

Justice (DOJ) and parties to certain litigation. This transfer of data is in accordance with the CBI regulations governing the disclosure of potential CBI in litigation.

DATES: Access to this information by DOJ and the parties to certain litigation is ongoing and expected to continue during the litigation as discussed in this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ana Pinto, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-2268; email address: pinto.ana@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is being provided pursuant to 40 CFR 2.209(d) to inform affected businesses that EPA, via DOJ, will provide certain information to the parties and the Court in the matter of *California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al.* (Case No. 21-71287) (9th Cir.) (“Paraquat Litigation”). The information is contained in documents that have been submitted to EPA pursuant to FIFRA and FFDCA by pesticide registrants or other data-submitters, including information that has been claimed to be, or determined to potentially contain, CBI. In the Paraquat Litigation, Petitioners seek judicial review of EPA’s July 13, 2021, order titled *Paraquat Dichloride, Interim Registration Review Decision: Case Number 0262* under FIFRA.

The documents are being produced as part of the Administrative Record of the decision at issue and include documents that registrants or other data-submitters may have submitted to EPA regarding the pesticide paraquat and that may be subject to various release restrictions under federal law. The information includes documents submitted with pesticide registration applications and registration review actions and may include CBI as well as scientific studies subject to the disclosure restrictions of FIFRA section 10(g), 7 U.S.C. 136h(g).

All documents that may be subject to release restrictions under federal law will be designated as “Protected Information” in the certified list of record materials that EPA will file in this case. Further, EPA intends to seek a Protective Order that would preclude public disclosure of any such documents by the parties in this action who have received the information from EPA and that would limit the use of such documents to litigation purposes only. EPA would only produce such documents in accordance with the Protective Order. The anticipated Protective Order would require that such documents would be filed under seal and would not be available for public review, unless the information contained in the document has been determined to not be subject to FIFRA section 10(g) and all CBI has been redacted.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*; 21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*

Dated: February 2, 2022.

Mary Reaves,

Director, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0135; FRL-9524-01-R9]

Adequacy Status of Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in 1997 Annual PM_{2.5} Serious Area and Section 189(d) Attainment Plan Revision for San Joaquin Valley; California

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or “Agency”) is notifying the public that the Agency has found motor vehicle emissions budgets (“budgets”) adequate in a California state implementation plan (SIP) submittal for the San Joaquin Valley. Specifically, our finding relates to

budgets in the area’s “Attainment Plan Revision for the 1997 Annual PM_{2.5} Standard” (“15 µg/m³ SIP Revision”), submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on November 8, 2021. We find that these budgets are adequate for transportation conformity purposes for the 1997 annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). Upon the effective date of this notice of adequacy, the San Joaquin Valley metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and the U.S. Department of Transportation must use these adequate budgets in future transportation conformity determinations. Furthermore, once the San Joaquin Valley MPOs have used the adequate budgets to demonstrate conformity of their transportation plans to the 15 µg/m³ SIP Revision, the conformity freeze put in place as of December 27, 2021, will be lifted.

DATES: This finding is effective February 25, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Graham, Air Planning Office (ARD-2), EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 972-3877 or graham.ashleyr@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document, “we,” “us,” or “our” refer to the EPA.

This notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. By letter dated February 1, 2022, EPA Region IX notified CARB that the budgets in the 15 µg/m³ SIP Revision for the reasonable further progress (RFP) year of 2020 and the attainment year of 2023 are adequate.¹ The finding is available at the EPA’s conformity website.² We announced the availability of the 15 µg/m³ SIP Revision and related motor vehicle emissions budgets on the EPA’s transportation conformity website on November 15, 2021, and requested comments by December 15, 2021. We received no comments in response to the adequacy review posting. The adequate motor vehicle emissions budgets are provided in the following table:

ADEQUATE MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION BUDGETS FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY FOR THE 1997 ANNUAL PM_{2.5} NAAQS
[Annual average, tpd]

County	2020 (RFP year)		2023 (attainment year)	
	PM _{2.5}	NO _x	PM _{2.5}	NO _x
Fresno	0.9	25.3	0.8	15.1

¹ Letter dated February 1, 2022, from Matthew Lakin, Acting Director, Air and Radiation Division,

EPA Region IX, to Richard Corey, Executive Officer, CARB.

² <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/conformity-adequacy-review-region-9>.

