

PEER REVIEW PLAN

Title:

Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen – Health Criteria (First 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 if warranted; and an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) reflecting the Agency's views regarding options to retain or revise the NO₂ 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 (Projected):

08/01/2014

OMB Category:

Highly Influential

Peer Review Leader:

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External Peer Review Mechanism:

Established Federal Advisory Committee under FACA

Peer Review Expected to Begin:

1st Quarter, Fiscal Year 2013

EPA's Fiscal Years run from October to September.
Quarters for Fiscal Year 2013:
1st: October - December, 2012
2nd: January - March, 2013
3rd: April - June, 2013
4th: July - September, 2013

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	Detailed instructions will be published in the Federal Register Notice that will announce the release of the draft and public comment period. Generally, public comments should be submitted electronically via www.regulations.gov , by mail, or facsimile, as specified in the Federal Register Notice.	
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