

are received in response to this action no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 4, 2015.

**Ron Curry,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0759; FRL-9927-71-Region 3]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; 2011 Base Year Emissions Inventories for the Washington, DC-MD-VA Nonattainment Area for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia (collectively, the States). The submittals are comprised of the 2011 base year emissions inventories for the Washington, DC-MD-VA nonattainment area for the 2008 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the States' SIP submittals as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule and EPA's Technical Support Document (TSD) prepared in support of this rulemaking action. The TSD is available in the Docket for this rulemaking action. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse

comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by June 12, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID Number EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0759 by one of the following methods:

A. *www.regulations.gov.* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

B. *Email:* [fernandez.cristina@epa.gov](mailto:fernandez.cristina@epa.gov).

C. *Mail:* EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0759, Cristina Fernandez, Associate Director, Office of Air Program Planning, Mailcode 3AP30, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

D. *Hand Delivery:* At the previously-listed EPA Region III address. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0759. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at *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 *www.regulations.gov* or email. The *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 *www.regulations.gov*, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public 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.

*Docket:* All documents in the electronic docket are listed in the *www.regulations.gov* index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in *www.regulations.gov* or in hard copy during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the State submittal are available at the District of Columbia Department of the Environment, Air Quality Division, 1200 1st Street NE., 5th floor, Washington, DC 20002; the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 705, Baltimore, Maryland 21230; and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marilyn Powers, (215) 814-2308, or by email at [powers.marilyn@epa.gov](mailto:powers.marilyn@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

Dated: May 4, 2015.

**William C. Early,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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## CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

### 40 CFR Part 1600

#### Organization and Functions of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

**AGENCY:** Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule augments 40 CFR part 1600, which governs the administration of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). The proposed rule adds a requirement for the chairperson to add notation votes that have been calendared for public discussion to the agenda of a public meeting within 90 days of the calendared notation vote. The proposed rule also adds a requirement for the chairperson to conduct a minimum of four public meetings per year in Washington, DC. Following publication of this proposed rule, the CSB welcomes and will consider public comment, and then proceed to a final rule.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before June 12, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule via U.S. mail or email. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail to Kara Wenzel, Assistant General Counsel, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 2175 K Street NW., Suite 400, Washington, DC, 20037. You may submit electronic comments to: [kara.wenzel@csb.gov](mailto:kara.wenzel@csb.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kara Wenzel, CSB Assistant General Counsel, 202-261-7625.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This proposed rule will promote increased transparency and accountability for Board activities. It aligns with the Open Government principles of transparency, participation, and collaboration, as outlined in the Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685, Jan. 26, 2009). The Board conducts some of its business through a process of notation voting. In notation voting, Board Members may vote to approve, disapprove, or calendar a notation item for discussion at a public meeting. The addition of a rule for the consideration of calendared notation votes within 90 days of the calendaring action will ensure that calendaring is used in the way it was intended. The addition will allow Board Members to use calendaring to prompt timely public discussion on a topic before they vote on it, at their discretion. It has the added effect of providing an additional opportunity for stakeholder input on Board activities.

The other portion of the new proposed rule will require the CSB chairperson to schedule at least four public meetings in Washington, DC, each year. It will permit other Board Members to add items for discussion to the agendas of such CSB public meetings. It will also ensure that these

meetings consider, at a minimum, calendared notation votes, current investigations and other important mission-related activities, and quarterly agency action plan progress. This portion of the proposed rule is intended to increase the transparency of Board actions, to promote the Board's accountability to the public, and to ensure regular, relevant feedback is received from stakeholders related to the agency's mission work.

**Statutory Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301, 552(a)(1); 42 U.S.C. 7412(r)(6)(N).

#### Regulatory Impact

Administrative Procedure Act: 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(A), provides that when regulations involve matters of agency organization, procedure, or practice, the agency may publish regulations in final form. Because this proposed rule is intended to promote public participation and transparency for Board activities, the Board will accept and consider public comments up to 30 days before issuing a final rule.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act:* The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) requires that a rule that has a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, small businesses, or small organizations must include an initial regulatory flexibility analysis describing the regulation's impact on such small entities. This analysis need not be undertaken if the agency has certified that the regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. 5 U.S.C. 605(b). The CSB has considered the impact of this rule under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and certifies that a final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

*Paperwork Reduction Act:* The CSB reviewed this proposed rule to determine whether it invokes issues that would subject it to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). While the PRA applies to agencies and collections of information conducted or sponsored by the CSB, the Act, 44 U.S.C. 3518(c), exempts collections of information that occur "during the conduct of . . . an administrative action, investigation, or audit involving an agency against specific individuals or entities," except for investigations or audits "undertaken with reference to a category of individual or entities such as a class of licensees or an entire industry." The rule proposed below fits squarely within this exemption, as it deals entirely with administrative matters internal to the agency. Therefore, we have determined that the PRA does not apply to this rule.

*Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995:* The proposed rule does not require the preparation of an assessment statement in accordance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. 1531. This proposed rule does not include a federal mandate that may result in the annual expenditure by state, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of more than the annual threshold established by the Act (\$128 million in 2006, adjusted annually for inflation).

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 1600

Administrative practice and procedure.

Dated: May 6, 2015.

**Mark Griffon,**

*Board Member.*

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board proposes to amend 40 CFR part 1600 as follows:

#### PART 1600—ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

■ 1. The authority citation continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301, 552(a)(1); 42 U.S.C. 7412(r)(6)(N).

