

concentrations of O₃ in the ambient air and one for measuring SO₂ in the ambient air. These designations are made under the provisions of 40 CFR Part 53, as amended on December 18, 2006 (71 FR 61271).

The new reference method for NO_x is an automated method (analyzer) utilizing the measurement principle based on gas phase chemiluminescence and the calibration procedure specified in Appendix F of 40 CFR part 50. This newly designated reference method is identified as follows:

RFNA-0809-186, "Ecotech Serinus 40 Oxides of Nitrogen Analyzer", operated in the range of 0-0.5 ppm, with a five-micron Teflon® filter element installed, and with the following selected: Control Loop-Enabled, Diagnostic Mode-Operate, Pres/Temp/Flow Compensation-Enabled, Span Compensation-Disabled, with concentration automatically corrected for temperature and pressure changes, and operated according to the Serinus 40 Oxides of Nitrogen Analyzer User Manual.

The new equivalent method for O₃ is an automated method that utilizes a measurement principle based on non-dispersive ultraviolet absorption photometry. The newly designated equivalent method for O₃ is identified as follows:

EQOA-0809-187, "Ecotech Serinus 10 Ozone Analyzer", operated in the range of 0-0.5 ppm, with a five-micron Teflon® filter element installed, and with the following selected: Control Loop-Enabled, Diagnostic Mode-Operate, Pres/Temp/Flow Compensation-Enabled, Span Compensation-Disabled, with concentration automatically corrected for temperature and pressure changes, and operated according to the Serinus 10 Ozone Analyzer User Manual.

The new equivalent method for SO₂ is an automated method (analyzer) that utilizes a measurement principle based on ultraviolet fluorescence. The newly designated equivalent method for SO₂ is identified as follows:

EQSA-0809-188, "Ecotech Serinus 50 Sulfur Dioxide Analyzer", operated in the range of 0-0.5 ppm, with a five-micron Teflon® filter element installed, and with the following selected: Background-Enabled, Control Loop-Enabled, Diagnostic Mode-Operate, Pres/Temp/Flow Compensation-Enabled, Span Compensation-Disabled, with concentration automatically corrected for temperature and pressure changes, and operated according to the Serinus 50 Sulfur Dioxide Analyzer User Manual.

Applications for the reference method and equivalent method determinations for these candidate methods were received by the EPA on March 19, 2008, April 22, 2009 and June 22, 2009, respectively. The monitors are commercially available from the applicant, Ecotech Pty. Ltd., 1492

Ferntree Gully Road, Knoxfield, Victoria, 3180, Australia.

Test analyzers representative of these methods have been tested in accordance with the applicable test procedures specified in 40 CFR Part 53 (as amended on December 18, 2006). After reviewing the results of those tests and other information submitted by the applicant in the respective applications, EPA has determined, in accordance with Part 53, that these methods should be designated as a reference or equivalent method, as appropriate. The information submitted by the applicant in the respective applications will be kept on file, either at EPA's National Exposure Research Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711 or in an approved archive storage facility, and will be available for inspection (with advance notice) to the extent consistent with 40 CFR Part 2 (EPA's regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act).

As designated reference or equivalent methods, these methods are acceptable for use by states and other air monitoring agencies under the requirements of 40 CFR Part 58, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, each method must be used in strict accordance with the operation or instruction manual associated with the method and subject to any specifications and limitations (e.g., configuration or operational settings) specified in the applicable designated method description (see the identifications of the methods above).

Use of the method should also be in general accordance with the guidance and recommendations of applicable sections of the "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume I," EPA/600/R-94/038a and "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II, Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program" EPA-454/B-08-003, December, 2008 (available at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/qabook.html>). Vendor modifications of a designated equivalent method used for purposes of Part 58 are permitted only with prior approval of the EPA, as provided in Part 53. Provisions concerning modification of such methods by users are specified under Section 2.8 (Modifications of Methods by Users) of Appendix C to 40 CFR Part 58.

In general, a method designation applies to any sampler or analyzer which is identical to the sampler or analyzer described in the application for designation. In some cases, similar samplers or analyzers manufactured prior to the designation may be

upgraded or converted (e.g., by minor modification or by substitution of the approved operation or instruction manual) so as to be identical to the designated method and thus achieve designated status. The manufacturer should be consulted to determine the feasibility of such upgrading or conversion.

