meet U.S. obligations under Article 2H of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Protocol). The information collection request is required to obtain a benefit under Section 604(d)(6) of the CAA, added by Section 764 of the 1999 Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 105–277; October 21, 1998).

Since 2002, entities have applied to EPA for a critical use exemption that would allow for the continued production and import of methyl bromide after the phaseout in January 2005. These exemptions are for consumption only in those agricultural sectors that have demonstrated that there are no technically or economically feasible alternatives to methyl bromide. The applications are rigorously assessed and analyzed by EPA staff, including experts from the Office of Pesticide Programs. On an annual basis, EPA uses the data submitted by end users to create a nomination of critical uses, which the U.S. Government submits to the Protocol's Ozone Secretariat for review by an international panel of experts and advisory bodies. These advisory bodies include the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee (MBTOC) and the Technical and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP). The uses authorized internationally by the Parties to the Protocol are made available in the U.S. on an annual basis.

The applications will enable EPA to: (1) Maintain consistency with the Protocol by supporting critical use nominations to the Parties to the Protocol, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Decision IX/6 of the Protocol; (2) ensure that critical use exemptions comply with Section 604(d)(6); and (3) provide EPA with necessary data to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of methyl bromide alternatives in the circumstance of the specific use, as presented in an application for a critical use exemption.

The reported data will enable EPA to: (1) Ensure that critical use exemptions comply with Section 604(d)(6); (2) maintain compliance with the Protocol requirements for annual data submission on the production of ozone depleting substances; and (3) analyze technical use data to ensure that exemptions are used in accordance with requirements included in the annual allocation rulemakings.

EPA informs respondents that they may assert claims of business confidentiality for any of the information they submit. Information claimed to be confidential will be treated in accordance with the procedures for handling information claimed as confidential under 40 CFR part 2, subpart b, and will be disclosed only if EPA determines that the information is not entitled to confidential treatment. If no claim of confidentiality is asserted when the information is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public without further notice to the respondents (40 CFR 2.203). Individual reporting data may be claimed as sensitive and will be treated as confidential information in accordance with procedures outlined in 40 CFR part 2.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Producers, importers, distributors, and custom applicators of methyl bromide, organizations, consortia, and associations of methyl bromide users, as well as individual methyl bromide users.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,919.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly, Annually, Occasionally.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 3,258.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $988,840 in labor costs.

Change in Estimates: There is a decrease of 1,660 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. The primary reason for the decrease in burden hours is a decrease in the number of applicants and a related decline in the number of end users. Stakeholders are also more familiar with the critical use exemption program and have already organized associations to apply on behalf of multiple growers. Other reasons for burden reduction include the encouragement of electronic submission of applications and other data and frequent EPA communication with methyl bromide stakeholders.

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John Moses,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9482–7]

Notification of Two Public Teleconferences; Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) to discuss its draft review of EPA's Integrated Science Assessment for Lead (First External Review Draft, May 2011) and EPA's draft Near-Road NO_2 Monitoring Technical Assistance Document.

DATES: A public teleconference call will be held on November 28, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Eastern Time). Another teleconference will be held on January 27, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public teleconferences will be conducted by telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and public teleconference may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564–2073; by fax at (202) 565–2098 or via e-mail at *stallworth.holly@epa.gov.* General information concerning the EPA CASAC can be found at the EPA CASAC Web site at *http://www.epa.gov/casac.* Any inquiry regarding EPA's Integrated Science Assessment for Lead (First External Review Draft, May 2011) should be directed to Dr. Ellen Kirrane, EPA Office of Research and Development, at *kirrane.ellen@epa.gov* or 919–541–1340. Any inquiry regarding EPA's draft Near-Road NO_2 Monitoring Technical Assistance Document should be directed to Mr. Nealson Watkins, EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) at *watkins.nealson@epa.gov* or 919–541–5522.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The CASAC was established pursuant to the under the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1977, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7409D(d)(2), to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to the criteria for air quality standards, research related to air quality, sources of air pollution, and the strategies to attain and maintain air quality standards and to prevent significant deterioration of air quality. The CASAC is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the chartered CASAC will hold a public teleconference call to review draft letters on Integrated Science Assessment for Lead (First External Review Draft, May 2011) and EPA's draft Near-Road NO_2 Monitoring Technical Assistance Document and EPA's.

The Office of Research and Development has requested CASAC review of the Integrated Science Assessment supporting EPA's review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for lead. The CASAC Lead Review Panel reviewed the EPA's Integrated Science Assessment for Lead (First External Review Draft, May 2011) and is preparing a draft report for review by the chartered CASAC. The chartered CASAC will review the draft review of the CASAC Lead Review Panel on November 28, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. More information about this advisory activity can be found at *http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Lead%20ISA?OpenDocument.*

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) requested CASAC review of a draft technical document entitled ''Near-Road NO_2 Monitoring Technical Assistance Document'' (Draft, August 11, 2011) to provide state and local air monitoring agencies with recommendations and ideas on how to successfully implement near-road NO_2 monitors required by the 2010 revisions to the NO_2 minimum monitoring requirements. The CASAC Air Monitoring and Methods Subcommittee is preparing a draft report for review by the chartered CASAC. The chartered CASAC will review the draft letter on January 27, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. More information about this advisory activity can be found at *http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Near-road%20Network%20Design?OpenDocument.*

Availability of Meeting Materials: The agendas and other materials in support of these teleconferences will be placed on the EPA CASAC Web site at *http://www.epa.gov/casac* in advance of the each teleconference.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit comments for a federal advisory committee to consider as it develops advice for EPA. Input from the public to the CASAC will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for CASAC to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment on this advisory activity should contact the Designated Federal Officer for the relevant advisory committee directly.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at this public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Interested parties should contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail), at the contact information noted above, at least one week prior to each teleconference. To be placed on the public speaker list for the November 28, 2011 teleconference, please contact Dr. Stallworth by November 21, 2011. Likewise, to be placed on the public speaker list for the January 27, 2012 teleconference, please contact Dr. Stallworth by January 20, 2012.

Written Statements: Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by the same deadlines enumerated above (one week prior) so that the information may be made available to the Panel for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in electronic format via e-mail (acceptable file formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM–PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the Web page for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the CASAC Web site. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Holly Stallworth at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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Vanessa T.

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Reissuance of the NPDES General Permit for Facilities Related to Oil and Gas Extraction in the Territorial Seas of Texas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability for comment.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Water Quality Protection Division, EPA Region 6 today proposes to issue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for the Territorial Seas of Texas (No. TXG260000) for discharges from existing and new dischargers and New Sources in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category as authorized by section 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1342. The permit will supersede the previous general permit (TXG260000) issued on September 6, 2005 and published in the **Federal Register** at 70 FR 171. This permit renewal authorizes discharges from exploration, development, and production facilities located in and discharging to the territorial seas off Texas.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 8, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Ms. Diane Smith (6WQ–NP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733.