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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In Notice No. 123, a notice of proposed rulemaking published in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2011 (76 FR 69198), the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) requested public comment on the proposed establishment of an approximately 198-square mile (or 126,720 acre) "Middleburg Virginia" American viticultural area in portions of Loudoun and Fauquier Counties in northern Virginia. The 60-day comment period for Notice No. 123, originally closed on January 9, 2012.

On January 6, 2012, TTB received a request from the president of the Loudoun Wine Growers Association, for an extension of the comment period for Notice No. 123. (This request is posted as Comment 12 within Docket No. TTB-2011-0009 at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)). This comment states that the organization "was not aware of this notice in time to meet and discuss the establishment of this [viticultural area] as it includes many of our members."

In response to this request, TTB reopens the comment period for Notice No. 123 for an additional 45 days. We believe this additional time will allow industry members and the general public to fully consider the proposed establishment of the Middleburg Virginia viticultural area. Therefore, comments on Notice No. 123 are now due on or before February 27, 2012.

**Drafting Information**

Michael D. Hoover of the Regulations and Rulings Division drafted this notice.

Signed: January 9, 2012.

**John J. Manfreda,**  
Administrator.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Parts 85, 86, and 600****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****49 CFR Parts 523, 531, 533, 536, and 537**

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**2017 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards; Extension of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** EPA and NHTSA are announcing a 14-day extension of the comment period for the joint proposed rules "2017 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards," published in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 2011 (76 FR 74854). The comment period was to end on January 30, 2012 (60 days after publication of the proposals in the **Federal Register**). This document extends the comment period to February 13, 2012. This extension of the comment period is provided to allow the public additional time to comment on the proposed rule.

The extension of the comment period does not apply to NHTSA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS), available on NHTSA's Web site at [www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy](http://www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy). The comment period for NHTSA's Draft EIS closes on January 31, 2012.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before February 13, 2012 in order to be considered timely.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0799 and/or NHTSA-2010-0131, by one of the following methods:

- **Online:** [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** [a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov).
- **Fax:** EPA: (202) 566-9744; NHTSA: (202) 493-2251.
- **Mail:**
  - EPA: Environmental Protection

Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Air and Radiation Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0799.

- **NHTSA:** Docket Management Facility, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Rm. W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:**
  - **EPA:** Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0799. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.
  - **NHTSA:** West Building, Ground Floor, Rm. W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0799 and/or NHTSA-2010-0131. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** of the proposed rule section on "Public Participation" for more information about submitting written comments.

**Docket:** All documents in the dockets are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., confidential business information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available in hard copy in EPA's docket, and electronically in NHTSA's online docket. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the following locations: EPA: EPA Docket Center, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The 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. NHTSA: Docket Management Facility, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Rm. W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Management Facility is open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

EPA: Christopher Lieske, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Assessment and Standards Division, Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; telephone number: (734) 214-4584; fax number: (734) 214-4816; email address: [lieske.christopher@epa.gov](mailto:lieske.christopher@epa.gov), or contact the Assessment and Standards Division; email address: [otaqpublicweb@epa.gov](mailto:otaqpublicweb@epa.gov). NHTSA: Rebecca Yoon, Office of the Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-2992. You may learn more about the proposal by visiting NHTSA's or EPA's Web pages at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy> or <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/climate/regulations.htm> or by searching the public dockets (NHTSA-2010-0131 (for the proposed rule) or NHTSA-2011-0056 (for the Draft EIS); EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0799) at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the NHTSA and EPA proposals for "2017 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards," the agencies invited comment from interested parties on all aspects of the proposal. EPA and NHTSA received multiple requests for a 30-day extension of the comment period. Those requests can be found in the dockets for the rulemaking listed above under **ADDRESSES**. The agencies have considered these requests and believe that a 14-day extension beyond the original 60 days would be sufficient. The agencies note that the proposal was prominently posted and available for public review on each agency's Web site

on November 16, 2011. Thus, with a 14-day extension, commenters will have had, as a practical matter, a total of 90 days to review the rulemaking documents. Accordingly, the public comment period for the proposed rules is extended until February 13, 2012. Please see the agencies' discussion regarding consideration of comments received in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 2011 (76 FR 75855-74856) and which is available on NHTSA's Web site at [http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/rulemaking/pdf/cafe/2017-25\\_CAFE\\_NPRM.pdf](http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/rulemaking/pdf/cafe/2017-25_CAFE_NPRM.pdf) and EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/climate/regulations.htm>. NHTSA and EPA will consider all comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date, and will also consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

This extension of the comment period does not apply to NHTSA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS), available on NHTSA's Web site at [www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy](http://www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy). The comment period for NHTSA's Draft EIS closes on January 31, 2012.

The joint proposed rules issued by EPA and NHTSA would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption of light-duty vehicles for model years 2017-2025. On May 21, 2010, President Obama issued a Presidential Memorandum requesting that NHTSA and EPA develop through notice and comment rulemaking a coordinated National Program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption of light-duty vehicles for model years 2017-2025, building upon the success of the agencies' joint rulemaking to establish fuel economy

and greenhouse gas emissions standards for model years 2012-2016. The proposal, consistent with the President's request, responds to the country's critical needs to address global climate change and to reduce oil consumption. NHTSA is proposing Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act, and EPA is proposing greenhouse gas emissions standards under the Clean Air Act. These standards would apply to passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles, and, if ultimately adopted, would represent a continuation of the harmonized and consistent National Program. EPA is also proposing minor changes to the light-duty vehicle regulations applicable to model years 2012-2016, with respect to air conditioner performance, regulatory treatment of emergency vehicles, and measurement of nitrous oxides.

The proposal for which EPA and NHTSA are extending the comment period was published in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 2011 (76 FR 74854) and is also available at the Web pages listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and in the rulemaking dockets.

Dated: January 6, 2012.

**Ronald Medford,**

*Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.*

Dated: January 6, 2012.

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