Part 53 requires that sellers of designated reference or equivalent method analyzers or samplers comply with certain conditions. These conditions are specified in 40 CFR 53.9.

Aside from occasional breakdowns or malfunctions, consistent or repeated noncompliance with any of these conditions should be reported to: Director, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-E205-01), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

Designation of these new reference and equivalent methods is intended to assist the States in establishing and operating their air quality surveillance systems under 40 CFR Part 58. Questions concerning the commercial availability or technical aspects of the method should be directed to the applicant.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the second external review draft of a document titled, "Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter" (EPA/600/R-08/139B and EPA/600/R-08/139BA). The 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 particulate matter.

EPA is releasing this draft document to seek review by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the public (meeting date and location to be specified in a separate **Federal Register** notice). The draft document does not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in response to this notice when revising the document.

DATES: The public comment period begins on or about July 31, 2009. Comments must be received on or before September 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The "Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter" 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, "Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter" (EPA/600/R-08/139B and EPA/600/R-08/139C) to facilitate processing of your request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Dr. Lindsay Wichers Stanek, NCEA; *telephone:* 919-541-7792; *facsimile:* 919-541-2985; or *e-mail:* stanek.lindsay@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act directs the Administrator to identify certain pollutants which, among other things, "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 [a] pollutant in the ambient air. * * * " Under section 109 of the Act, EPA is then to establish national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d) of the Act subsequently 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.

Particulate matter (PM) is one of six principal (or "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 existence and whose review and advisory functions are mandated by Section 109(d)(2) of the Act, is charged (among other things) with independent scientific review of EPA's air quality criteria.

On June 28, 2007 (72 FR 35462), EPA formally initiated its current review of the air quality criteria for PM, requesting the submission of recent scientific information on specified topics. A draft of EPA's "Integrated Review Plan for the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Particulate Matter" (EPA/452/P-08-006) was made available in October 2007 for public comment and was discussed by the CASAC PM Review Panel via a publicly accessible teleconference consultation on November 30, 2007 (72 FR 63177). EPA finalized the plan and made it available in March 2008 (EPA/452/R-08-004; http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s_pm_2007_pd.html). In June 2008 (73 FR 30391), EPA held a workshop to discuss, with invited scientific experts, initial draft materials prepared in the development of the PM ISA and its supplementary annexes.

The First External Review Draft ISA for PM (EPA/600/R-08/139 and EPA/600/R-08/139A; <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=201805>) was released on December 22, 2008 (73 FR 77686). This document was reviewed by the CASAC and discussed at a public meeting on April 1 and 2, 2009 (74 FR 7688). The CASAC held a follow-up public teleconference on May 7, 2009 (74 FR 18230) to review and approve the CASAC PM Review Panel's draft letter providing comments to the Agency on the First External Review Draft ISA for PM (<http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sab>

[product.nsf/73ACCA834AB44A10852575BD0064346B/\\$File/EPA-CASAC-09-008-unsigned.pdf](http://product.nsf/73ACCA834AB44A10852575BD0064346B/$File/EPA-CASAC-09-008-unsigned.pdf)).

The second external review draft ISA for PM will be reviewed and discussed by CASAC at a public meeting. Public comments received will be provided to the CASAC PM Review Panel. A future **Federal Register** notice will inform the public of the exact date and time of that CASAC meeting.

II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at www.regulations.gov

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0517, 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 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-2007-0517. 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

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-1399 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed 07/20/2009 through 07/24/2009 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20090250, Draft EIS, IBR, NV, Walker River Basin Acquisition Program, To Provide Water to Walker Lake an at Risk Natural Desert Terminal Lake, Funding, Walker River Basin, NV, Comment Period Ends: 09/14/2009, Contact: Caryn Hunt DeCarol, 775-884-8352.

EIS No. 20090251, Final EIS, NPS, NY, Fort Stanwix National Monument General Management Plan, Implementation, Funding, City of Rome, Oneida County, NY, Wait Period Ends: 08/31/2009, Contact: James O'Connell, 617-223-5222.

