

awards and range of funding will depend on the number of applications received and selected for award. Future year funding will depend upon suitable progress and the availability of funds.

The objective of this solicitation is to solicit applications for grants for research projects directed at novel approaches to the management of GHG emissions from fossil-fuel energy systems. Specifically, the solicitation will provide for the development of cost-effective solutions to the GHG emissions problem from fossil-fuel electric utilities.

The goals call for resolving outstanding scientific issues and establishing reduced-cost paths to energy and cost-efficient systems to manage or mitigate GHG emissions. Proposals exploring new and innovative approaches for capturing, separating, or storing carbon, or carbonaceous compounds, are particularly welcome. Applications submitted under this solicitation should clearly describe how a successful technology or approach will reduce or mitigate the GHG emissions from fossil-fuel electric utilities. Of specific interest to DOE are CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from the generation of electricity using coal.

The main thrust of the research efforts funded under this solicitation is experimental. As such, applications submitted under this solicitation should present a clear path forward such that, at the end of the project term, the R&D work and cost necessary to commercialize the concept can be clearly described. The anticipated term for projects is one (1) to three (3) years.

Collaborative research projects involving more than one institution are encouraged. Applications submitted from different institutions, which are directed at a common research activity, should clearly indicate they are part of a proposed collaboration and contain a brief description of the overall research project. However, each application must have a distinct scope of work and a qualified principal investigator, who is responsible for the research effort being performed at his or her institution. Synergistic collaborations with researchers in federal laboratories and Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), including the DOE National Laboratories are also encouraged.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at

(800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at [IIPS\\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov). The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA on May 27, 2003.

**Dale A. Siciliano,**

*Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER03-323-000, ER03-323-001, ER03-323-002 and ER03-323-003]

#### Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

May 30, 2003.

The May 28, 2003 Notice of Technical Conference in this proceeding indicated that a technical conference regarding the Midwest ISO's Market Mitigation Measures will be held on June 26, 2003 at 9 a.m. This conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, unless otherwise notified. All interested persons may attend the conference, and registration is not required. However, attendees are asked to register on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov/home/conferences.asp>.

The agenda for the technical conference is attached. The topics will commence with a presentation by the Midwest ISO and/or the Midwest ISO Independent Market Monitor, followed by a discussion. After the conference, Commission Staff will set a schedule for Comments and Reply Comments to be filed.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

#### Technical Conference Agenda

9-9:15 a.m. Introductions—Commission Staff; and Midwest ISO and/or Midwest ISO Market Monitor.

9:15-12 p.m.—BCA Mitigation, NCA Mitigation and Reference Levels.

- Definition of BCA and application of BCA mitigation;
- NCA designations and mitigation thresholds;
- Reference Levels.

12-1 p.m.—Lunch Break.

1-3:45 p.m.—Interaction between Mitigation Measures and Other Mechanisms.

- Physical Withholding Penalties and Day-Ahead Resource Adequacy Assessment;
- Interaction of the Mitigation Measures with, and status of:
  - Resource Adequacy Requirements;
  - Safety-net Bid Caps;
  - Scarcity Pricing and Demand Response.

3:45-4 p.m. Break.

4-5 p.m. Other Issues and Next Steps.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OAR-2003-0087; FRL-7507-8]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer Products

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer Products," EPA No. 1764.02, OMB No. 2060-0348, expires June 30, 2003. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Follow the detailed instructions in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bruce Moore, Emission Standards Division (C504-03), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-5460; fax

number: (919) 541-0072; electronic mail (e-mail) address: [moore.bruce@epa.gov](mailto:moore.bruce@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Docket.**

The EPA has established an official public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number OAR-2003-0087 (formerly A-95-40), which is available for public viewing at the Air Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 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 Reading Room is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the Air Docket is (202) 566-1742. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA within 60 days of this notice, and according to the following detailed instructions: Submit your comments to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to *A-and-R-*

*Docket@epamail.epa.gov*, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer Products, 40 CFR part 59, subpart C (6102T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

The EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information

about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to [www.epa.gov/edocket](http://www.epa.gov/edocket).

**Regulated entities.** Entities potentially affected by this action are those which manufacture, distribute, or import consumer products for sale or distribution in the United States, including the District of Columbia and all United States territories.

**Title.** National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer Products, OMB Control No. 2060-0348; EPA ICR No. 1764.02; expires June 30, 2003.

**Abstract.** The information collection includes initial reports and periodic recordkeeping necessary for EPA to ensure compliance with Federal standards for volatile organic compounds in consumer products. Respondents are manufacturers, distributors, and importers of consumer products. Responses to the collection are mandatory under 40 CFR part 59, subpart C—National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer Products. All information submitted to EPA for which a claim of confidentiality is made will be safeguarded according to the Agency policies set forth in 40 CFR part 2, subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

**Burden Statement.** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for

this collection of information is estimated to average 10 hours per respondent. 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, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; 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. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

To comment on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including the use of automated collection techniques, EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. OAR-2003-0087 (formerly A-95-40), which is available for public viewing at the Air Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 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 Reading Room is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the Air Docket is (202) 566-1742. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EDOCKET at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Also, you can send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Office for EPA. Please include the EPA Docket ID No. (OAR-2003-0087, formerly A-95-40) and

OMB control number 2060-0348 in any correspondence.

Dated: May 21, 2003.

**Henry C. Thomas, Jr.,**

*Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7507-6]

### Adequacy Determination for the Kansas City Area Ozone Maintenance State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Transportation Conformity Purposes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy determination.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, EPA is informing the public that we have found the motor vehicle emissions budgets for volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides in the Kansas City area adequate for conformity purposes. The budgets were submitted with the Kansas City Maintenance Plan for Control of Ozone which addresses the second ten-year period from the years 2003 through 2012. The Plan was submitted under two separate SIP submittals by the state of Kansas and the state of Missouri. The motor vehicle emissions budgets in each SIP were for the Kansas City Maintenance area and the budgets were the same for both states. We have determined that the budget submitted by the state of Kansas is adequate, and that the budget submitted by the state of Missouri is adequate.

**DATE:** This finding is effective June 20, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The finding and the response to comments will be available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/traqconf.htm> (click on "Adequacy Web Pages").

You may also contact Heather Hamilton, Environmental Protection Agency, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, or e-mail at [hamilton.heather@epa.gov](mailto:hamilton.heather@epa.gov), telephone (913) 551-7039.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

We sent a letter to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on March 17, 2003, stating that the motor vehicle emissions

budgets in the Kansas City area submitted with the Kansas City Maintenance Plan for Control of Ozone were adequate. The Kansas City Maintenance Plan for Control of Ozone addresses the second ten-year period from the years 2003 through 2012.

On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our adequacy finding, the Kansas City Area must use the motor vehicle emissions budgets from the submitted Kansas City Maintenance Plan for Ozone for future conformity determinations.

We described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in a guidance memorandum dated May 14, 1999, entitled, "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999, Conformity Court Decision." We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to 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 SIP motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). We applied these criteria in finding that the submitted budgets are 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 approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

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

Dated: May 22, 2003.

**James B. Gulliford,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 7.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0334; FRL-7311-1]

### Exposure Modeling Work Group; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Exposure Modeling Work Group (EMWG) will hold a 1-day meeting on June 10, 2003. This notice announces the location and time for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on June 10, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, Room 1126 (Fishbowl), 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael R. Barrett, Environmental Fate and Effects Division (7507C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6391; fax number: (703) 305-6309; e-mail address: [barrett.michael@epa.gov](mailto:barrett.michael@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 those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any 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 an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0334. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action.