

authorize the discharge, request additional information, or require the operator to apply for an alternative permit or an individual permit.

Other Legal Requirements:

Endangered Species Act (ESA): EPA has updated the provisions and necessary actions and documentation related to potential impacts to endangered species from facilities seeking coverage under the PWTG GP. EPA has received concurrence from the National Marine Fisheries Service in connection with this General Permit.

In the fact sheet that accompanied the draft General Permit, EPA stated that we would seek concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding our determination of effect on endangered species under their jurisdiction. Following the release of the draft General Permit, EPA had discussions with USFWS on this matter. Based on discussions with USFWS, EPA has determined that this General Permit has “no effect.” The reason for this determination is because each Notice of Intent (NOI) that is submitted must assess site specific endangered species impacts using USFWS’ Information, Planning, and Conservation (IPac) Web site, available at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>. Based on the findings using this Web site, the applicant can either make a determination of impacts or if there are questions, seek input from USFWS directly. Since each NOI is individually screened prior to submission, the General Permit has no effect.

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA): In accordance with NHPA, EPA has established provisions and documentation requirements for sites seeking coverage under the PWTG GP to ensure that discharges or actions taken under this General Permit will not adversely affect historic properties and places.

Authority: This action is being taken under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

Dated: March 9, 2017.

Deborah A. Szaro,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 1.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Determination for the St. Louis Area 2008 8-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance State Implementation Plan, Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for Transportation Conformity Purposes; State of Missouri

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy determination.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is notifying the public that the St. Louis area 2008 8-hour ozone redesignation request and maintenance plan motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result, these budgets must be used by the State of Missouri for future transportation conformity determinations for the St. Louis area.

DATES: This document is effective April 24, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Hamilton, at (913) 551-7039, by email at Hamilton.heather@epa.gov, or by mail at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document “we,” “us,” or “our” refer to EPA. The word “budget(s)” refers to the motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides. For the purposes of this document, “SIP” refers to the St. Louis Area 2008 8-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance State Implementation Plan, submitted by Missouri Department of Natural Resources to EPA as a SIP revision on September 12, 2016.

This document is an announcement of a finding that EPA has already made. EPA Region 7 sent a letter to Missouri Department of Natural Resources on December 21, 2016, stating that the MVEBs contained in the Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of EPA’s finding, the State of Missouri must use the MVEBs from the September 12, 2016, Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan or future transportation conformity determinations for the St. Louis area.

The finding is available at EPA’s conformity Web site: <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation>.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990. EPA’s conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedure for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP’s motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA’s completeness review, and it should not be used to prejudge EPA’s ultimate approval of the SIP. EPA plans to take action on the SIP at a later date. We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in 40 CFR 93.118(f), and have followed this rule in making our adequacy determination.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: March 20, 2017.

Edward H. Chu,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Board of Scientific Counselors Executive Committee; Notification of Public Teleconference and Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of public meeting and public comment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby provides notice that the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee (EC) will host a public teleconference. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Time and are approximate. The primary agenda items include: