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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8754-1]

### Office of Research and Development; Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods: Designation of a New Reference Method

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of the designation of a new reference method for monitoring ambient air quality.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 53, a new reference method for measuring mass concentrations of coarse particulate matter (PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>) in the ambient air.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Surender Kaushik, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-D205-03), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: (919) 541-5691, e-mail: [Kaushik.Surender@epa.gov](mailto:Kaushik.Surender@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR

Part 53, the EPA evaluates various methods for monitoring the concentrations of those ambient air pollutants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQSs) as set forth in 40 CFR Part 50. Monitoring methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated by the EPA as either reference methods or equivalent methods (as applicable), thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR Part 58 by States and other agencies for determining attainment of the NAAQSs.

The EPA hereby announces the designation of a new reference method for measuring mass concentrations of coarse particulate matter (PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>) in the ambient air. This designation is made under the provisions of 40 CFR Part 53, as amended on December 18, 2006 (71 FR 61271).

The new reference method for PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> is a manual method that utilizes a pair of FRM samplers that has already been designated as PM<sub>2.5</sub> (RFPS-0498-116) and PM<sub>10c</sub> (RFPS-1298-125), and the requirements specified in Appendix O of 40 CFR Part 50. The newly designated PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> reference method is identified as follows:

RFPS-1208-173, "BGI Incorporated Model PQ200 PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> sampler pair for the determination of coarse particulate matter as PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> consisting of a pair of BGI Model PQ200 samplers, with one configured for sampling PM<sub>2.5</sub> (RFPS-0498-116) and the other configured for sampling PM<sub>10c</sub> (RFPS-1298-125) with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> separator replaced with a BGI WINS Eliminator and operated in accordance with the Model PQ200 Instruction manual supplement Appendix O.

An application for a reference method determination for the candidate method was received by the EPA on July 31, 2008. The sampler pair is commercially available from the applicant, BGI Incorporated, 58 Guinan Street, Waltham, MA 02451, USA (<http://www.bgiusa.com>).

After reviewing the information submitted by the applicant in the application, EPA has determined, in accordance with CFR Parts 53 (as amended on October 17, 2006), that this method should be designated as a reference method. The information submitted by the applicant in the application 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 a designated reference method, this method is 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, the 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 designation method description (see the identifications of the method 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, Part 1," EPA-454/R-98-004 (available at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/qabook.html>). Vendor modifications of a designated reference 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 and are summarized below:

(a) A copy of the approved operation or instruction manual must accompany the sampler or analyzer when it is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

(b) The sampler or analyzer must not generate any unreasonable hazard to operators or to the environment.

(c) The sampler or analyzer must function within the limits of the applicable performance specifications

given in 40 CFR Parts 50 and 53 for at least one year after delivery when maintained and operated in accordance with the operation or instruction manual.

(d) Any sampler or analyzer offered for sale as part of a reference or equivalent method must bear a label or sticker indicating that it has been designated as part of a reference or equivalent method in accordance with Part 53 and showing its designated method identification number.

(e) If such an analyzer has two or more selectable ranges, the label or sticker must be placed in close proximity to the range selector and indicate which range or ranges have been included in the reference or equivalent method designation.

(f) An applicant who offers samplers or analyzers for sale as part of a reference or equivalent method is required to maintain a list of ultimate purchasers of such samplers or analyzers and to notify them within 30 days if a reference or equivalent method designation applicable to the method has been canceled or if adjustment of the sampler or analyzer is necessary under 40 CFR 53.11(b) to avoid a cancellation.

(g) An applicant who modifies a sampler or analyzer previously designated as part of a reference or equivalent method is not permitted to sell the sampler or analyzer (as modified) as part of a reference or equivalent method (although it may be sold without such representation), nor to attach a designation label or sticker to the sampler or analyzer (as modified) under the provisions described above, until the applicant has received notice under 40 CFR 53.14(c) that the original designation or a new designation applies to the method as modified, or until the applicant has applied for and received notice under 40 CFR 53.8(b) of a new reference or equivalent method determination for the sampler or analyzer as modified.

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 this new reference method 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.

**Jewel F. Morris,**

*Acting Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Notices

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 10 a.m.

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

#### ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Draft Final Rules—Repeal of Millionaires' Amendment Regulations.

Draft Final Rules—Reporting Contributions Bundled by Lobbyists, Registrants and the PACs of Lobbyists and Registrants.

Report of the Audit Division on Karen Carter for Congress.

Report of the Audit Division on Texans for Henry Cuellar Congressional Campaign.

Report of the Audit Division on Christine Jennings for Congress.

Report of the Audit Division on Friends of Weiner.

Election of Officers.

Future Meeting Dates.

Management and Administrative Matters.

Individuals who plan to attend and require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Mary Dove, Commission Secretary, at (202) 694-1040, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing date.

#### PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Robert Biersack, Press Officer,  
Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Mary W. Dove,**

*Secretary the Commission.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part

225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 12, 2009.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York** (Ivan Hurwitz, Bank Applications Officer) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *New York Private Bank & Trust Corporation and Emigrant Bancorp, Inc.*, both of New York, New York, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of DollarSavingsDirect.com (in formation), Ossining, New York.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Burl Thornton, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Glenwood Bancorporation*, Glenwood, Iowa, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Tabor Enterprises, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of First State Bank, both of Tabor, Iowa.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 15, 2008.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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