

timely attainment of the NAAQS. The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4).

Please note that an adequacy finding of budgets in a submitted SIP is separate from EPA's completeness determination of that SIP, and separate from EPA's final action as to approve or disapprove the SIP. Even if we find budgets adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved. We describe 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 May 31, 2000 adequacy findings for the budgets contained in the Delaware's January 24, 2000 submittal of its revised 2005 attainment plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area and in its February 3, 2000 submittal of its Post 1999 ROP plan (2002) for the Delaware portion of the area. You may obtain a copy of this guidance from EPA's conformity website referred to above or by calling the contact name listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

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**Bradley M. Campbell,**

*Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[FRL-6713-6]**

### **Adequacy Status of Motor Vehicle Budgets in Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes; Maryland; Revised Phase II Plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area (Cecil County)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy status.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing that the revised motor vehicle emissions budgets (budgets) contained in the revised Phase II Plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area submitted by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) as State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions are adequate for transportation conformity

purposes. The revised Phase II Plan was submitted to EPA on December 21, 1999. Maryland's revised Phase II Plan consists of the 2005 attainment demonstration for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton nonattainment area and the 2002 and 2005 Post 99 Rate-of-Progress (ROP) plans for the Maryland portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Nonattainment Area, Cecil County. EPA has found the budgets in Maryland's revised Phase II Plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton nonattainment area adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

**DATES:** The findings that the budgets are adequate were made in a letter dated May 31, 2000 from EPA Region III to the Maryland Department of the Environment. These adequacy findings are effective on June 23, 2000.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Throughout this document "we," "us," or "our" refer to EPA. The word "budgets" refers to the motor vehicle emission budgets for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). The word "SIP" in this document refers to the revised Phase II Plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton nonattainment area submitted on December 21, 1999. The revised Phase II Plan includes the 2005 attainment demonstration for the one-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton nonattainment area and the Post 99 ROP plans (2002 and 2005) for the Maryland portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton nonattainment area, Cecil County.

On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that budgets contained in submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. By a transmittal letter dated December 21, 1999, the Maryland Department of the Environment formally submitted revisions to the Phase II Plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area. On March 2, 2000, we posted the availability of the Revised Phase II Plan and the budgets on our conformity website for the purpose of soliciting public comment on the adequacy of the budgets. The comment period closed on April 3, 2000.

On May 31, 2000, EPA Region III sent a letter to the Maryland Department of the Environment which constitute final

Agency actions on the adequacy of the budgets contained in the revised Phase II SIP. Those actions were EPA's findings that the budgets of the revised Phase II plan submitted by MDE for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton area are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our May 31, 2000 findings, the attainment budgets and the ROP budgets contained in Maryland's December 21, 1999 revised Phase II SIP for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton nonattainment area may be used for future conformity determinations.

This is an announcement of adequacy findings that we have already made on May 31, 2000. The effective date of these findings is June 23, 2000. These findings will also be announced on EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq> (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of Submissions for Conformity"). The website will contain a detailed analysis of our adequacy findings and our responses to the public comments.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176 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 so. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the NAAQS. The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4).

Please note that an adequacy finding for budgets contained in a SIP is separate from EPA's completeness determination of the SIP submission, and separate from EPA's action to approve or disapprove the SIP. Even if we find budgets adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved. We describe our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance memorandum dated May 14, 1999 and titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision". We followed this guidance in making these adequacy findings of the budgets in Maryland's revised Phase II plan. You may obtain a copy of this guidance from EPA's conformity web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq> (once there, click on the "Conformity" button) or by calling the contact name listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

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**Bradley M. Campbell,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that a committee of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the date and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting is open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. *Important Notice:* Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

#### 1. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)—June 19, 2000

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), will hold a public teleconference call on June 19, 2000 from 1 pm–3 pm Eastern Daylight Time.

*Purpose of the Meeting*—The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to continue work on a self-initiated project to offer advice to the Agency on the content and design of an ecological report card. The Committee met on April 25–26, 2000 to discuss a proposed conceptual framework for reporting on ecological condition, and will meet in Washington, DC on September 20–22, 2000 to apply the framework to several Agency examples or programs. The June 19 teleconference call will provide an opportunity for Committee members to discuss the materials they are drafting to describe the conceptual framework. The Committee may also receive briefings from Agency staff on EPA activities relating to ecological indicators, and may discuss programs/projects that may be suitable case examples for the September EPEC meeting. The output of the Committee deliberations, following the September meeting, is expected to be a report to the Agency describing a proposed framework, with illustrative

case examples relevant to EPA programs.

*For Further Information*—Instructions about how to participate in the teleconference call may be obtained by contacting Ms. Mary Winston, Management Assistant to the Committee, the week prior to the meeting (no later than June 14) at (202) 564–4538 or via e-mail at [winston.mary@epa.gov](mailto:winston.mary@epa.gov). For additional information on the project, contact Ms. Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 564–4561 or via e-mail at [sanzone.stephanie@epa.mail](mailto:sanzone.stephanie@epa.mail). Any member of the public wishing to submit brief oral comments (5 minutes or less) must contact Ms. Sanzone at Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564–4561; FAX (202) 501–0582; or via e-mail. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Ms. Sanzone no later than noon Eastern Daylight Time on June 12, 2000.

#### Providing Oral or Written Comments At SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

*Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format:

WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

*General Information*—Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The FY1999 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564–4533 or via fax at (202) 501–0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

*Meeting Access*—Individuals requiring special accommodation at SAB meetings, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Dated:** June 1, 2000.

**Donald G. Barnes,**

*Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–00648A; FRL–6591–7]

### Pesticides; List of Pests of Significant Public Health Importance; Extension of Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On March 29, 2000, EPA issued a notice of availability for the draft Pesticide Registration Notice paper titled: “List of Pests of Significant Public Health Importance.” The comment period would have ended May 30, 2000. In order to solicit additional public comment, EPA has decided to extend the comment period to July 30, 2000.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket control number OPP–00648, must be received by EPA on or before July 30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP–00648 in the