

PEER REVIEW PLAN

Title:

Policy Assessment for the Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Oxides, External Review Draft

Purpose/Objective:

The Policy Assessment is intended to help "bridge the gap" between the scientific information and assessment and the judgments required of the EPA Administrator in determining whether, and if so how, it is appropriate to revise the primary SO₂ NAAQS. 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 and Exposure Assessment (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 (Policy Assessment for the Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Oxides, External Review 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 (Actual):

08/24/2017

OMB Category:

Highly Influential

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External Peer Review Mechanism:

Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)

Peer Review Expected to Begin:

4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2017

EPA's Fiscal Years run from October to September.
Quarters for Fiscal Year 2017:
1st: October - December, 2016
2nd: January - March, 2017
3rd: April - June, 2017
4th: July - September, 2017

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:	Biology-Environmental, Biostatistics, Chemistry-Atmospheric, Chemistry-Environmental, Engineering-Environmental, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Epidemiology-Asthma, Epidemiology-Environmental, Epidemiology-Respiratory, Exposure Assessment, Monitoring and Assessment-Monitoring Design, Risk Assessment-Human Health, Toxicology-General
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	An FR notice announced the availability of the draft policy assessment. Written comments were accepted, and there was an opportunity for oral comments at the peer review panel meeting.
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