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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0127; FRL-9380-1]

### Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Chemical Substances Inventory (TSCA Inventory)) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. In addition under TSCA, EPA is required to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish in the **Federal Register** periodic status reports on the new chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement (NOC) to manufacture those chemicals. This document, which covers the period from January 14, 2013 to February 8, 2013, and provides the required notice and status report, consists of the PMNs and TMEs, both pending or expired, and the NOC to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

**DATES:** Comments identified by the specific PMN number or TME number, must be received on or before April 22, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-[insert Docket ID no.], and the specific PMN number or TME number for the chemical related to your comment, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental

Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

• **Hand Delivery:** OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564-8930. Such deliveries are only accepted during the DCO's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

**Instructions:** EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. The [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For technical information contact:* Bernice Mudd, Information Management Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8951; fax number: (202) 564-8955; email address: [Mudd.Bernice@epa.gov](mailto:Mudd.Bernice@epa.gov).

*For general information contact:* The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe the specific entities that this action may apply to. Although others may be affected, this action applies directly to the submitter of the PMNs addressed in this action.

###### B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. **Submitting CBI.** Do not submit this information to EPA through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. **Tips for preparing your comments.** When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.
- vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
- viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

## II. Why is EPA taking this action?

EPA classifies a chemical substance as either an “existing” chemical or a “new” chemical. Any chemical substance that is not on EPA’s TSCA Inventory is classified as a “new chemical,” while those that are on the TSCA Inventory are classified as an “existing chemical.” For more information about the TSCA Inventory go to: <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/newchems/pubs/inventory.htm>. Anyone who plans to manufacture or import a new chemical substance for a non-exempt commercial purpose is required by TSCA section 5 to provide EPA with a PMN, before initiating the activity. Section 5(h)(1) of TSCA authorizes EPA to allow persons, upon application, to manufacture (includes import) or process a new chemical substance, or a chemical substance subject to a significant new use rule (SNUR) issued under TSCA section 5(a), for “test marketing” purposes, which is referred to as a test marketing exemption, or TME. For more information about the requirements applicable to a new chemical go to: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/newchems>.

Under TSCA sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3), EPA is required to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of receipt of a PMN or an application for a TME and to publish in the **Federal Register** periodic status reports on the new chemicals under review and the receipt of NOCs to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from January 14, 2013 to February 8, 2013, consists of the PMNs and TMEs, both pending or expired, and the NOCs to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

## III. Receipt and Status Reports

In Table I. of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as CBI) on the PMNs received by EPA during this period: The EPA case number assigned to the PMN, the date the PMN was received by EPA, the projected end date for EPA’s review of the PMN, the submitting manufacturer/importer, the potential uses identified by the manufacturer/importer in the PMN, and the chemical identity.

TABLE I—33 PMNs RECEIVED FROM 1/14/13 TO 2/08/13

Case No.	Received date	Projected notice end date	Manufacturer/importer	Use	Chemical
P-13-0216 .....	1/14/2013	4/13/2013	CBI .....	(G) Electrographic toner .....	(G) Polycarboxylic acids, polymer with polyols.
P-13-0217 .....	1/14/2013	4/13/2013	CBI .....	(S) Extreme pressure, anti-wear additive for greases and oils.	(G) Antimony tris(dialkylthiocarbamate).
P-13-0218 .....	1/15/2013	4/14/2013	Mitsui Chemicals America, Inc.	(G) Substance for molding automotive components.	(G) Alkenyl substituted carbopolycycle, polymer with alkene, alkylidene substituted carbopolycycle and alkene.
P-13-0220 .....	1/15/2013	4/14/2013	Teknor Apex .....	(S) Plasticizer for pvc resin .....	(G) Aliphatic polyester.
P-13-0221 .....	1/15/2013	4/14/2013	CBI .....	(G) Manufacturing process aid .....	(S) Copper, chloro[tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphite-P]-.
P-13-0222 .....	1/15/2013	4/14/2013	CBI .....	(S) Refinery feedstock .....	(G) Synthetic crude oil.
P-13-0223 .....	1/16/2013	4/15/2013	CBI .....	(G) Photoinitiator for coatings and inks.	(G) Acetophenone derivative.
P-13-0224 .....	1/16/2013	4/15/2013	CBI .....	(G) Stabilizer for thermoplastics .....	(G) Organo barium salts.
P-13-0225 .....	1/16/2013	4/15/2013	CBI .....	(G) Stabilizer for thermoplastics .....	(G) Organo zinc salts.
P-13-0226 .....	1/16/2013	4/15/2013	CBI .....	(G) Destructive use .....	(G) Oranometallic polymerization catalyst intermediate.
P-13-0227 .....	1/16/2013	4/15/2013	International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc.	(S) Fragrance ingredient for use in fragrances for soaps, detergent, cleaners and other household products.	(S) 2-butenic acid, 1-ethyl-2-methylpropyl ester, (2E)-.
P-13-0228 .....	1/17/2013	4/16/2013	CBI .....	(G) Open, non-dispersive .....	(G) Modified brominated isobutylene-isoprene copolymer.
P-13-0229 .....	1/17/2013	4/16/2013	Kimberly-Clark Corporation.	(G) Binder for fiber (open, non-dispersive use).	(G) Acrylic copolymer.
P-13-0230 .....	1/17/2013	4/16/2013	CBI .....	(G) Resin for waterborne inks .....	(G) Alkylmethacrylate polymer, with alkyl acrylate, aromatic vinyl monomer and alkyl acrylate—ammonium persulfate initiated.
P-13-0231 .....	1/17/2013	4/16/2013	CBI .....	(G) Resin for waterborne inks .....	(G) Alkylmethacrylate polymer, with alkyl acrylate, aromatic vinyl monomer and alkyl acrylate.

