

process for directly emitted fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions as contained in the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> attainment demonstration for the Alabama portion of the tri-state Chattanooga, Tennessee nonattainment area (hereafter referred to as the "Jackson County Area"). On October 14, 2009, the State of Alabama, through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), submitted an attainment demonstration plan for the 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard for Jackson County, Alabama as part of the tri-state Chattanooga 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area. The tri-state Chattanooga 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area is comprised of a portion of Jackson County, Alabama; Catoosa and Walker Counties, Georgia; and Hamilton County, Tennessee. As a result of EPA's finding, the portion of Jackson County within the tri-state Chattanooga 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area is no longer required to perform a regional emissions analysis for either directly emitted PM<sub>2.5</sub> or NO<sub>x</sub> as part of future PM<sub>2.5</sub> conformity determinations for the 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. This finding only relates to the Alabama portion of this Area, and does not relieve the Georgia or Tennessee portions of the tri-state 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area from the requirement of performing the regional emissions analyses for direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. EPA will review the adequacy of the Georgia and Tennessee submittals with regard to the motor vehicle emission budgets or insignificance findings (if any and if appropriate) in separate actions.

**DATES:** This insignificance finding for direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> is effective July 6, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dianna Smith, Environmental Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, Air Quality Modeling and Transportation Section, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Ms. Smith can also be reached by telephone at (404) 562-9207, or via electronic mail at [smith.dianna@epa.gov](mailto:smith.dianna@epa.gov). The finding is available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is simply an announcement of a finding that EPA has already made. EPA Region 4 sent a letter to ADEM on March 25, 2010, stating that regional mobile source emissions of direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are insignificant as provided in the Alabama portion of the 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> attainment demonstration for the Jackson County

Area submitted on October 14, 2009. EPA posted the availability of the insignificance finding on EPA's Web site on February 16, 2010, as part of the adequacy process, for the purpose of soliciting comments. The comment period ran from February 16, 2010, through March 18, 2010. During EPA's adequacy comment period, no comments were received on the insignificance finding for the Jackson County Area. Through this notice, EPA is informing the public of the insignificance finding for direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> for the purpose of implementing transportation conformity in the Jackson County Area for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. EPA's findings have also been announced on EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans 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. On March 2, 1999, the District of Columbia Circuit Court ruled that submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for transportation conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate.

The criteria by which EPA determines whether a SIP's motor vehicle emissions budget is adequate for transportation conformity purposes are outlined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 93.118(e)(4). The Transportation Conformity Rule in 40 CFR 93.109(k) states that a regional emissions analysis is no longer necessary if EPA finds through the adequacy or approval process that a SIP demonstrates that regional motor vehicle emissions are an insignificant contributor to the air quality problem for that pollutant/precursor. A finding of insignificance does not change the requirement for a regional analysis for other pollutants/precursors and does not change the requirement for hot-spot analysis. (See 73 FR 4419, January 24, 2008.) Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval of the attainment demonstration plan for the Jackson County Area. Even if EPA finds the insignificance determination

adequate, the attainment demonstration plan could later be disapproved.

Transportation partners should note this insignificance finding in future transportation conformity determinations. Additionally, while this insignificance finding waives the requirements for regional emissions analyses for direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> for the Jackson County Area for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard, as mentioned above, it does not waive other conformity requirements for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard for the Jackson County Area, nor does it waive transportation conformity requirements for other pollutants/precursors for which the Area may be designated nonattainment or redesignated to attainment with a maintenance plan.

EPA has described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets (which also applies to insignificance determinations) in a May 14, 1999, memorandum entitled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999, Conformity Court Decision." EPA has followed this guidance in making this adequacy determination. This guidance is incorporated into EPA's July 1, 2004, final rulemaking entitled "Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments for the New 8-hour Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Miscellaneous Revisions for Existing Areas; Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Response to Court Decision and Additional Rule Changes" (69 FR 40004).

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Draft FY 2011-2015 EPA Strategic Plan

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability, request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the *Draft FY 2011-2015 EPA Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan)* for public review and comment, as part of the periodic update required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). The Agency's final

*Strategic Plan* will be submitted to Congress by September 30, 2010. The *Strategic Plan* provides the Agency's long-term direction and strategies to improve environmental and human health over the next five years. For this notice, the EPA is seeking comment from individual citizens, states, tribes, local government, industry, the academic community, non-governmental organizations, and all other interested parties. The Agency is particularly interested in feedback addressing the goal narratives, cross-cutting fundamental strategies, and strategic measures, with a focus on new directions and strategies.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 30, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2010-0486, by one of the following methods (electronic submission preferred):

*Electronic:* Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

*Fax:* ATTN: Vivian Daub, Director, Planning Staff, Fax number: (202) 564-1808.

*Mail:* ATTN: Vivian Daub, Director, Planning Staff.

Office of Planning, Analysis, and Accountability (Mail Code 2723A), Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

*Important:* Please allow a minimum of two weeks from date postmarked to allow ample time for receipt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vivian Daub, Director, Planning Staff, Office of Planning, Analysis, and Accountability, Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
*Strategic Plan@epa.gov*.

*Instructions:* EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly

to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The GPRA holds federal agencies accountable for using resources wisely and achieving program results. Specifically, GPRA requires agencies to develop: *Strategic Plans*, which include a mission statement and set out long-term goals, objectives, and strategic measures over a five-year time horizon; *Annual Performance Plans*, which provide annual performance measures toward achieving the goals and objectives set forth in the *Strategic Plan*; and, *Performance and Accountability Reports*, which evaluate an agency's success in achieving the annual performance measures.

The *Draft FY 2011–2015 EPA Strategic Plan* reflects the Administrator's priorities for advancing environmental protection. The *Plan* presents five strategic goals to accelerate protection of the environment and human health and five cross-cutting fundamental strategies for changing the way the Agency works. The five strategic goals are: Taking Action on Climate Change and Improving Air Quality, Protecting America's Waters, Cleaning Up Our Communities, Ensuring the Safety of Chemicals and Preventing Pollution, and Enforcing Environmental Laws. The five cross-cutting fundamental strategies are: Expanding the conversation on environmentalism; working for environmental justice and children's health; advancing science, research, and technological innovation; strengthening state, tribal, and international partnerships; and strengthening EPA's workforce and capabilities. The *Plan* also identifies a suite of strategic

measures by which the Agency will hold itself accountable.

Dated: June 3, 2010.

**Maryann Froehlich,**

*Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-1399 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements.

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#### Notice

In accordance with Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to make its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies public. Historically, EPA has met this mandate by publishing weekly notices of availability of EPA comments, which includes a brief summary of EPA's comment letters, in the **Federal Register**. Since February 2008, EPA has been including its comment letters on EISs on its Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>. Including the entire EIS comment letters on the Web site satisfies the Section 309(a) requirement to make EPA's comments on EISs available to the public. Accordingly, on March 31, 2010, EPA discontinued the publication of the notice of availability of EPA comments in the **Federal Register**.

*EIS No. 20100217, Draft Supplement, USFS, MT, Young Dodge Project, Proposed Timber Harvest and Associate Activities, Updated Information on the First 3 Alternatives, Prescribed Burning, Road and Recreation Management, Kootenai National Forest, Rexford Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT, Comment Period Ends: 08/02/2010, Contact: Ron Komac 406-296-2536.*

*EIS No. 20100218, Final EIS, BR, CA, North Bay Water Recycling Program (NBWRP), (Formerly North San Pablo Bay Restoration and Reuse Project), Proposed to Promote the Expanded Beneficial Use of Recycled Water, North Marin Water District, Napa County, CA, Wait Period Ends: 07/19/*