

As a result of this finding, upon the effective date of this notice of adequacy, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) must use the Budgets in future transportation conformity determinations. The Budgets are associated with the reasonable further progress milestone demonstration.

We announced availability of the plan and related Budgets on the EPA's transportation conformity website on March 8, 2022, requesting comments by April 8, 2022. We received no comments in response to the adequacy review posting.

The Budgets are provided in Table 1.

TABLE 1—MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS BUDGETS FOR NJTPA

[tons per day]		
Year	NO <sub>x</sub>	VOC
2020 .....	76.77	42.46

Transportation conformity is required by Clean Air Act section 176(c), 42 U.S.C. 7506(c). The EPA's conformity rule requires that long-range transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, and transportation projects conform to a state's air quality 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. *See id.* at section 7506(c)(1)(B).

The criteria the EPA uses to determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4).<sup>1</sup> And we have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in 40 CFR 93.118(f). Under 40 CFR 93.104(e), within 2 years of the effective date of this notice, NJTPA and the U.S. Department of Transportation will need to demonstrate conformity to the Budgets. To do so, the on-road motor vehicle emissions from implementation of the long-range transportation plan should be projected consistently with the Budgets.

<sup>1</sup> An adequacy review is separate from the EPA's completeness review and should not be used to prejudice the EPA's ultimate action on the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

**Lisa Garcia,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 2.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–10764–01–OA;–EPA–HQ–OEJECR–2023–0101]

### National Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notification for a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby provides notice that the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) will meet on the dates and times described below. The meeting is open to the public. For additional information about registering to attend the meeting or to provide public comment, please see Registration under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Pre-Registration is required.

**DATES:** The NEJAC will convene a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, March 29, and Thursday, March 30, 2023, from approximately 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time each day. The meeting discussions will focus on several topics including, but not limited to, workgroup activity, final recommendations for council consideration, and charges created through collaborations with various EPA national program offices. A public comment period relevant to EPA's water infrastructure technical assistance efforts to ensure communities with environmental justice concerns can obtain technical assistance will be considered by the NEJAC during the meeting (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). Members of the public who wish to participate during the public comment period must register by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, March 22, 2023.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paula Flores-Gregg, NEJAC Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA; email: [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov); telephone: (214) 665–8123. Additional information about the NEJAC is available at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Charter of the NEJAC states that the advisory committee “will provide independent advice and recommendations to the Administrator about broad, cross-cutting issues related to environmental justice. The NEJAC's efforts will include evaluation of a broad range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, community engagement and economic issues related to environmental justice.”

#### I. Registration

Individual registration is required for the public meeting. No two individuals can share the same registration link. Information on how to register is located at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-meetings>. Registration to attend the meeting is available through the scheduled meeting days. The deadline to sign up to speak during the public comment period will close at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, March 22, 2023. When registering, please provide your name, organization, city and state, and email address. Please also indicate whether you would like to provide oral public comment during the meeting, or whether you are submitting written comments.

#### A. Public Comment

The NEJAC is interested in receiving public comments on EPA's water infrastructure technical assistance efforts to ensure communities with environmental justice concerns (particularly for community water systems, decentralized systems, and/or non-existent infrastructure) can obtain technical assistance to address their environmental, public health, affordability and climate resiliency needs, and reduce longstanding and cumulative negative health impacts. Priority to speak during the meeting will be given to public commenters with comments relevant to water infrastructure technical assistance efforts to communities with environmental justice concerns. More information on NEJAC charges is located online at: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-current-charges>. Every effort will be made to hear from as many registered oral public commenters during the time specified on the agenda. Individuals or groups making remarks during the oral public comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please be prepared to briefly describe your comments; including your recommendations on what you want the NEJAC to advise the

EPA to do. Submitting written comments for the record are strongly encouraged. You can submit your written comments in three different ways, (1) by using the webform at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/forms/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-nejac-public-comment>, (2) by sending comments via email to [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov) and (3) by creating comments in the Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2023-0101 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Written comments can be submitted through April 13, 2023.

*B. Information About Services for Individuals With Disabilities or Requiring English Language Translation Assistance*

For information about access or services for individuals requiring assistance, please contact Paula Flores-Gregg, at (214) 665-8123 or via email at [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov). To request special accommodations for a disability or other assistance, please submit your request at least fourteen (14) working days prior to the meeting, to give EPA sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to the email or phone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**Matthew Tejada,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-10602-01-R6]

**Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent Cashout Settlement for Ability To Pay Peripheral Parties**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given that a proposed CERCLA Section 122(h)(1) Cashout Settlement Agreement for Ability to Pay Peripheral Parties ("Proposed Agreement") associated with the Vermiculite Products Inc., Superfund Site in Houston, Harris County, Texas ("Site") was executed by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and is now subject to public

comment, after which EPA may modify or withdraw its consent if comments received disclose facts or considerations that indicate that the Proposed Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Proposed Agreement would resolve potential EPA claims under section 107(a) of CERCLA, against Greer Capital Corporation, James H. Greer, James H. Greer Interest Inc., Maxroy Property Company, Toledo Maxroy LL., and Vermiculite Products Inc., ("Settling Parties") for EPA response costs at the Vermiculite Products Inc., Superfund Site located in Houston, Texas. The settlement is estimated to be \$8,703,300 and was based on an Ability to Pay Analysis, which concluded the settling party shall make payment for EPA response costs.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive electronic comments relating to the Proposed Agreement. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection by request. Please see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice for special instructions in effect due to impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 12, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** As a result of impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, requests for documents and submission of comments must be via electronic mail except as provided below. The Proposed Agreement and additional background information relating to the Proposed Agreement are available for public inspection upon request by contacting EPA Assistant Regional Counsel Daniel Jaynes at [Jaynes.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:Jaynes.daniel@epa.gov). Comments must be submitted via electronic mail to this same email address and should reference the "Vermiculite Products Inc." Superfund Site, Proposed Settlement Agreement" and "EPA CERCLA Docket No. 06-02-21". Persons without access to electronic mail may call Mr. Jaynes at (214) 665-2162 to make alternative arrangements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel Jaynes at EPA by phone (214) 665-2162 or email at: [Jaynes.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:Jaynes.daniel@epa.gov).

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*Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-10767-01-OW]

**National Drinking Water Advisory Council: Request for Nominations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for three-year appointments to the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC or Council). The 15-member Council was established by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to provide independent advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on matters relating to activities, functions, policies, and regulations under the SDWA. This notice solicits nominations to fill anticipated vacancies in 2023 with three-year appointments from December 2023 through December 2026. EPA may also consider nominations received through this solicitation to fill anticipated vacancies in 2024 and in the event of unanticipated vacancies on the Council. To enable EPA to maintain the membership required by statute, the Agency is seeking nominees who are from the general public; appropriate state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; and representatives of private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply, including nominees associated with small, rural public water systems.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than April 12, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to [NDWAC@epa.gov](mailto:NDWAC@epa.gov). If you have concerns about submitting your nomination electronically, you may contact Elizabeth Corr, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the NDWAC, by email at [NDWAC@epa.gov](mailto:NDWAC@epa.gov), or by phone at (202) 564-3798, to discuss an alternative delivery method.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the nomination process may contact Elizabeth Corr at [NDWAC@epa.gov](mailto:NDWAC@epa.gov); or call (202) 564-3798. General information concerning the NDWAC can be found on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/ndwac>.