

Federal Register - August 2013

EPA – The Environmental Protection Agency is issuing this rule to identify areas that, based on recorded air quality monitoring data, show violations of the 1-hour 2010 primary Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

[Monday, August 5, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 150)]

EPA – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates representing tribal governments and communities to be considered for appointment to the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). EPA established NACEPT in 1988 to provide advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental policy, management and technology issues. [Monday, August 5, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 150)]

FEMA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) invites comment on an extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection for the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program. The purpose of the Program is to enhance catastrophic incident preparedness in Tier 1 and selected Tier 2 Urban Areas. [Monday, August 5, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 150)]

DOE – The Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice that the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee's charter will be renewed for a two-year period. The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Office of Science on the Basic Energy Sciences program. [Tuesday, August 6, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 151)]

EPA – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides notice that the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council will meet Wednesday, September 11, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. and Thursday, September 12, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, at 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia. All meetings are open to the public. [Tuesday, August 6, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 151)]

DOE – The Department of Energy gives notice that the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee will be renewed for a two-year period beginning on August 2, 2013. The Committee will provide advice to the Office of Science (DOE), on long-range plans, priorities, and strategies for advancing plasma science, fusion science and fusion technology. [Monday, August 12, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 155)]

FEMA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issues a final rule on Base Flood Elevation (BFE) determinations (1% annual chance) for the communities listed in the document. BFEs are the basis for floodplain management measures that are required for each community to adopt to qualify for the National Flood Insurance Program. [Monday, August 12, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 155)]

DOI – The Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) proposes new regulations to implement the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA) governing the payment of advance royalty on coal resources produced from Federal leases. ONRR also proposes to add information collection requirements that are applicable to all solid minerals leases and are necessary to implement the EPA Federal coal advance royalty provisions. [Monday, August 12, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 155)]

BLM – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to amend regulations pertaining Federal coal leases and logical mining units (LMU). The proposed rule would implement Title IV, Subtitle D of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; clarify that a royalty rate of 12 1/2 percent will be assessed on all Federal coal except coal that is mined from underground mines; withdraw the Logical Mining Unit Application and Processing Guidelines; promulgate portions of the LMU Guidelines as regulations; establish new processing fees; and make technical and editorial corrections to the regulations. [Monday, August 12, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 155)]

NOAA – The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requests comments on the revision and extension of a current information collection. This survey instrument will be used by the National Sea Grant Program to obtain information to assess NOAA's accessibility, responsiveness and respect for partners. [Monday, August 12, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 155)]

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NASA – The 2014 Sample Return Robot Challenge is scheduled and teams that wish to compete may register.. The 2014 Sample Return Robot Challenge is designed to encourage development of robots that can autonomously seek out samples and return to a designated point in a set time period. [Tuesday, August 13, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 156)]

NASA – The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Heliophysics Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council. The meeting will be held Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at NASA Headquarters, Rooms 6J42 and 1Q39 consecutively, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546. [Tuesday, August 13, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 156)]

NASA – The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Astrophysics Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council. The meeting will be held Friday, September 20, 2013, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This meeting will take place telephonically and by WebEx. [Tuesday, August 13, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 156)]

DOE – The Department of Energy (DOE) sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a partially-closed meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). The meeting will be held Thursday, September 12, 2013; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the National Academy of Sciences (Room 120), 2101 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. [Monday, August 19, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 160)]

DOE – The Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice that the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel will be renewed for a two-year period beginning on August 12, 2013. [Monday, August 19, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 160)]

DOI – The Department of the Interior (DOI) announces the next three meetings of the United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Advisory Committee for September 10, 2013; October 1-2, 2013; and December 11-12, 2013; in Washington, DC. [Monday, August 19, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 160)]

DOI - The Department of the Interior (DOI) is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Committee members and/or alternates to serve on the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Advisory Committee. [Monday, August 19, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 160)]

DOD – The Department of Defense (DOD) gives notice that the minutes of the last Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP) meeting will be open for public comment until September 16, 2013. [Tuesday, August 20, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 161)]

FEMA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) seeks comments concerning the effectiveness of a community's implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program Community Assistance Program Community Assistance Contact (CAC) and Community Assistance Visit (CAV) Reports, which enable FEMA to make a comprehensive assessment of a community's floodplain management program. [Tuesday, August 20, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 161)]