■ 2. Amend § 1600.5 by revising paragraph (b) and adding paragraph (c) to read as follows:

#### § 1600.5 Quorum and voting requirements.

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(b) *Voting.* The Board votes on items of business in meetings conducted pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act. Alternatively, whenever a Member of the Board is of the opinion that joint deliberation among the members of the Board upon any matter at a meeting is unnecessary in light of the nature of the matter, impracticable, or would impede the orderly disposition of agency business, such matter may be disposed of by employing notation voting procedures. A written notation of the vote of each participating Board member shall be recorded by the General Counsel who shall retain it in the records of the Board. If a Board member votes to calendar a notation item, the Board must consider the calendared notation item at a public meeting of the Board within 90 days of the date on which the item is calendared. A notation vote to schedule a public meeting may not be calendared. The Chairperson shall add any calendared notation item to the agenda for the next CSB public meeting if one

is to occur within 90 days or to schedule a special meeting to consider any calendared notation item no later than 90 days from the calendar action.

(c) *Public Meetings and Agendas.* The Chairperson, or in the absence of a chairperson, a member designated by the Board, shall schedule a minimum of four public meetings per year in Washington, DC, to take place during the months of October, January, April, and July.

(1) *Agenda.* The Chairperson, or in the absence of a chairperson, a member designated by the Board, shall be responsible for preparation of a final meeting agenda. The final agenda may not differ in substance from the items published in the Sunshine Act notice for that meeting. Any member may submit agenda items related to CSB business for consideration at any public meeting, and the Chairperson shall include such items on the agenda. At a minimum, each quarterly meeting shall include the following agenda items:

(i) Consideration and vote on any notation items calendared since the date of the last public meeting;

(ii) A review by the Board of the schedule for completion of all open investigations, studies, and other important work of the Board; and

(iii) A review and discussion by the Board of the progress in meeting the CSB's Annual Action Plan.

(2) *Publication of agenda information.* The Chairperson shall be responsible for posting information related to any agenda item that is appropriate for public release on the CSB Web site no less than two days prior to a public meeting.

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## **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

### **48 CFR Parts 1842 and 1852**

**RIN 2700-AE14**

#### **Denied Access to NASA Facilities**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is proposing to amend the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to delete the observance of legal holidays clause with its alternates and replace it with a new clause that prescribes conditions and procedures pertaining to the closure of NASA facilities.

**DATES:** Interested parties should submit comments to NASA at the address below on or before July 13, 2015 to be considered in formulation of the final rule.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may submit comments, identified by RIN number 2700-AE14 via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments may also be submitted to Andrew O'Rourke (Room 5L32), NASA Headquarters, Office of Procurement, Contract and Grant Policy Division, Washington, DC 20546. Comments may also be submitted to Andrew O'Rourke via email at [andrew.orourke@NASA.gov](mailto:andrew.orourke@NASA.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew O'Rourke, NASA Office of Procurement, Contract and Grant Policy Division, 202-358-4560, email: [andrew.orourke@nasa.gov](mailto:andrew.orourke@nasa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Background**

NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) clause 1852.242-72, Observance of Legal Holidays, is included in Agency contracts where contractor performance is to be performed on a NASA facility. It was intended to identify dates that Government employees would not be available and provide notification to contractors of those dates considering that the absence of Government employees might impact contractor performance or contractor access to NASA facilities. Further, the same clause has two alternates, the first addresses contractors who are denied access to NASA workspaces within a NASA facility and the second addresses other instances, such as weather and safety emergencies, which could result in contractors being denied access to the entire NASA facility. Recent events, especially the Government shut-down during October 2013, have revealed a need for NASA to be more specific and to differentiate between these two conditions when contractor employees may be denied access to NASA workspaces or the entire NASA facility. The fact that Government employees may not be at a NASA facility is not an automatic reason for contractor personnel not to be required to be present at their required NASA workspace on a NASA facility. Unless a contractor is denied access to the NASA facility, contractors are expected to perform in accordance with their contractual requirements. This proposed NFS change provides clarity and information beneficial to NASA contractors that are denied access to a NASA facility when a NASA facility is

closed to all personnel. Specifically, the change would delete the prescription at NFS 1842.7001, Observance of Legal Holidays, in its entirety, and clause 1852.242-72, Observance of Legal Holidays, with alternates, and replace it with the prescription at NFS 1842.7001 Denied Access to NASA Facilities and clause 1852.242-72, Denied Access to NASA Facilities. The clause would be included in solicitations and contracts where contractor personnel would be required to work onsite at a NASA facility.

##### **B. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563**

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

##### **C. Regulatory Flexibility Act**

NASA does not expect this proposed rule to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* This proposed rule attempts to provide clarity and information beneficial to NASA contractors that are denied access to a NASA facility when a NASA facility is closed. This proposed rule imposes no new reporting requirements. This proposed rule does not duplicate, overlap, or conflict with any other Federal rules. No alternatives were identified that would meet the objectives of this proposed rule. NASA invites comments from small business concerns and other interested parties on the expected impact of this proposed rule on small entities. NASA will also consider comments from small entities concerning the existing regulations in subparts affected by this proposed rule in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Interested parties must submit such comments separately and should cite 5 U.S.C. 610 (RIN number 2700-AE14) in correspondence.

##### **D. Paperwork Reduction Act**

The proposed rule contains no information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of