

the reason for the change, how the change was incorporated into the EMFAC model, and the resulting emissions impact. All presentations from the public workshops are available on the CARB Web site at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msei/workshops.htm#work200612>. These presentations summarize the major changes to the EMFAC model and contain tables showing the impacts of the changes both statewide and by county for HC, CO, NO_x, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}.

F. Will a Transportation Conformity Grace Period Be Set by This Approval?

Yes. The transportation conformity rule (40 CFR part 93.111) requires that conformity analyses be based on the latest motor vehicle emissions model approved by EPA for SIP purposes for a state or area. Section 176(c)(1) of the CAA states that “* * * [t]he determination of conformity shall be based on the most recent estimates of emissions, and such estimates shall be determined from the most recent population, employment, travel, and congestion estimates. * * *” When EPA approves a new emissions model such as EMFAC2007, a grace period is established before the model is required for conformity analyses. However, areas have the option of using the new model prior to the end of the grace period. The conformity rule provides for a grace period for new emissions models of between 3 to 24 months. In consultation with FHWA and FTA, EPA considers many factors in establishing the length of the grace period, including the degree of change in emissions models and the effects of the new model on the transportation planning process (40 CFR 93.111).

Upon consideration of all of these factors, EPA is establishing a 3-month grace period before EMFAC2007 is required for the following conformity analyses:

- All new HC, NO_x, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and CO regional emissions analyses (e.g., supporting transportation plan and TIP conformity determinations); and
- All new CO hot-spot analyses supporting project-level conformity determinations.

The grace period begins today and ends on *April 18, 2008*. As discussed earlier in the notice, the last version of EMFAC (EMFAC2002) is no longer used in California for new regional emissions analyses for transportation plan and TIP conformity determinations. Therefore it is appropriate to set a short grace period since all areas in California will need to use EMFAC2007 to begin any new regional conformity analyses. A longer

grace period would provide no practical benefit for transportation plan and TIP conformity determinations, since older EMFAC models cannot be used in new regional analyses due to the latest planning assumptions requirements in the conformity rule (40 CFR 93.110).

When the grace period ends on *April 18, 2008*, EMFAC2007 will become the only approved motor vehicle emissions model for all new regional and CO hot-spot transportation conformity analyses across California. In general, this means that all new HC, NO_x, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, and CO regional conformity analyses and CO hot-spot analyses started after the end of the 3-month grace period must be based on EMFAC2007, even if the SIP is based on an earlier version of the EMFAC model.

G. Can Areas Use Any Other Models During the Grace Period?

Yes, in limited cases. CO hot-spot analyses for project-level conformity determinations can be based on EMFAC2002 if the analysis was begun before the end of the grace period, started before August 1, 2007 and if the final environmental document for the project is issued no more than three years after the issuance of the draft environmental document (see 40 CFR 93.111(c)). The interagency consultation process should be used if it is unclear whether an EMFAC2002 based analysis is covered by the circumstances described above.

H. Future Updates to EMFAC

On January 31, 2006, CARB submitted a letter to EPA and to the California Division of the FHWA indicating the State's intention to update future revisions to EMFAC. These EMFAC updates would reflect, among other new information, updated vehicle fleet data every three years. In California, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Air Districts have not been able to update vehicle fleet data embedded into EMFAC. The EPA/USDOT January 18, 2001, guidance on latest planning assumptions and EPA's July 2004 final rule, indicate that new vehicle registration data must be used when it is available prior to the start of new conformity analyses and that states should update the data at least every five years. The State reaffirmed their commitment to keeping the latest planning assumptions included in EMFAC updated on a three year cycle in the April 18, 2007 EMFAC submittal letter. The next update to the planning assumptions in EMFAC is expected in 2010, which would most likely also include updates to the emissions factors of the model as well.

III. Summary of EPA Actions

EPA is approving EMFAC2007 as submitted by CARB on April 18, 2007 with the following limitations and conditions:

(1) The approval is limited to California.

(2) The approval is Statewide and applies to estimation of emissions of hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}), lead, and sulfur oxides. However, EMFAC2007 will only be used in transportation conformity analyses for pollutants and precursors that affect regional on-road mobile emissions and are applicable in a given nonattainment or maintenance area. EPA is also approving EMFAC2007 to estimate hot-spot emissions for carbon monoxide conformity analyses.

(3) A 3-month statewide transportation conformity grace period will be established beginning *January 18, 2008* and ending *April 18, 2008* for the transportation conformity uses described in (2) above.

Dated: January 10, 2008.

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Sunshine Act Meeting; Cancellation

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 73 FR 1343, Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 3 p.m. (Eastern Time).

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: The meeting has been cancelled.

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Dated: January 15, 2008.

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Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E. Street, NW., Washington, DC.