NPS – The National Park Service (NPS) gives notice that the National Park System Advisory Board will meet October 15-16, 2013, in Meeting Room A of the American Geophysical Union, 3000 Florida Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20009. Interested parties may attend the board meeting and upon request may address the Board concerning an area's national significance. [Tuesday, August 20, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 161)]

NSF – The National Science Foundation (NSF) publishes notice of the availability of Meteorite Collection Plans received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. [Tuesday, August 20, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 161)]

DOD – The Department of Defense (DOD) announces an open meeting of the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 11, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 12, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22203. [Wednesday, August 21, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 162)]

USGS – The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information on existing assessments of the vulnerability of various resources and societal assets to climate change. Because many governmental and nongovernmental parties are conducting such assessments and the assessments may be of interest to others, the USGS will make the information collected available on the Web in the form of a simple registry-type database. [Wednesday, August 21, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 162)]

MSHA – The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) invites comment on a proposed information collection for updating Hazardous Conditions Complaints. [Wednesday, August 21, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 162)]

MSHA – The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) invites comment on concerning a proposed information collection for updating Ventilation Plan and Main Fan Maintenance Record. [Wednesday, August 21, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 162)]

NASA – The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a public conference to provide a status on the

Agency's Asteroid Initiative planning and to enable feedback and discussion from the global community and the public. The workshop will be held from 12 p.m. CDT Monday, September 30, 2013 to 5 p.m. CDT Wednesday October 2, 2013 at the Lunar and Planetary Institute, 3600 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston, TX 77058. [Wednesday, August 21, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 162)]

NOAA – The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announces a meeting of the National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee. The meeting will held by conference call and will be open to public participation with a 10-minute public comment period from 4:45-4:55 p.m Eastern time Monday, September 9, 2013. [Wednesday, August 21, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 162)]

NASA – The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information associated with the Glenn Research Center (GRC) Shadowing and Exploring Project. The program targets students in the 14-20 age groups and is designed to increase awareness of STEM career paths and encourage the pursuit and retention of STEM majors during the initial years of college. [Thursday, August 22, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 163)]

NASA – The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Earth Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). The meeting will be held Friday, September 20, 2013, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Local Time. Any interested person may call the USA toll free conference call number 800-857-7040, pass code ESS, to participate in the meeting. [Thursday, August 22, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 163)]

EPA – The Environmental Protection Agency invites the public to join and provide discussion about Dichloromethane and N-Methylpyrrolidone TSCA Chemical Risk Assessment. The EPA will hold three peer review meetings by web connect and teleconference. The peer review meetings will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. e.d.t.; Tuesday, October 15, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., e.d.t.; and Tuesday, November 12, 2013, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., e.d.t. [Friday, August 23, 2013 (Volume 78, Number 164)]

DOE – The Department of Energy announced the reestablishment of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB). The Board was created to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on the Department's research, policy, economic and national security, education and other activities. There will be an open meeting to provide and overview of the Board on Friday, Sept. 13, 2013 at 9:00am-2:00pm at the DOE. [Tuesday, August 27, 2013 (Vol. 78, No. 166)]

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NASA – The National Aeronautics and Space Administration invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections. Those interested can send proposed information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of NASA. [Tuesday, August 27, 2013 (Vol. 78, No. 166)]

DOE – The Department of Energy issued a notice that the Flint Hills Resources Alaska, LLC filed a complaint against BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc., ConocoPhillips Transportation Alaska, Inc., and ExxonMobil Pipeline Company regarding the method of making monetary adjustments among TAPS shippers to account for the differences between the quality of the crude oil sent and the quality of the crude oil received. Persons wishing to be involve may send petitions or interventions can file electronically the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. [Wednesday, August 28, 2013 (Vol. 78, No. 167)]

EPA – The Environmental Protection Agency added trans 1-chloro-3,3,3- trifluoroprop-1-ene (also known as SolsticeTM 1233zd(E)) to the list of compounds excluded from the regulatory definition of VOCs. This is on the basis that this compound makes a negligible contribution to tropospheric ozone formation and was done to attain the national ambient air quality standards. [Wednesday, August 28, 2013 (Vol. 78, No. 167)]

EPA – The Environmental Protection Agency announced a Workshop to Discuss Policy-Relevant Science to Inform EPA's Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for oxides of nitrogen (NOX) and oxides of sulfur (SOX). The workshop will be held October 1 to 3, 2013, in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. [Thursday, August 29, 2013 (Vol. 78, No. 168)]
