

rulemaking process in which regulations may be revised.

EPA has confirmed that the units in question are not eligible to receive allocations of NUSA allowances under the regulations for the CSAPR NO_x Ozone Season Group 2 Trading Program. Under § 97.812(a)(3), first-round allocations are determined for “each CSAPR NO_x Ozone Season Group 2 unit described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section”—*i.e.*, § 97.812(a)(1). This paragraph of the regulations identifies three categories of units eligible for first-round allocations: First, units that have not been allocated allowances as existing units pursuant to § 97.811(a)(1); second, units that have been allocated allowances as existing units from a given state’s budget for a given control period but have lost those allocations under the trading program’s correction provisions (because the units either are not located in that state or are not subject to the program at the start of that control period); and third, units that have ceased operation for a sufficient length of time to lose their allocations as existing units and have subsequently resumed operation.⁹ As discussed above, the units in question meet the criteria established in the CSAPR Update rulemaking to be considered existing units for purposes of the CSAPR NO_x Ozone Season Group 2 Trading Program, and the units accordingly have been allocated allowances as existing units pursuant to § 97.811(a)(1). The units do not fall within one of the categories of units eligible for NUSA allocations as set forth in § 97.812(a)(1), and the regulations do not provide us with the authority either to grant exceptions for individual units or to identify additional categories of eligible units beyond those set forth in § 97.812(a)(1).

As an alternative to having the facility’s units reclassified as new units for purposes of the CSAPR NO_x Ozone Season Group 2 Trading Program, the third written objection also seeks modifications to the data used to compute the units’ allocations of allowances as *existing* units under that program. However, like the January 1, 2015 cutoff date, EPA’s determinations of which data should be used to determine allowance allocations to existing units were made in the CSAPR Update rulemaking¹⁰ and can be revised only through another rulemaking, not through the administrative process of allocating NUSA allowances. The

objection is therefore outside the scope of the June 21 NODA.

Finally, the fourth written objection seeks modifications to the total amount of the NUSA for Oklahoma under the CSAPR NO_x Ozone Season Group 2 Trading Program. Again, EPA’s determinations regarding the NUSA total amounts were made in the CSAPR Update rulemaking; further, the actual amounts are codified in the CSAPR regulations.¹¹ The total amount of the NUSA for Oklahoma can be revised only through another rulemaking, not through the administrative process of allocating NUSA allowances, so the objection is outside the scope of the June 21 NODA.

In addition to the written objections discussed above, EPA also received a telephone inquiry that led to the discovery of an error in the preliminary calculations for NUSA allocations of CSAPR SO₂ Group 2 allowances. Specifically, because of incorrect processing of a change in the plant code used to identify certain existing units at the Wansley power plant in Georgia, Wansley CC units 6A, 6B, 7A, and 7B were incorrectly identified as new units eligible to receive NUSA allocations. We have corrected the error and these units are not allocated allowances as new units in the final calculations.

The final unit-by-unit data and allowance allocation calculations are set forth in Excel spreadsheets titled “CSAPR_NUSA_2017_NOx_Annual_1st_Round_Final_Data”, “CSAPR_NUSA_2017_NOx_OS_1st_Round_Final_Data”, and “CSAPR_NUSA_2017_SO2_1st_Round_Final_Data”, available on EPA’s Web site at <https://www.epa.gov/csapr/csapr-compliance-year-2017-nusa-nodas>. The three spreadsheets show our final determinations of first-round 2017 NUSA allocations under the CSAPR NO_x annual, CSAPR NO_x ozone season (Group 1 and Group 2), and CSAPR SO₂ (Group 1 and Group 2) trading programs, respectively.

EPA notes that an allocation or lack of allocation of allowances to a given unit does not constitute a determination that CSAPR does or does not apply to the unit. We also note that allocations are subject to potential correction.