TABLE I—33 PMNs RECEIVED FROM 1/14/13 TO 2/08/13—Continued

Case No.	Received date	Projected notice end date	Manufacturer/importer	Use	Chemical
P-13-0232 .....	1/18/2013	4/17/2013	H.B. Fuller Company.	(G) Industrial adhesive .....	(G) Benzenedicarboxylic acid, polymer with substituted alkanediol, dodecanedioic acid, 1,2-ethanediol, alkanediol acid, alkanediol, alpha.-hydro.-omega.-hydroxypoly[oxyalkanediyl], 1,3-isobenzofurandione, methylene diphneyl diisocyanate, 2-oxepanone, 2,2'-oxybis[ethanol] and polymethylene polyphenylene isocyanate.
P-13-0233 .....	1/18/2013	4/17/2013	Henkel Corporation.	(S) Site limited initiator in polymerization reactions.	(S) Hexanedioic acid, 2,5-dibromodiethyl ester (6ci, 7ci, 8ci, 9ci).
P-13-0234 .....	1/18/2013	4/17/2013	CBI .....	(G) Polymer additive .....	(G) Substituted hexitol.
P-13-0235 .....	1/18/2013	4/17/2013	Georgia-Pacific Chemicals LLC.	(G) Emulsifier .....	(S) Fatty acids, tall-oil, reaction products with diethylenetriamine, maleic anhydride and soybean oil.
P-13-0236 .....	1/22/2013	4/21/2013	CBI .....	(G) Pigment dispersant .....	(G) Vegetable-oil fatty acids, conjugated, anhydride ester, reaction products with substituted amine, tall-oil acids anhydride ester and substituted amine.
P-13-0237 .....	1/22/2013	4/21/2013	Tire Recycling & Processing LLC.	(S) Raw feed stock for refineries .....	(S) Tires, wastes, pyrolyzed, C <sub>2-14</sub> oil fraction.
P-13-0238 .....	1/23/2013	4/22/2013	CBI .....	(G) Catalyst .....	(G) Tertiary amine catalyst.
P-13-0239 .....	1/24/2013	4/23/2013	Sika Corporation	(G) Roof membrane hardener .....	(G) Amine adduct.
P-13-0240 .....	1/25/2013	4/24/2013	Carboline Company.	(G) Coating component .....	(G) Alkyl ketimine; alpha-hydroxyamine; alkyl ketimine.
P-13-0241 .....	1/24/2013	4/23/2013	Marshallton Research Laboratories, Inc.	(G) Waste remediation .....	(G) Alkyl guanidine hydrochloride.
P-13-0242 .....	1/29/2013	4/28/2013	Hi-tech Color, Inc.	(S) Pigment dispersant for water base inks.	(S) 2-propenoic acid, 2-methyl, polymer with cyclohexyl 2-methyl-2-propenoate, methyl 2-methyl-2-propenoate and phenylmethyl 2-methyl-2-propenoate, 2,2'-(1,2-diazenediyl)bis[4-methoxy-2,4-dimethylpentanenitrile]-initiated.
P-13-0243 .....	1/29/2013	4/28/2013	Hi-tech Color, Inc.	(G) Back coating agent .....	(G) Siloxanes and silicones, di-alkyl, 3-aminopropyl group-terminated, polymer with 1,3-alkanediol, substituted diisocyanates.
P-13-0244 .....	1/30/2013	4/29/2013	CBI .....	(S) Polymeric binder for coatings .....	(G) Aliphatic polyurethane.
P-13-0245 .....	1/30/2013	4/29/2013	Cytec Industries Inc..	(S) Coating resin .....	(G) Substituted alkanic acid, polymers with substituted alkylamide, substituted carbomonocycle, substituted alkanates.
P-13-0246 .....	1/31/2013	4/30/2013	Umicore USA Inc.	(G) Additive/reactant .....	(G) Cobalt based polymer with fatty acids, and polyol.
P-13-0247 .....	2/1/2013	5/1/2013	CBI .....	(G) Component of footwear .....	(G) Dicarboxylic acid, polymer with dicarboxylic acid, substituted carbomonocycle and alkanediol.
P-13-0248 .....	2/1/2013	5/1/2013	CBI .....	(G) Electrolyte .....	(G) Lithium salt of substituted imide.
P-13-0249 .....	2/1/2013	5/1/2013	The Lewis Chemical Company.	(S) Corrosion inhibitor for oilfield applications.	(G) Dihydroxypropyl PEG linoleamonium chloride.

