

*human-studies-review-board*. In addition, information regarding the HSRB's Final Report, will be found at <http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board> or from Thomas O'Farrell listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT**.

Dated: March 26, 2018.

**Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R05-OAR-2017-0579; FRL-9976-12-Region 5]

### Adequacy Status of the Sheboygan County, Wisconsin Area for the Submitted 2008 Ozone Standard Attainment Demonstration for Transportation Conformity Purposes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of adequacy.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the EPA is notifying the public that we find the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) in the Sheboygan County, Wisconsin 2008 Ozone Standard nonattainment area adequate for use in transportation conformity determinations. On September 25, 2017, Wisconsin submitted a 2008 Ozone Standard Attainment Demonstration for Sheboygan County, which included the MVEBs for 2017 and 2018. As a result of our finding, this area must use these MVEBs from the submitted Attainment Demonstration for future transportation conformity determinations.

**DATES:** This finding is applicable April 20, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Leslie, Environmental Engineer, Control Strategies Section (AR-18J), Air Programs Branch, Air and Radiation Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-6680, [leslie.michael@epa.gov](mailto:leslie.michael@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document, whenever "we", "us" or "our" is used, we mean EPA.

#### Background

This notice is an announcement of a finding that we have already made. On January 17, 2018, EPA sent a letter to the Wisconsin Department of Natural

Resources stating that the 2017 and 2018 MVEBs contained in the Attainment Demonstration for the 2008 Ozone Standard for Sheboygan County are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. Receipt of these MVEBs was announced on EPA's transportation conformity website, and no comments were submitted. The finding is available at EPA's conformity website: <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/adequacy-review-state-implementation-plan-sip-submissions-conformity>.

The 2017 and 2018 MVEBs, in tons per day (tpd), for VOCs and NO<sub>x</sub> for the Sheboygan County, Wisconsin area are as follows:

Sheboygan County	NO <sub>x</sub> (tpd)	VOCs (tpd)
2017 .....	1.62	3.29
2018 .....	1.49	2.96

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do conform. Conformity to a State Implementation Plan (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 MVEBs are adequate for transportation 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 is also a separate action from EPA's evaluation of and decision whether to approve a proposed SIP revision.

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

Dated: March 20, 2018.

**Edward H. Chu,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[9976-15-Region 1]

### Proposed CERCLA Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement; Gould Electronics Inc., New Hampshire Dioxane Site, Atkinson/Hampstead, New Hampshire

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative Settlement Agreement for recovery of Past Response Costs, as defined in the Settlement Agreement, under CERCLA section 122(h) of CERCLA, concerning the New Hampshire Dioxane Site, located in Atkinson and Hampstead, New Hampshire with Gould Electronics Inc. The settlement requires Gould Electronics Inc. to pay \$1,900,000, plus interest on that amount calculated from March 28, 2016 through the date of payment, to the Hazardous Substance Superfund.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by May 7, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to John Hultgren, Enforcement Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OES04-2), Boston, MA 02109-3912 and should refer to: *In re: New Hampshire Dioxane Site*, EPA Region 1 CERCLA Docket No. 01-2018-0013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the proposed Settlement Agreement may be obtained from John Hultgren, Enforcement Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OES04-2), Boston, MA 02109-3912; (617) 918-1761; [hultgren.john@epa.gov](mailto:hultgren.john@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For 30 days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The United States will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at 5 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109-3912.

The proposed Settlement Agreement includes a covenant from EPA not to sue or take administrative action against Gould Electronics Inc. pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), to recover Past Response Costs, and protection for Gould Electronics, Inc. from contribution actions or claims as provided by sections 113(f)(2) and 122(h)(4) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9613(f)(2) and 9622(h)(4). The settlement has been approved by the