

not begin and end with the preparation of each science assessment done as part of periodic NAAQS reviews?

- To what extent would it be practical and/or useful for such a continuous process to have a multi-pollutant focus rather than focusing on each pollutant separately?

- Can you suggest any examples that the Agency might consider in designing and implementing such a process?

- When and how could assessment of "new" science appropriately be performed and used during the NAAQS rulemaking process?

Risk/Exposure Assessment: As recommended in the workgroup report, the Agency plans to develop a more concise risk/exposure assessment document focused on key results, observations, and uncertainties (similar to the risk/exposure chapter(s) that are now included in Staff Papers). This document would be supported with comprehensive annexes that include all relevant background information, assumptions, results, and assessments of variability and uncertainty to ensure the transparency of the assessment (similar to the information now included in contractor technical support documents currently reviewed by the CASAC and public). The Agency plans to work with the Science Advisory Board Staff Office to consider the formation of a CASAC subcommittee on risk/exposure assessments, when appropriate, to provide more focused feedback and advice on planning these assessments, including input on the methodology used and the characterization of uncertainties.

- What are your views on CASAC's role in providing more focused feedback and advice on the risk/exposure assessments?

Policy Assessment/Rulemaking: As recommended in the workgroup report, the Agency plans to replace the Staff Paper as currently structured with a more narrowly focused policy assessment document to the extent that the changes discussed above are adopted and effectively implemented. This document would be based on the information contained in the science and risk/exposure assessments, and would also include the results of policy-relevant air quality analyses. This document would focus on identification of a set of evidence- and risk-based approaches for reaching policy judgments; consideration of the adequacy of the current standards and whether alternative standards should be assessed for consideration; and identification of a range of options for alternative standards (in terms of indicators, averaging times, forms, and ranges of levels) that might be considered by the Administrator in making policy choices.

- What steps can be taken to ensure that the roles previously played by the Staff Paper are effectively addressed in the science assessment, risk/exposure assessment, and the policy assessment?

- What are your views on whether and how your ability to comment on the policy assessment would be affected by having an opportunity to review just one draft of the policy assessment, as envisioned in the recommended timeline?

In their transmittal memorandum, Mr. Wehrum and Dr. Gray have additionally

concluded that it is appropriate for the final policy assessment to reflect the Agency's views, consistent with EPA practice in other rulemakings. They also recommended that further consideration be given to publishing the policy assessment through an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) that solicits review and comment from CASAC and the public. Comments received on an ANPR would be taken into consideration in developing the proposal notice, although unlike the process of preparing both a draft and final assessment document that addresses such comments prior to the preparation of a proposal notice, the use of an ANPR may eliminate the preparation of a "final" policy assessment.

- To what extent, if at all, do you think that it would affect your comments if the draft and/or final policy assessment reflects Agency rather than staff views?

- To what extent, if at all, do you think it would affect your opportunity to provide comments if the policy assessment were to be published in conjunction with an advance notice of proposed rulemaking rather than in the form of both a draft and final assessment document?

Finally, the following questions concern more general issues regarding the NAAQS review process:

- The generic NAAQS review timeline presented in the workgroup report is intended to maximize the time allotted to conducting the science and risk/exposure assessments within a 5-year review cycle, and to reach proposed decisions as close in time to the completion of the science and risk/exposure assessments as possible. As a general matter, what are your views on these goals?

- To what extent do you feel that the relative amount of time allotted to each activity in the generic timeline, and the degree to which certain activities are projected to be done concurrently, is appropriate?

- To what extent do you believe that the recommended generic timeline provides adequate and appropriate opportunities for CASAC and the public to participate in the NAAQS review process?

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Public Water System Supervision Program Revisions for the State of Ohio

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative approval.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the State of Ohio is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. Ohio has revised its definition of a Public Water System, Consumer Confidence Report Rule,

Public Notification Rule, Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule; and Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule.

EPA has determined that these revisions by the State are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. Therefore, EPA intends to approve these revisions to the State of Ohio's Public Water System Supervision Program.

Any interested party may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by July 12, 2006, to the Regional Administrator at the EPA Region 5 address shown below. The Regional Administrator may deny frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by July 12, 2006, EPA Region 5 will hold a public hearing. If EPA Region 5 does not receive a timely and appropriate request for a hearing and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, this determination shall become final and effective on July 12, 2006. Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information: The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and a brief statement of the information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing; and the signature of the individual making the request, or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

ADDRESSES: All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection at the following offices: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, 122 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch (WG-15J), 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicia Brown, EPA Region 5, Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch, at the address given above, by telephone at (312) 886-4443, or at brown.alicia@epa.gov.

Authority: Section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3006-2 (1996), and 40 CFR part 142 of the

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

Dated: May 25, 2006.

Norman Niedergang,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Correction; Sunshine Act Meeting Notice; Announcing a Partially Open Meeting of the Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: The open meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to begin at 10 am on Wednesday, June 14, 2006. The closed portion of the meeting will follow immediately the open portion of the meeting.

PLACE: Board Room, First Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1625 Eye Street, NW., Washington DC 20006.

STATUS: The first portion of the meeting will be open to the public. The final portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE OPEN PORTION: *Financing Corporation 2006 Supplemental Budget Request.* Consideration of the Financing Corporation (FICO) request to increase its 2006 budget to cover unanticipated legal expenses.

Data Reporting Reorganization.

Consideration of a final rule that would move certain data reporting requirements from regulation to the Data Reporting Manual.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE CLOSED PORTION: *Periodic Update of Examination Program Development and Supervisory Findings.*

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Shelia Willis, Paralegal Specialist, Office of General Counsel, at 202-408-2876 or williss@fhfb.gov.

Dated: June 7, 2006.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

John P. Kennedy,

General Counsel.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency information collection activities: Announcement of Board approval under delegated authority and submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

SUMMARY: Background.

Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed information

collections by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public). Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instrument(s) are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer Michelle Long—Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551 (202-452-3829).

OMB Desk Officer Mark Menchik—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to mmenchik@omb.eop.gov.

Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension for three years, without revision of the following reports:

1. Report title: Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices.

Agency form number: FR 2018.

OMB control number: 7100-0058.

Frequency: Up to six times a year.

Reporters: Large U.S. commercial banks and large U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.

Annual reporting hours: 1,008 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: 2 hours.

Number of respondents: 84.

General description of report: This information collection is voluntary (12 U.S.C. §§ 248(a), 324, 335, 3101, 3102, and 3105) and is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4)).

Abstract: The FR 2018 is conducted with a senior loan officer at each respondent bank, generally through a telephone interview. The purpose of the survey is to provide qualitative information with respect to current price and flow developments and evolving techniques and practices in the U.S. loan markets. Consequently, a significant portion of the questions in each survey consists of unique questions on topics of timely interest. The respondents' answers provide crucial information for monitoring and

understanding the evolution of lending practices at banks and developments in credit markets.

2. Report title: Senior Financial Officer Survey.

Agency form number: FR 2023.

OMB control number: 7100-0223.

Frequency: Up to four times a year.

Reporters: Commercial banks, other depository institutions, corporations or large money-stock holders.

Annual reporting hours: 232 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: 1 hour.

Number of respondents: 58.

General description of report: This information collection is voluntary (U.S.C. §§ 225a, 248(a), and 263); confidentiality will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Abstract: The 2023 requests qualitative and limited quantitative information about liability management, the provision of financial services, and the functioning of key financial markets from a selection of up to sixty large commercial banks (or, if appropriate, from other depository institutions or major financial market participants). Responses are obtained from a senior officer at each participating institution through a telephone interview conducted by Reserve Bank or Board staff. The survey does not have a fixed set of questions; each survey consists of a limited number of questions directed at topics of timely interest.

Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension for three years, with revision of the following reports:

1. Report titles: Quarterly Report of Interest Rates on Selected Direct Consumer Installment Loans and Quarterly Report of Credit Card Plans.

Agency form numbers: FR 2835 and FR 2835a.

OMB control number: 7100-0085.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Reporters: Commercial banks.

Annual reporting hours: FR 2835: 132 hours; and FR 2835a: 100 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: FR 2835: 13 minutes; and FR 2835a: 30 minutes

Number of respondents: FR 2835: 150; and FR 2835a: 50.

General description of report: These information collections are voluntary (12 U.S.C. 248(a)(2)). The FR 2835a individual respondent data are given confidential treatment.

Abstract: The FR 2835 collects information from a sample of commercial banks on interest rates charged on loans for new vehicles and loans for other consumer goods and personal expenses. The FR 2835a