

SUMMARY: EPA today announces the allocation of allowances to small diesel refineries for desulfurization of fuel during 1996. The eligibility for and calculation of allowances to small diesel refineries is in accordance with Section 410(h) of the Clean Air Act, implemented at 40 CFR Part 73, subpart G.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA's Acid Rain Program was established by Title IV of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA) to reduce acid rain in the continental United States. The Acid Rain Program will achieve a 50 percent reduction in sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions from utility units. The SO₂ reduction program is a flexible market-based approach to environmental management. As part of this approach, EPA allocates "allowances" to affected utility units. Each allowance is a limited authorization to emit up to one ton of SO₂. At the end of each calendar year, each unit must hold allowances in an amount equal to or greater than its SO₂ emissions for the year. Allowances may be bought, sold, or transferred between utilities and other interested parties. Those utility units whose annual emissions are likely to exceed their allocations may install control technologies or switch to cleaner fuels to reduce SO₂ emissions or buy additional allowances.

Section 410(h) of the Clean Air Act provides allowances for small diesel refineries that desulfurize diesel fuel from October 1, 1993 through December 31, 1999. Small refineries are not otherwise affected by the Acid Rain Program and do not need the allowances to comply with any provision of the Clean Air Act. Thus, the allowances serve as a financial benefit to small diesel refineries desulfurizing diesel fuel.

The following table lists allowances to be allocated to eligible refineries for desulfurization of diesel fuel during calendar year 1996.

Refiner	Refinery/location	Allocation
Big West Oil	Flying J, Utah ...	1389
Cenex	Laurel, Montana	1500
Crysen	Woods Cross, Utah.	820
Frontier	Cheyenne, Wyoming	1500

Refiner	Refinery/location	Allocation
Giant	Ciniza, New Mexico.	1479
	Giant Ref., New Mexico.	1235
Holly	Lea, New Mexico.	1500
	Navajo, New Mexico.	1500
	Montana Refining, Montana.	306
Hunt	Tuscaloosa, Alabama.	1500
Kern	Bakersfield, California.	1500
La Gloria	Tyler, Texas	1500
Lion	El Dorado, Arkansas	1500
Paramount	Paramount, California.	581
Pennzoil	Atlas, Louisiana Products, Texas	1500
Pride	Abilene, Texas	696
Sinclair	Little America, Wyoming.	1315
	Sinclair, Wyoming	1500
	Tulsa, Oklahoma.	1500
U.S. Oil & Refining.	Tacoma, Washington	1082
Witco	Golden Bear, California.	112
Wyoming Refining.	Newcastle, Wyoming	563

A total of 27,578 allowances are allocated to 17 refineries, which produced 55,721 thousand barrels of desulfurized diesel fuel. These allowances have a compliance year of 1997.

Requests for allowances for desulfurization during 1997 are due no later than April 1, 1998. Allowances allocated in 1998 will have a compliance year of 1998.

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Brian J. McLean,

Director, Acid Rain Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of public CSIC Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee Meeting; Common Sense Initiative Council Meeting; and CSIC Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee Meeting; open meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the CSIC Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee, the Common Sense Initiative Council and the CSIC Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Seating at all three meetings will be on a first-come basis and limited time will be provided for public comment. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed with the Council and two Sector Subcommittee announcements below.

(1) Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee—July 14-15, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee on July 14 and 15, 1997. On Monday, July 14, 1997, the meeting will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. CDT and end at 5:00 p.m. CDT. On Tuesday, July 15, the meeting will run from approximately 8:00 a.m. CDT until 5:00 p.m. CDT. The meeting will be held at the Midland Hotel, 172 West Adams, Chicago, Illinois 60603-3604. The telephone number is (312) 332-1200.

The agenda for this Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee meeting includes an introduction of new members, a discussion of process improvements for the Petroleum Sector, a presentation on the economic position of the petroleum refining industry, and an update on the status of the One Stop Reporting and Public Access Project and the Equipment Leaks Project. The Subcommittee also expects to establish sector goals for the next year and discuss potential new project ideas. A public comment period has been scheduled from 2:00 p.m. CDT until 3:00 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, July 15, 1997.

For further information concerning this Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee meeting, please contact either Craig Weeks, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by mail at EPA, Region 6, mail code 6EN, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, by telephone on (214) 665-7505 or by e-mail at weeks.craig@epamail.epa.gov or Judy Heckman-Prouty, Alternate DFO, by mail at EPA Region 1, mail code SPN, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203-0001, by telephone on (617) 565-3269 or by e-mail at heckman.judy@epamail.epa.gov.