ADEQUATE MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION BUDGETS FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY FOR THE 1997 ANNUAL PM_{2.5} NAAQS—
Continued
[Annual average, tpd]

County	2020 (RFP year)		2023 (attainment year)	
	PM _{2.5}	NO _x	PM _{2.5}	NO _x
Kern (San Joaquin Valley portion)	0.8	23.3	0.7	13.3
Kings	0.2	4.8	0.2	2.8
Madera	0.2	4.2	0.2	2.5
Merced	0.3	8.9	0.3	5.3
San Joaquin	0.6	11.9	0.6	7.6
Stanislaus	0.4	9.6	0.4	6.1
Tulare	0.4	8.5	0.4	5.2

Transportation conformity is required by Clean Air Act section 176(c). The EPA’s conformity rule requires that transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, and transportation projects conform to a state’s SIP and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they conform. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the NAAQS.

The criteria we use to determine whether a SIP’s motor vehicle emissions budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4), promulgated on August 15, 1997.³ We further described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in our final rule dated July 1, 2004, and we used the information in these resources in making our adequacy determination.⁴ Please note that an adequacy review is separate from the EPA’s completeness review and should not be used to prejudge the EPA’s ultimate action on the SIP submittal. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP submittal could later be disapproved.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 93.104(e), within two years of the effective date of this notice, San Joaquin Valley MPOs and the U.S. Department of Transportation will need to demonstrate conformity to the new budgets if the demonstration has not already been made.⁵ Once the San Joaquin Valley MPOs have used the adequate budgets to demonstrate conformity of their transportation plans to the 15 µg/m³ SIP Revision, the conformity freeze put in place as of December 27, 2021, under 40 CFR 93.120(a)(2)⁶ will be lifted. For

demonstrating conformity to the budgets in this plan, the on-road motor vehicle emissions from implementation of the transportation plan or program should be projected consistently with the budgets in this plan, *i.e.*, by taking the emissions results derived from CARB’s EMFAC model (short for EMISSION FACTOR) and then rounding the emissions up to the nearest tenth of a ton per day. The trading mechanism for the budgets in the 15 µg/m³ SIP Revision for the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS is not yet approved. The EPA will consider approval of the trading mechanism as part of the action on the submittal.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: February 3, 2022.

Martha Guzman Aceves,
Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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**FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS
ADVISORY BOARD**

Notice of 2022 FASAB Meetings

AGENCY: Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) will hold its meetings on the following dates throughout 2022, unless otherwise noted.

- February 23–24, 2022
- April 26–27, 2022
- June 22–23, 2022
- August 23–24, 2022
- October 25–26, 2022

Plan for the 1997, 2006, and 2012 PM_{2.5} Standards” for the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS. Upon the effective date of that final action (*i.e.*, December 27, 2021), the San Joaquin Valley area became subject to a conformity freeze under 40 CFR 93.120 of the transportation conformity rule.

December 13–14, 2022

The purpose of the meetings is to discuss issues related to the following topics:

- Accounting and Reporting of Government Land
- Climate-Related Financial Reporting
- Intangible Assets
- Leases
- Omnibus
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Reexamination of Existing Standards
- Budgetary Information
- Concepts Omnibus
- Management’s Discussion and Analysis
- Software Technology
- Any other topics as needed

Unless otherwise noted, FASAB meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude before 5 p.m. and are held at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Building at 441 G St. NW in Room 7C13. The February meeting will be held virtually.

ADDRESSES: Agendas, briefing materials, and teleconference information for virtual meetings will be available at <https://www.fasab.gov/briefing-materials/> approximately one week before each meeting. If FASAB decides to hold its April, June, August, October, and/or December meetings virtually, this decision will be posted no later than one week before each meeting on the briefing materials website as well.

Any interested person may attend the meetings as an observer. Board discussion and reviews are open to the public. GAO Building security requires advance notice of your attendance. If you wish to attend a FASAB meeting, please register on our website at <https://www.fasab.gov/pre-registration/> no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the meeting to be observed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Monica R. Valentine, Executive Director, 441 G Street NW, Suite 1155, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

³ 62 FR 43780, 43781–43783.

⁴ 69 FR 40004, 40038–40047.

⁵ 73 FR 4420 (January 24, 2008).

⁶ On November 26, 2021 (86 FR 67329), the EPA disapproved the RFP and attainment demonstrations and associated budgets in the “2018