

American Lung Association, Environmental Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, Alabama Environmental Council, Clean Air Council, Michigan Environmental Council, Ohio Environmental Council, and Southern Alliance for Clean Air. The proposed consent order provides that with respect to particulate matter:

- EPA will issue a Criteria Document for particulate matter no later than December 19, 2003;

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of proposed rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for particulate matter no later than March 31, 2005; and

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of final rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for particulate matter no later than December 20, 2005.

The proposed order provides that with respect to ozone:

- EPA will issue a Criteria Document for ozone no later than December 20, 2004;

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of proposed rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for ozone no later than March 31, 2006; and

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of final rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for ozone no later than December 20, 2006.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive written comments relating to the settlement from persons who were not named as parties to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act.

Copies of the consent order are available from Phyllis Cochran, (202) 564-5566. Written comments should be sent to Steven Silverman, Office of General Counsel (2366A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, and must be submitted on or before June 26, 2003.

Dated: May 19, 2003.

Lisa K. Friedman,

Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7503-5]

Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a final report.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) announces the availability of a final report, *Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment* (EPA/630/P-02/001F, April 2002).

ADDRESSES: The document is available electronically through the Risk Assessment Forum's Web site (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=54944>). A limited number of paper copies will be available from the EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone: 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile: 513-489-8695. Please provide your name and mailing address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Callahan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, Mail Code 6RA, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733; telephone: 214-665-2787; facsimile: 214-665-6648; e mail: callahan.michael@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Several reports, including the National Research Council's (NRC) 1994 report "Science and Judgment in Risk Assessment," have highlighted the importance of understanding the accumulation of risks from multiple environmental stressors. These reports, as well as legislation such as the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA), urged EPA to move beyond single chemical assessments and to focus, in part, on the cumulative effects of chemical exposures occurring simultaneously. In 1999, EPA's Risk Assessment Forum (Forum) began development of EPA-wide cumulative risk assessment guidance. The *Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment* (*Framework*) is the result of the efforts of a Forum Technical Panel.

The *Framework* is the first step in a long-term effort to develop Agency-wide cumulative risk assessment guidance. Building on EPA's growing experience with cumulative risk assessment, the *Framework* is intended to foster consistent approaches to cumulative risk assessment in EPA, identify key

issues, and define terms used in these assessments. The *Framework* identifies the basic elements of the cumulative risk assessment process and provides a flexible structure for conducting and evaluating cumulative risk assessment, and for addressing scientific issues related to cumulative risk. Although this *Framework* report will serve as a foundation for developing future guidance, it is neither a procedural guide nor a regulatory requirement within EPA, and it is expected to evolve with experience. The *Framework* is not an attempt to lay out protocols to address all the risks or considerations that are needed to adequately inform community decisions. Rather, it is an information document focused on describing various aspects of cumulative risk.

Earlier drafts of the document served as background pieces for peer consultations with State, and Federal, and other peer groups. An external peer review, open to the public, was held in June 2002. Draft documents were revised based on input received during the peer review process, and from public review and comment.

Dated: May 15, 2003.

Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-03-53-C (Auction No. 53); DA 03-1544]

Auction of Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service Licenses (Auction No. 53) Is Postponed

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the postponement of Auction No. 53.

DATES: Auction No. 53 which was scheduled to begin on June 25, 2003 is postponed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Carter of the Auctions and Industry Analysis Division or Jennifer Burton of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division at (202) 418-0660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The auction of licenses in the Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service ("MVDDS") (Auction No. 53), previously scheduled to begin on June 25, 2003, will be delayed pending

Commission resolution of the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ET Docket No. 98–206, RM–9147, and RM–9245 (“FNPRM”) 68 FR 19486 (April 21, 2003). Following release of the Commission’s order acting on the FNPRM, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will release a public notice announcing key dates for Auction No. 53.

Federal Communications Commission.