(2) Common Sense Initiative Council—July 21 and 22, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Common Sense Initiative Council on Monday, July 21, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. EDT to 5:30 p.m. EDT and Tuesday, July 22, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. EDT to 3:30 p.m. EDT. The meeting will be held at the DuPont Plaza Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. The telephone number is (202) 483-6000.

The Council will focus on a variety of topics including an overview of the new EPA Office of Reinvention and the role of the CSI Council. The Council will continue the February Council meeting discussion on challenges to improving the existing environmental management system, including a presentation and discussion on accessibility to environmental information, and on emergency response plans. Three Sector Subcommittees, Automobile Manufacturing, Iron and Steel, and Metal Finishing, are scheduled to present recommendations to the Council.

For further information concerning this meeting of the Common Sense Initiative Council, please contact Kathleen Bailey, DFO, at EPA by telephone on (202) 260-7417, or by e-mail at bailey.kathleen@epamail.epa.gov.

(3) Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee—July 23 and 24, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee on Wednesday, July 23, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. EDT until 5:00 p.m. EDT and on Thursday, July 24, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. EDT until 4:00 p.m. EDT. The meeting will be held at the Ramada Plaza Pentagon Hotel, 4641 Kenmore Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. The telephone number is (703) 751-4510. The purpose of this meeting is for the Subcommittee to make final decisions on the sector's work plan and projects, and to begin implementation.

At its March 1997 meeting, the Subcommittee discussed the development of a work plan for the next year and decided that prior to making any decisions, it needed to have a better picture of the industry today and a vision of the industry's future. It formed three temporary task groups and charged them with developing a baseline picture of the industry and its major problems, developing objectives for the work plan, and with examining

the current regulatory scheme. At the July meeting, the Subcommittee will review the reports of each of the three task groups, hear a panel discussion about the economic environment in which the industry operates, and develop its work plan and projects to be carried out. Additionally, it will establish appropriate task forces to carry out the work plan, discuss with the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance the results of the study describing the nature on compliance problems in the industry, and have status reports on the few on-going projects which the Subcommittee is overseeing (Brownsfields, Iron and Steel Web Site, Community Advisory Committee, Consolidated Reporting, and Alternative Compliance Strategy). Several hours will also be devoted to allowing the newly formed task forces time to organize and begin work on the identified projects.

For further information concerning this meeting of the Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee, please contact Ms. Judith Hecht, alternate DFO, at EPA on (202) 260-5682 in Washington, DC or Bob Tolpa, at EPA Region 5 in Chicago on (312) 886-6706, or Dr. Mahesh Podar, DFO, at EPA on (202) 260-5711.

Inspection of Council and Subcommittee Documents

Documents relating to the above announcements will be publicly available at the meetings. Thereafter, these documents, together with the official minutes for the meetings, will be available for public inspection in room 2821M of EPA Headquarters, Common Sense Initiative Staff, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone number 202-260-7417. Common Sense Initiative information can be accessed electronically on our web site at <http://www.epa.gov/commonsense>.

Dated: June 23, 1997.

Kathleen Bailey,

Designated Federal Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Cable Services Action Commission Announces Change of Date for En Banc Hearing on Industry Proposal For Rating Video Programming and on "V-Chip" Technology

June 19, 1997.

The en banc hearing on: (1) The joint proposal submitted to the Commission

on January 17, 1997 by the National Association of Broadcasters, the National Cable Television Association and the Motion Picture Association of America describing a voluntary system for rating video programming; and (2) video programming blocking technology, has been changed from June 20, 1997 to July 14, 1997. The en banc hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission meeting room, Room 856, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. The Commission will announce participants and a hearing format in the near future.

On February 7, 1997, the Commission issued a Public Notice seeking comment on the industry proposal. See Public Notice, Commission Seeks Comment on Industry Proposal for Rating Video Programming, CS Docket No. 97-55, FCC 97-34, Report No. CS 97-6 (February 7, 1997). Copies of the Public Notice, which attaches a copy of the industry proposal as an Appendix, may be obtained from the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from the Commission's Internet site (<http://www.fcc.gov/vchip>), or by calling ITS, the Commission's transcription service, at (202) 857-3800.

On April 23, 1997, the Commission announced that the en banc hearing would be held on June 4, 1997. See Public Notice, Commission Announces En Banc Hearing on Industry Proposal for Rating Video Programming and on "V-Chip" Technology, CS Docket No. 97-55, DA 97-857, 62 FR 24654 (May 6, 1997).

In order to provide interested parties an opportunity to respond to matters raised in the en banc hearing, the due date for surreply comments in CS Docket No. 97-55 is extended from July 7, 1997 to July 28, 1997.

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Federal Communications Commission.

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