

supports the electronic collection, exchange, and integration of data among its partners. The goal of the EIEN is to improve information quality, timeliness, accessibility and the ability to integrate data, while offering business process improvements. Funding for the Grant Program has been provided through annual congressional appropriations for the EPA.

To enhance the quality and overall public benefit of the Network, EPA proposes to collect information from the EIEN grantees about how they intend to ensure quality in their projects and the environmental outcomes and outputs from their projects. The proposed Quality Assurance Reporting Form is intended to provide a simple means for grant recipients to present how quality will be addressed throughout their projects. The Quality Assurance Reporting Form is derived from guidelines provided in the EIEN's fiscal year 2006 grant solicitation notice. As a stipulation of their award, grant recipients are to submit the form within ninety days of grant award.

Grantees are also currently required to submit semiannual progress reports as a stipulation of their award. In these reports, grantees outline project goals, the activities required to meet these goals, and the outputs and outcomes of the activities to date. At the request of numerous grantees, we are proposing to offer the Performance Progress Reporting Form as a vehicle for collecting this information. This form is easier to complete than an unstructured narrative, and the information returned will be of higher quality.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per Performance Progress Reporting Form and 1 hour per Quality Assurance Reporting Form response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information; process and maintain information; disclose and provide information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 225.

*Frequency of response:* Semi-Annual for Performance Progress Reporting Form; once for Quality Assurance Reporting Form.

*Estimated total annual number of responses for each respondent:* 3.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 900 hours.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$0. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$0 and an estimated cost of \$0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

#### **What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?**

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

**Doreen Sterling,**

*Acting Director, Information Exchange and Services Division.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-R09-OAR-2006-0137; FRL-8044-8]

### **Adequacy Status of the Truckee Meadows (Washoe County, NV) Submitted Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy determination.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the submitted Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Truckee Meadows (Washoe County, Nevada) Carbon Monoxide Nonattainment Area (September 2005) ("Truckee Meadows Carbon Monoxide

Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan") are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our finding, the Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission and the U.S. Department of Transportation must use the carbon monoxide motor vehicle emissions budgets from the submitted plan for future conformity determinations.

**DATES:** This determination is effective March 30, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The finding is available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Transportation and Air Quality Planning" link and click on the "Transportation Conformity" link, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity"). You may also contact Eleanor Kaplan, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR-2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 947-4147, or [kaplan.eleanor@epa.gov](mailto:kaplan.eleanor@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Throughout this document, whenever "we", "us", or "our" is used, we mean EPA.

This notice announces our finding that the emissions budgets contained in the Carbon Monoxide State Implementation Plan revision for Truckee Meadows (Washoe County, Nevada) ("Truckee Meadows Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan") submitted by the State of Nevada on November 4, 2005, are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. EPA Region IX made this finding in a letter to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection on February 13, 2006. We are also announcing this finding on our conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Transportation and Air Quality Planning" link and click on the "Transportation Conformity" link, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. Our conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emissions

budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). One of these criteria is that the motor vehicle emissions budgets, when considered together with all other emission sources, are consistent with applicable requirements for reasonable further progress, attainment, or maintenance (whichever is relevant to the given implementation plan submission). We have preliminarily determined that the Truckee Meadows Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan does provide for maintenance of the CO standard. Therefore, the motor vehicle emissions budgets can be found adequate. Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate action on the submitted plan itself. Even if we find a budget adequate, the submitted plan could later be disapproved.

We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). This guidance is now reflected in the amended transportation conformity rule, July 1, 2004 (69 FR 40004), and in the correction notice, July 20, 2004 (69 FR 43325). We followed this process in making our adequacy determination on the emissions budgets contained in the Truckee Meadows Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: February 21, 2006.

**Jane Diamond,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0222; FRL-7769-2]

### Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee Spray Drift Work Group; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gives notice of a public

meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) Spray Drift Work Group on March 29 and 30, 2006. An agenda for this meeting is being developed and will be posted on EPA's Web site. The work group is developing input and advice concerning spray drift for EPA's Offices of Water and Pesticide Programs.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 29 and Thursday, March 30, 2006. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday; please check the agenda posted on EPA's Web site for any revision to the scheduled times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in EPA's offices at Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell Street, Arlington, VA in room 1126 (the "Fishbowl").

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pat Cimino, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number (703) 308-9357; fax number (703) 308-4776; e-mail address: [cimino.pat@epa.gov](mailto:cimino.pat@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of particular interest to persons who work in agricultural settings or persons who are concerned about implementation of the Clean Water Act (CWA); the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA); and the amendments to both of these major pesticide laws by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to: Farmers and agricultural workers; pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental, consumer, and farm worker groups; pesticide users and growers; pest consultants; State, local and Tribal governments; academia; public health organizations; food processors; and the public. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket

identification number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0222; FRL-7769-2. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA. This Docket Facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

## II. Background

The Office of Pesticide Programs is entrusted with responsibility to help ensure the safety of the American food supply, the education and protection from unreasonable risk of those who apply or are exposed to pesticides occupationally or through use of products, and general protection of the environment and special ecosystems from potential risks posed by pesticides.

The Office of Water is responsible for protecting public health by ensuring safe drinking water and for protecting water quality and restoring impaired waterways.

## III. How Can I Request to Participate in the Meeting?

PPDC meetings are open to the public and seating is available on a first-come basis. Persons interested in attending do not need to register in advance of the meeting. For information on facilities and services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Pat Cimino at the phone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Agricultural workers, Chemicals, Foods, Growers, Pesticides and pests, Pesticide applicators, Public health, Risk assessment, Tolerance reassessment, Water quality.

Dated: March 8, 2006.

**James Jones,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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