EIS No. 20090252, Draft EIS, NPS, DC, White-Tailed Deer Management Plan, To Develop a White-Tailed Deer Management that Supports Long-Term Protection, Preservation and Restoration of Native Vegetation and other Natural and Cultural Resource in Rock Creek Park, Washington, DC, Comment Period Ends: 09/14/2009, Contact: Ken Ferebee, 202-895-6221.

EIS No. 20090253, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Deadlog Vegetation Management Project, To Implement Treatments that would Reduce the Risk of High Intensity, Stand Replacement Wildlife and the Risk of Heavy Tree Mortality from Insects and Disease, Deschutes National Forest Lands, Deschutes County, OR, Comment Period Ends: 09/14/2009, Contact: Terry Craig, 541-548-7749.

EIS No. 20090254, Draft EIS, AFS, 00, Bridgeport Travel Management Project, To Provide the Primary Framework for Sustainable Management of Motor Vehicle Use on the Bridgeport Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Mono County, CA and Lyon, Douglas, and Mineral Counties, NV, Comment Period Ends: 09/14/2009, Contact: Dave Lomis, 775-884-8132.

EIS No. 20090255, Final EIS, BLM, CO, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Resource Management Plan, To Address Future Management Options for Approximately 165.00 Acres of Land, Dolores and Montezuma Counties, CO, Wait Period Ends: 08/31/2009, Contact: Heather Musclow, 970-882-5600.

EIS No. 20090256, Draft EIS, BLM, NV, Round Mountain Expansion Project, Proposed to Construct and Operate and Expand the Existing Open-Pit Gold Mining and Processing Operations, north of the town of Tonopah in Nye County, NV, Comment Period Ends: 09/14/2009, Contact: Thomas J. Seely, 775-482-7800.

EIS No. 20090257, Draft EIS, BLM, SD, Dewey Conveyor Project, To Transport Limestone from a Future

Quarry Location to a Rail Load-Out Facility near Dewey, Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands, Custer County, SD, Comment Period Ends: 09/14/2009, Contact: Marian Atkins, 605-892-7000.

EIS No. 20090258, Final EIS, FRC, 00, Catawba-Wateree Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2232), Application for Hydroelectric License, Catawba and Wateree Rivers in Burke, McDowell, Caldwell, Catawba, Alexander, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Lincoln and Gaston Counties, NC and York, Lancaster, Chester, Fairfield and Kershaw Counties, SC, Wait Period Ends: 08/31/2009, Contact: Julia Bovey, 1-866-208-3372.

EIS No. 20090259, Draft Supplement, AFS, PA, Allegheny National Forest, Updated Information for the 2007 Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Elk, Forest, McKean and Warren Counties, PA, Comment Period Ends: 10/28/2009, Contact: Lois DeMarco, 814-728-6179.

EIS No. 20090260, Final EIS, COE, TX, Calhoun Port Authority's, Proposed Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project to Widen and Deepen Berthing Facilities, US Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Calhoun and Matagorda Counties, TX, Wait Period Ends: 08/31/2009, Contact: Denise Sloan, 409-766-3962.

EIS No. 20090261, Final Supplement, GSA, MD, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Headquarters Consolidation, Master Plan Update, Federal Research Center at White Oak, Silver Spring, Montgomery County, MD, Wait Period Ends: 08/31/2009, Contact: Suzanne Hill, 202-205-5821.

EIS No. 20090262, Draft EIS, EPA, GU, Apra Harbor, Guam, Proposed Site Designation of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site Offshore of Guam, Comment Period Ends: 09/28/2009, Contact: Allan Ota, 415-972-3476.

EIS No. 20090263, Final EIS, NSF, HI, Advanced Technology Solar Telescope Project, Issuing Special Use Permit to Operate Commercial Vehicles on Haeakala National Park Road during the Construction of Site at the University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy, Haleakala High Altitude Observatory (HO) Site, Island of Maui, HI, Wait Period Ends: 08/31/2009, Contact: Craig Foltz, 703-292-4909.

EIS No. 20090264, Final EIS, FHW, OH, Cleveland Innerbelt Project, Proposing Major Rehabilitation and Reconstruction between I-71 and I-90, Cleveland Central Business District, Funding, City of Cleveland,