

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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**Clean Air Act Advisory Committee—
Notice of Creation of the Clean Air
Excellence Awards Program**

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) on November 19, 1990, to provide independent advice and counsel to EPA on policy issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act of 1990. The Committee advises on economic, environmental, technical, scientific, and enforcement policy issues. At its meeting on April 27, 1999, the Committee approved a proposal to establish an annual awards program to recognize outstanding and innovative efforts that support progress in achieving clean air. This notice announces the creation of this awards program.

AWARDS PROGRAM NOTICE: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App.2 Section 10(a)(2), notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Advisory Committee is establishing the "Clean Air Excellence Awards Program" (CAEAP). The intent of the program is to recognize and honor outstanding, innovative efforts that help to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The CAEAP is open to both public and private entities. Entries are limited to the United States. There are six award categories: (1) Clean Air Technology; (2) Community Development/ Redevelopment; (3) Education/ Outreach; (4) Regulatory/Policy Innovations; (5) Transportation Efficiency Innovations; and (6) Outstanding Individual Achievement Award. Awards are recognition only and will be given on an annual basis.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE: All applicants are asked to submit their entry on a CAEAP entry form, contained in the CAEAP Entry Package, which may be obtained from the CAAAC WEB site at www.epa.gov/oar/caaac/index.html or contacting Mr. Paul Rasmussen, U.S. EPA at 202-564-1306 or 202-564-1352 (Fax), mailing address: Office of Air and Radiation (6102A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20004. The entry form is a simple, three-part form asking for general information on the applicant and the proposed entry; asking for a description of why the entry is deserving of an award; and requiring information from three (3) independent references for the proposed entry. Applicants should also submit additional supporting documentation as

necessary. Specific directions and information on filing an entry form are included in the Entry Package available through the directions above. The deadline for all submission of entries is June 2, 2000.

JUDGING AND AWARD CRITERIA: Judging will be accomplished through a screening process conducted by EPA staff, with input from outside subject experts, as needed. A workgroup of the CAAAC will conduct an addition review. The final award recommendations will be made by the CAAAC and forwarded to the EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation for a final decision. Entries will be judged using both general criteria and criteria specific to each individual category. There are four (4) general criteria: (1) The entry directly or indirectly (i.e., by encouraging actions) reduces emissions of criteria pollutants, greenhouse gases, or hazardous/toxic air pollutants; (2) The entry demonstrates innovation and uniqueness; (3) The entry provides a model for others to follow (i.e., it is replicable); and (4) The positive outcomes from the entry are continuing/sustainable. Although not required to win an award, the following general criteria will also be considered in the judging process: (1) The entry has positive effects on other environmental media in addition to air; (2) The entry demonstrates effective collaboration and partnerships; and (3) The individual or organization submitting the entry has effectively measured/evaluated the outcomes of the project, program, technology, etc. As mentioned above, additional criteria will be used for each individual award category. These criteria are listed in the 2000 Entry Package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this new awards program please use the CAAAC Web site cited above or contact Paul Rasmussen at the telephone and address cited above.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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**Adequacy Status of the Atlanta,
Georgia Submitted Ozone Attainment
State Implementation Plan for
Transportation Conformity Purposes**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Atlanta, Georgia ozone attainment State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted on October 28, 1999, are adequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, the Atlanta ozone nonattainment area can use the motor vehicle emissions budgets from the submitted ozone attainment SIP for future conformity determinations.

DATES: These budgets are effective March 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments will be available at EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

The SIP is available for public viewing at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. You can request a copy of the SIP submission by contacting Kelly Sheckler, Regulatory Planning Section, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, Phone: (404) 562-9042, Fax: (404) 562-9019, E-mail: Sheckler.Kelly@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 4 sent a letter to Georgia Environmental Protection Division on [DATE] stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the October 28, 1999, Atlanta ozone attainment SIP for 2003 are adequate. This finding has been announced on EPA's conformity website referenced above.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that

transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to SIPs and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

We've described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). This guidance was used in making our adequacy determination. The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudice EPA's ultimate action to approve or disapprove the SIP. The SIP could later be disapproved for reasons unrelated to the transportation conformity even though the budgets had been deemed adequate.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: February 17, 2000.

Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Disclosure of Confidential Business Information Obtained Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act to EPA Region VIII, Enforcement Support Services (ESS), Contractor Toeroek Associates, Inc.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: EPA hereby complies with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.301(h) and 40 CFR 2.310(h) for authorization to disclose to its contractor, Toeroek Associates, Inc. (hereinafter "Toeroek") of Arvada, Colorado, certain financial data and cost documentation utilized in cost recovery actions at Superfund sites. Disclosure of this information may occur on sites that are listed on the National Priority List (NPL) as well as on sites that are not on the NPL. Information on non-NPL sites can be

obtained by contacting the Region 8 Superfund Records Center at (303) 312-6473. These disclosures may include Confidential Business Information ("CBI") which has been submitted to EPA Region 8, Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice and/or the Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation. Toeroek's offices are located at 6770 West 52nd Avenue, Suite A, Arvada, CO 80002-3928.

DATES: Comments are due by March 9, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Virginia Phillips, Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice, Technical Enforcement Program, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, ENF-T, Denver, Colorado 80202; (303) 312-6197.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Virginia Phillips, Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice, Technical Enforcement Program, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, ENF-T, Denver, Colorado 80202; (303) 312-6197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Required Determinations, Contract Provisions and Opportunity to Comment: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), as amended, (commonly known as "Superfund") requires the establishment of documentation upon which the President shall base cost recovery actions. EPA has entered into Enforcement Support Services Contract Two (2ESS), contract No. 68-W-99-050 with Toeroek for analysis and management of these documents. EPA Region 8 has determined that disclosure of CBI to Toeroek employees is necessary in order that they may carry out the work required under this contract with EPA. The contract complies with all requirements of 40 CFR 2.301(h)(2)(ii) and 40 CFR 2.310(h). EPA Region 8 will require that each Toeroek employee working on financial analysis and/or cost recovery work sign a written agreement that he or she:

(1) Will use the information only for the purpose of carrying out the work required by the contract.

(2) Shall refrain from disclosing the information to anyone other than EPA without the prior written approval of each affected business or of an EPA legal office, and;

(3) Shall return to EPA all copies of the information and any abstracts or extracts therefrom, (a) Upon completion of the contract, (b) Upon request of the EPA, or (c)

Whenever the information is no longer required by Toeroek for performance of work requested under the contract. These non-disclosure statements shall be maintained on file with the EPA Region 8 Project Officer for Toeroek. All Toeroek employees who will handle CBI will be provided technical direction from EPA contract management staff.

EPA hereby advises affected parties that they have ten working days to comment pursuant to 40 CFR 2.301(h)(2)(iii) and 40 CFR 2.310(h).

Dated: November 3, 1999.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 8.

U.S. EPA Superfund

NPL Site Listing

Sorted by State/Site

Colorado

Air Force Plant PJKS
Asarco Inc (Globe Plant)
Broderick Wood Products
California Gulch
Central City-Clear Creek
Chemical Sales Co
Denver Radium Site
Eagle Mine
Lincoln Park
Lowry Landfill
Marshall Landfill
Rocky Flats Plant (USDOE)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal (USArmy)
Sand Creek Industrial
Smelertown Site
Smuggler Mountain
Summitville Mine
Uravan Uranium Project (Union Carbide)
Vasquez Boulevard and I-70
Woodbury Chemical Co.

Montana

Anaconda Co. Smelter
Basin Mining Area
Burlington Northern Livingston Complex
East Helena Site
Idaho Pole Co
Libby Groundwater Contamination
Milltown Reservoir Sediments
Montana Pole and Treating
Mouat Industries
Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area
Upper Tenmile Creek Mining Area

North Dakota

Arsenic Trioxide Site
Minot Landfill

South Dakota

Ellsworth Air Force Base
Whitewood Creek
Williams Pipe Line Co. Disposal Pit

Utah

Hill Air Force Base
Intermountain Waste Oil Refinery
International Smelting and Refining
Jacobs Smelter Site
Kennecott (North Zone)
Kennecott (South Zone)
Midvale Slag
Monticello Mill Tailings (USDOE)
Monticello Radioactive Contaminated Prop.