

PEER REVIEW PLAN

Title:

Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen – Health Criteria (Second External Review Draft)

Purpose/Objective:

The Clean Air Act (CAA) requires EPA to periodically review and revise, as appropriate, existing air quality criteria and NAAQS. The CAA also requires an independent scientific committee to review the criteria and to advise the Administrator regarding any recommended revisions to the existing criteria and standards, as may be appropriate. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of EPA's Science Advisory Board serves as this independent scientific committee. The ISA is one of the four major elements of the NAAQS review process that will inform the Agency's final decisions; other components of the process are an integrated plan highlighting the key policy-relevant issues; a risk/exposure assessment; and an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) reflecting the Agency's views regarding options to retain or revise the NO_x NAAQS based on the evaluation of key information contained in the ISA and Risk/Exposure Assessment, as well as additional appropriate technical analysis.

Product Completion Date (Actual):

07/11/2008

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:

4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2008

EPA's Fiscal Years run from October to September.
Quarters for Fiscal Year 2008:
1st: October - December, 2007
2nd: January - March, 2008
3rd: April - June, 2008
4th: July - September, 2008

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:	Resource Economics, Risk Assessment-Ecological, Risk Assessment-Human Health, Toxicology-Neurotoxicology	
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	A notice for public comments will be placed in the Federal Register.	
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	