In Table II. of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as CBI) on the TMEs received by EPA

during this period: The EPA case number assigned to the TME, the date the TME was received by EPA, the projected end date for EPA's review of

the TME, the submitting manufacturer/importer, the potential uses identified by the manufacturer/importer in the TME, and the chemical identity.

TABLE II—2 TMEs RECEIVED FROM 1/14/13 TO 2/08/13

Case No.	Received date	Projected notice end date	Manufacturer/importer	Use	Chemical
T-13-0006 ....	1/30/2013	3/15/2013	Cytec Industries Inc. ...	(S) Coating resin .....	(G) Substituted alkanolic acid, polymer with substituted alkylamide, substituted carbomonocycle, substituted alkanooates.
T-13-0007 ....	1/31/2013	3/16/2013	H.B. Fuller Company ...	(G) Industrial adhesive	(G) Fatty acids, c18-unsaturated dimers, polymers with alkane acid, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,1'-methylenebis[4-isocyanatobenzene] and neopentyl glycol.

In Table III. of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as

CBI) on the NOCs received by EPA during this period: The EPA case number assigned to the NOC, the date

the NOC was received by EPA, the projected end date for EPA's review of the NOC, and chemical identity.

TABLE III—29 NOCs RECEIVED FROM 1/14/13 TO 2/08/13

Case No.	Received date	Commencement notice end date	Chemical
P-07-0122 .....	1/25/2013	12/27/2012	(G) Glycerol fatty acid ester.
P-08-0304 .....	1/15/2013	12/17/2012	(G) Substituted carbocycle, [(N-carbocycleamino)-heterocycle-yl]-bis-.
P-10-0181 .....	1/16/2013	1/10/2013	(G) Phenyl glycidyl ether derivative.
P-11-0060 .....	1/29/2013	1/16/2013	(G) Methylenebis, polymer with alkanedioic acid, alkylene glycols, alkoxyated alkanepolyol and substituted trialkoxysilane.
P-11-0232 .....	1/30/2013	1/17/2013	(G) Acryloxy functional siloxane.
P-12-0028 .....	1/21/2013	1/17/2013	(S) D-glucopyranose, oligomeric, C <sub>10-16</sub> -alkyl glycosides, 2,3-dihydroxypropyl ethers, hydrogen succinates, sodium salts, polymers with 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol.
P-12-0062 .....	1/30/2013	1/17/2013	(G) Dimethylalkoxyated polydimethylsiloxane and methoxy functional silica.
P-12-0224 .....	1/30/2013	1/25/2013	(G) Ester.
P-12-0240 .....	1/11/2013	12/17/2012	(G) Ammonium molybdenum tungsten nickel hydroxide maleate.
P-12-0257 .....	1/16/2013	1/1/2013	(G) Brominated by-product stream.
P-12-0260 .....	1/30/2013	1/20/2013	(G) Brominated aliphatic alcohol.
P-12-0312 .....	1/21/2013	1/3/2013	(S) Aluminoxanes, me.
P-12-0332 .....	1/30/2013	1/17/2013	(G) Brominated distillation bottoms.
P-12-0448 .....	1/22/2013	1/7/2013	(S) Zirconium, dichloro[[1,2,3,4,5-eta.)-3-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2,4-cyclopentadien-1-ylidene] (1-methylethylidene) [(1,2,3,3a,7a-eta.)-2-methyl-1H-inden-1-ylidene]]-.
P-12-0464 .....	1/14/2013	12/22/2012	(S) Iodonium, diphenyl-, 4,4'-di-C <sub>10-13</sub> alkyl derivatives., (oc-6-11)-hexafluoroantimonates(1-).
P-12-0475 .....	1/31/2013	1/30/2013	(S) Butanoic acid, 2-methyl-5-(1-methylethyl)cyclopentyl ester.
P-12-0492 .....	1/21/2013	12/22/2012	(G) Alkylphenol.
P-12-0559 .....	1/22/2013	1/17/2013	(G) Acrylic silane polymer.
P-12-0560 .....	1/11/2013	12/19/2012	(S) Slimes and sludges, aluminum and iron casting, wastewater treatment, solid waste.
P-12-0567 .....	1/31/2013	1/29/2013	(G) Polyethylene glycol, polymer with diisocyanate, alkanol-blocked.
P-12-0571 .....	1/16/2013	1/14/2013	(G) Halogenated diketopyrrolopyrrol derivative.
P-13-0001 .....	2/1/2013	1/29/2013	(G) Vegetable-oil fatty acids, conjugated, polymers with substituted propanoic acid, polyol, anhydride, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol and trimethylolpropane.
P-13-0003 .....	1/15/2013	1/14/2013	(G) Castor oil, polymer with glycol and phthalic anhydride.
P-13-0014 .....	2/1/2013	1/29/2013	(G) Substituted carboxylic acid, compound with heteromonocyclic polymer with substituted carboxylic acid, substituted heteromonocycle and heteromonocycle.
P-13-0016 .....	1/21/2013	1/10/2013	(S) 1,4-butanediol, polymer with 1,4-diisocyanatobenzene and -hydroxyhydroxypoly(oxy-1,4-butanediyl).
P-13-0025 .....	1/30/2013	1/9/2013	(G) Acid modified petroleum residuum.
P-13-0026 .....	1/30/2013	1/9/2013	(G) Acid modified petroleum residuum.
P-13-0027 .....	1/30/2013	1/9/2013	(G) Acid modified petroleum residuum.
P-13-0029 .....	1/21/2013	1/10/2013	(S) Automotive metal recovery.

