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or

viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: 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. Publicly available docket materials are generally available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; however, certain materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy.

Dated: March 3, 2009.

Rebecca Clark,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Partnership To Promote Innovation in Environmental Practice, Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Proposals for 2009 Assistance Agreement Award

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency), National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI) is giving notice of the availability of its solicitation for proposals from institutions that are interested in organizing two symposia over four years to promote sharing and transfer of innovative environmental protection approaches among States, EPA, and other primarily governmental representatives. The solicitation is available at the Agency's State Innovation Grant Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/2010symposium.htm>, or may be requested from the Agency by e-mail to: innovation_state_grants@gov, telephone, or by mail. Eligible recipients include States, territories, Indian Tribes, interstate organizations, intrastate organizations, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, other public or private nonprofit institutions, and individuals. Nonprofit organizations described in Section

501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 are not eligible to apply. For-profit organizations are generally not eligible for funding.

DATES: Eligible applicants will have until April 22, 2009, to respond with a pre-proposal, budget, and project summary.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the solicitation can be downloaded from the Agency's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/2010symposium.htm> or may be requested by telephone (202-566-2236), or by e-mail (innovation_state_grants@epa.gov). You can request a solicitation application package be sent to you by fax or by mail by contacting NCEI as indicated below.

Applicants are requested to apply online using the Grants.gov Web site with an electronic signature. Applicants are encouraged to submit their pre-proposals early. For those applicants who lack the technical capability to apply electronically via <http://www.grants.gov>, please contact Scott Fontenot by phone at: (202) 566-2236 and/or by e-mail at:

innovation_state_grants@epa.gov, for alternative submission procedures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice, please contact EPA at this e-mail address:

innovation_state_grants@epa.gov; or, you may call Scott Fontenot at (202) 566-2236.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Strengthening EPA's innovation partnership with States and Tribes is a cornerstone of EPA's Innovation Strategy (<http://www.epa.gov/innovation/strategy.htm>). A key mechanism by which this partnership has been enhanced is through a bi-annual conference sponsored primarily by the National Center for Environmental Innovation that brings together State and EPA innovation practitioners to share experiences. EPA sponsored the first State-EPA Environmental Innovation Symposium in 2000 to showcase environmental innovations that promise improved results. A second symposium was held in 2003. In 2006, NCEI joined with EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations to offer an expanded agenda that focused on innovation as well as performance management issues. In 2008, NCEI and EPA's Office of Air and Radiation held the State/EPA Symposium on Innovating for Sustainable Results: Integrated Approaches for Climate, Energy, and the Environment.