(Authority: 40 CFR 97.411(b), 97.511(b), 97.611(b), 97.711(b), and 97.811(b).)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9967–48–ORD; Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2017–0496, ORD–2017–0497, ORD–2014–0526]

Availability of the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Assessment Plans for Nitrate/Nitrite, Chloroform, and Ethylbenzene

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 30-day public comment period associated with the draft IRIS Assessment Plans for Nitrate/Nitrite, Chloroform, and Ethylbenzene. These documents communicate information on the scoping needs identified by EPA program and regional offices and the IRIS Program’s initial problem formulation activities. Specifically, the assessment plans outline the objectives for each assessment and the type of evidence considered most pertinent to address the scoping needs.

EPA is releasing these draft IRIS Assessment Plans for public comment. These assessment plans will also be discussed during the September 27–28 Science Advisory Board (SAB) Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee (CAAC) peer consultation meeting. These documents were prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA’s Office of Research and Development (ORD).

DATES: The 30-day public comment period begins September 18, 2017, and ends October 18, 2017. Comments must be received on or before October 18, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The IRIS Assessment Plan for Nitrate/Nitrite, will be available via the Internet on IRIS’ Recent Additions at <http://www.epa.gov/iris/iris-recent-additions> and in the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: EPA–HQ–ORD–2017–0496.

The IRIS Assessment Plan for Chloroform will be available via the Internet on IRIS’ Recent Additions at <http://www.epa.gov/iris/iris-recent-additions> and in the public docket at

⁹ See § 97.812(a)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii), respectively.

¹⁰ See 81 FR at 74564–65.

¹¹ See 81 FR at 74565; 40 CFR 97.810(a)(17)(ii).

<http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: EPA-HQ-ORD-2017-0497.

The IRIS Assessment Plan for Ethylbenzene will be available via the Internet on IRIS' Recent Additions at <http://www.epa.gov/iris/iris-recent-additions> and in the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: EPA-HQ-ORD-2014-0526.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: Docket_ORD@epa.gov.

For technical information on the IRIS Assessment Plans, contact Dr. James Avery, NCEA; telephone: 703-347-8668; or email: avery.james@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information on IRIS Assessment Plans

EPA's IRIS Program is a human health assessment program that evaluates quantitative and qualitative risk information on effects that may result from exposure to chemicals found in the environment. Through the IRIS Program, EPA provides the highest quality science-based human health assessments to support the Agency's regulatory activities and decisions to protect public health. As part of scoping and initial problem formulation activities prior to the development of a draft assessment, the IRIS Program carries out a broad, preliminary literature survey to assist in identifying health effects that have been studied in relation to the chemical or substance of interest as well as science issues that may need to be considered when evaluating its toxicity. This information, in conjunction with scoping needs identified by EPA program and regional offices, are used to inform the development of an IRIS Assessment Plan (IAP).

The IAP communicates to the public the plan for reviewing each individual chemical assessment and includes summary information on the IRIS Program's scoping and initial problem formulation, objectives and specific aims for the assessment, and a PECO (Population, Exposure, Comparators, and Outcomes) framework for the systematic review. The PECO provides the framework for developing literature search strategies and inclusion/exclusion criteria, particularly with respect to evidence stream (*i.e.*, human, animal, mechanistic), exposure measures and outcome measures. The IAP serves to inform the subsequent development of chemical specific

systematic review protocols, which will be made publicly available. For more information, visit EPA's IRIS Program Web site at <https://www.epa.gov/iris>.

II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at www.regulations.gov

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2017-0496 for Nitrate/Nitrite, EPA-HQ-ORD-2017-0497 for Chloroform, and EPA-HQ-ORD-2014-0526 for Ethylbenzene, by one of the following methods:

- www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* Docket_ORD@epa.gov.

- *Fax:* 202-566-9744.

- *Mail:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (ORD Docket), Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.

- *Hand Delivery:* The ORD Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202-566-1744. Deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to EPA-HQ-ORD-2017-0496 for Nitrate/Nitrite, EPA-HQ-ORD-2017-0497 for Chloroform, and EPA-HQ-ORD-2014-0526 for Ethylbenzene. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information for which disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information through www.regulations.gov or email that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. The www.regulations.gov

Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.

Docket: Documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *e.g.*, CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the ORD Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.
DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: 999 E Street NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).
STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Draft Advisory Opinion 2017-10:
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 Matters

Individuals who plan to attend and require special assistance, such as sign