If you are interested in information that is not included in these tables, you may contact EPA as described in Unit II. to access additional non-CBI information that may be available.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Imports, Notice of commencement, Premanufacturer, Reporting and recordkeeping

requirements, Test marketing exemptions.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY**

[FRL-9792-9]

**Draft Guidance for E85 Flexible Fuel  
Vehicle Weighting Factor for Model  
Years 2016-2019 Vehicles Under the  
Light-Duty Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
Program**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is requesting comment on draft EPA guidance to auto manufacturers for weighting the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of a flexible fuel vehicle operating on E85 with the GHG emissions of the vehicle operating on conventional gasoline, when calculating the compliance value to use for EPA's GHG emissions standards. EPA also invites comment on the analysis used by EPA to determine the weighting factor.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 22, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0120, by one of the following methods:

- *On-Line at <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).*
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- *Mail: Air and Radiation Docket, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0120, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 6102T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. Please include a total of two copies.*

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Materials relevant to this proceeding are contained in the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, maintained in Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0120. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Air and Radiation Docket in the EPA Headquarters Library, EPA West Building, Room 3334, located at 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open to the public on all federal government work days from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; generally, it is open Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744. The Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center's Web site is <http://www.epa.gov/oar/docket.html>. The electronic mail (email) address for the Air and Radiation Docket is: [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epa.gov), the telephone number is (202) 566-1742, and the fax number is (202) 566-9744. An electronic version of the public docket is available through the federal government's electronic

public docket and comment system. You may access EPA dockets at <http://www.regulations.gov>. After opening the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site, enter EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0120 in the "Enter Keyword or ID" fill-in box to view documents in the record. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Under EPA's greenhouse gas (GHG) program for passenger automobiles and light trucks, starting with the 2016 model year, the regulations describe two pathways for determining the GHG value for flexible fuel vehicles (FFVs) that run either on gasoline or on E85 (a fuel mixture of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline). The default approach is to use the GHG emissions of the vehicle operated solely on gasoline (see 40 CFR 600.510-12). The alternative is to combine the gasoline and E85 GHG values together in a way that accounts for real-world use of E85 by using a weighting factor.<sup>1</sup> When the weighting factor is used, the emissions value used for the vehicle model in the fleet average calculations would be determined by weighting the gasoline and E85 values of the model together using the specified factor (see 40 CFR 600.510-12(k)).

EPA's regulations establish two different approaches that may be used to determine the value of the weighting factor. Manufacturers may request that EPA determine and publish by guidance an appropriate value for the E85 weighting factor based on EPA's assessment of the real-world use of E85. Alternatively, a manufacturer may

<sup>1</sup> The tailpipe GHG emissions used for compliance with the CO<sub>2</sub> standards described in 40 CFR 86.1818 are the carbon-containing emissions (generally, CO<sub>2</sub>, hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide), which are summed based on the carbon weight fraction of each component into a value described in the regulations as the "carbon-related exhaust emissions" (CREE). For simplicity, however, in this notice we are using the term CO<sub>2</sub> instead of CREE, as CO<sub>2</sub> is more broadly understood and makes up the vast majority of the total carbon emissions from vehicles.