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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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**Notification of a Public Meeting of the
Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)
Sulfur Oxides Panel**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Sulfur Oxides Panel to peer review EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) for Sulfur Oxides - Health Criteria (Second External Review Draft – December 2016)* and *Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide: Risk and Exposure Assessment Planning Document (External Review Draft)*.

DATES: The CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) and Tuesday, March 21, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: Location: The public meeting will be held at the Residence Inn Arlington Capital View, 2850 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington, Virginia, 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to obtain information concerning the public meeting may contact Mr. Aaron Yeow, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 564-2050 or at yeow.aaron@epa.gov. General information about the CASAC, as well as any updates concerning the meetings announced in this notice, may be found on the CASAC webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CASAC was established pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1977, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7409(d)(2), to review air quality criteria and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and recommend any new NAAQS and revisions of existing criteria and NAAQS as may be appropriate. The CASAC is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. Section 109(d)(1) of the CAA requires that the Agency periodically review and revise, as appropriate, the air quality criteria and the NAAQS for the six “criteria” air pollutants, including sulfur oxides. EPA is currently reviewing the primary (health-based) NAAQS for sulfur dioxide (SO₂), as an indicator for health effects caused by the presence of sulfur oxides in the ambient air.

Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel will hold a public face-to-face meeting to review EPA’s *Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides – Health Criteria (Second External Review Draft –*

December 2016) and *Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide: Risk and Exposure Assessment Planning Document (External Review Draft)*. The CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel and CASAC will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Technical Contacts: Any technical questions concerning the *Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides - Health Criteria (Second External Review Draft – December 2016)* should be directed to Dr. Tom Long (long.tom@epa.gov), EPA Office of Research and Development. Any technical questions concerning the *Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide: Risk and Exposure Assessment Planning Document (External Review Draft)* should be directed to Dr. Stephen Graham (graham.stephen@epa.gov) and Dr. Nicole Hagan (hagan.nicole@epa.gov), EPA Office of Air and Radiation.

Availability of Meeting Materials: Prior to the meeting, the review documents, agenda and other materials will be available on the CASAC webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/casac/>.

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 relevant comments on the topic of this advisory activity, including the charge to the panel and the EPA review documents, and/or the group conducting the activity, for the CASAC 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 panels to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should follow the instructions below to submit comments.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes. Each person making an oral statement should consider providing written comments as well as their oral statement so that the points presented orally can be expanded upon in writing. Interested parties should contact Mr. Aaron Yeow, DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by March 13, 2017, to be placed on the list of public speakers.

Written Statements: Written statements will be accepted throughout the advisory process; however, for timely consideration by CASAC members, statements should be supplied to the DFO (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by March 13, 2017. It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the webpage 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 websites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the CASAC website. 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 Mr. Aaron Yeow at (202) 564-2050 or yeow.aaron@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Mr. Yeow preferably at least ten days prior to each meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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