Margaret Wiener,

Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, WTB.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 03–1711]

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Promotes Increased Maritime Safety by Expanding Collection of Maritime Mobile Service Information

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will collect additional MMSI data recommended by the International Maritime Organization and requested by the GMDSS Task Force. This data collection will be available for U.S. Coast Guard use in search and rescue operation and it will enhance maritime safety and improve homeland security. The intended effect of this notice is to expedite search and rescue and avoid large cases of false alerts which are a great burden on the U.S. Coast Guard search and rescue operations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ghassan Khalek, Public Safety & Private Wireless Division, at 202–418–0680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Federal Communications Commission’s *Public Notice*, DA 03–1711, released on May 15, 2003. The full text of this document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Federal Communications Commission Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. The complete text may be purchased from the Federal Communications Commission’s copy contractor, Qualex International, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554. The full text may also be downloaded at <http://wireless.fcc.gov>. Alternative formats are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millin at (202) 418–

7426 or TTY (202) 418–7365 or at bmillin@fcc.gov.

On December 23, 2002, the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a Public Notice inviting parties to file comments regarding a request submitted by the National GMDSS Implementation Task Force (Task Force) that the Commission expand its Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) database to incorporate additional data fields in accordance with the recommendation in International Maritime Organization (IMO) Assembly Resolution A.887(21). The Task Force suggested that the change be implemented by revising the Commission’s application forms to require submission of the expanded data when applying for a station license and when renewing such licenses. All of the comments we received supported the request. We have reviewed the record, and find that the adding the additional data fields is appropriate and will improve search and rescue operations.

In this regard, we conclude that adding the additional data fields is warranted because the efficiency and ease of use of the new GMDSS radio system has resulted in a substantial increase in inadvertent transmission of false alerts, particularly by vessels using the system voluntarily whose operators are not required to be trained or licensed. The U.S. Coast Guard utilizes the information available from numerous databases, including the Commission’s MMSI database, to enhance response to GMDSS distress alerts. The collection of the additional data fields recommended by the IMO will improve the validation process, which will help prevent the unnecessary launching of search and rescue assets.

Specifically, the Commission will collect the recommended data for each vessel (data that the Commission does not currently collect from applicants is indicated with an asterisk):

1. Ship name;
2. Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI);
3. Call sign;
4. *EPIRB Identification Code (if applicable) and its homing frequency;
5. Country;
6. Ship identification number (IMO number or national registration number);
7. Brief ship description;
8. *Name, address, telephone and telefax number of emergency contact person ashore;
9. *Alternative 24-hour emergency telephone number (alternative contact ashore);

10. *Capacity for persons on board (passengers and crew);

11. *Radio installation (Inmarsat-A,B,C,D, VHF DSC, etc.) for ship and survival craft;

12. Identification number for all radio systems available;

13. *Type and number of survival craft; and

14. Date of last modification of database record.

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is in the process of enhancing the Universal Licensing System (ULS) to allow the database to collect the additional data. A separate Public Notice will be released when the ULS enhancements are deployed.

Federal Communications Commission.

D’wana R. Terry,

Chief, Public Safety & Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

[Docket No. R–1138]

Expansion of the Operating Hours for the On–Line Fedwire® Funds Service

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the expansion of the operating hours for the on–line Fedwire Funds Service from eighteen hours to twenty–one and one–half hours each business day.¹ The new opening time will be 9 p.m. eastern time for on–line funds transfers with a business date of the following calendar day.² The closing time for the service will remain at 6:30 p.m. The Board believes that further expansion of Fedwire operating hours will support the smooth functioning and continued development of the payments system, and improve efficiency and reduce risk in conducting U.S. dollar payments and settlements. Fedwire participants will not be required to change their current hours of participation in the service. The expansion of hours for the on–line Fedwire Funds Service will not affect the operating hours for the origination of off–line funds transfers or telephone advice of credit, and will not affect the

¹ The current Fedwire business day begins at 12:30 am and ends at 6:30 pm. All references to Fedwire apply to the on–line Fedwire Funds Service unless otherwise noted. Fedwire is a registered servicemark of the Federal Reserve Banks.

² All references are to eastern time.