

PEER REVIEW PLAN

Title:

Ozone NAAQS Review: Policy Assessment

Purpose/Objective:

The Policy Assessment is intended to help "bridge the gap" between the scientific information and assessment and the judgements required of the EPA Administrator in determining whether, and if so how, it is appropriate to revise the NAAQS for Ozone. The Policy Assessment will reflect EPA staff's views regarding the broadest array of options supported by the available information. The Policy Assessment will consider the available scientific evidence presented in the Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) and the Risk/Exposure Analysis (REA), together with related limitations and uncertainties, and will focus on the basic elements of an air quality standard: indicator, averaging time, form, and level. These elements, which serve to define each NAAQS, will be considered collectively in evaluating the public health and welfare protection afforded by the standard(s). Following the review of the first draft of this document (Ozone NAAQS Policy Assessment - 1st Draft), as needed, a second draft will be produced and also provided to CASAC for review as well as made available to the public for review and comment. A final draft document will be produced after considering CASAC and public comments. All documents will be made publicly available.

Product Completion Date (Projected):

09/30/2014

OMB Category:

Highly Influential

Peer Review Leader:

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External Peer Review Mechanism:

Nominated to the Science Advisory Board for Peer Review

Peer Review Expected to Begin:

2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2014

EPA's Fiscal Years run from October to September.
Quarters for Fiscal Year 2014:
1st: October - December, 2013
2nd: January - March, 2014
3rd: April - June, 2014
4th: July - September, 2014

Was a deferral to peer review invoked?	No
Will an alternative peer review process be employed?	No
Number of Peer Reviewers	more than 10
Primary Disciplines needed in the review:	Ecology-Global, Epidemiology, Exposure Assessment, Toxicology-General , Risk Assessment
Who will select the reviewers?	FACA
Will the public, including scientific or professional societies be asked to nominate peer reviewers?	Yes
Will public nominations be allowed through the Peer Review Agenda?	No
Will there be opportunity for public comment on the product?	Yes
Describe How and When	CASAC meetings: 1st draft September 2012; 2nd draft March 25-27, 2014
Will the Agency provide significant and relevant public comments to the peer reviewers before they conduct their review?	Yes
Will the review be a panel, conducted in public?	Yes
Will public comments be allowed at the panel review?	Yes