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For additional information, please contact Barbara Bourque of FERC's Office of Market Oversight & Investigations at (202) 502-8338 or by e-mail, Barbara.bourque@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7626-2]

Proposed Amendment to Second Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed amendment to second consent decree regarding Portland, Maine; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed amendment to the second partial consent decree, to address a lawsuit filed by Sierra Club and the Group Against SMOG and Pollution in the District Court for the District of Columbia: *Sierra Club and Group Against SMOG and Pollution, Inc. v. Leavitt*, No. 1:00CV02206 (D. D.C.). On or about September 14, 2000, Sierra Club and the Group Against

SMOG and Pollution filed a complaint seeking to require EPA to take final actions regarding determinations of whether several PM-10 and ozone nonattainment areas had attained the pertinent air quality standards by their attainment dates. EPA and the plaintiffs previously settled the claims regarding a number of the nonattainment areas, including Portland, Maine, in prior consent decrees. EPA and the plaintiffs are now proposing to amend the consent decree concerning Portland to extend the date for EPA's final action regarding Portland. Under the terms of the proposed amendment to the second consent decree, EPA will sign for publication in the **Federal Register** the Administrator's final determination pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7511(b)(2) on whether the Portland area did or did not attain the 1-hour national ambient air quality standards for ozone by the applicable attainment date.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed amendment to second consent decree must be received by March 25, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket ID number OGC-2004-0003, online at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket> (EPA's preferred method); by e-mail to oei.docket@epa.gov; mailed to EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; or by hand delivery or courier to EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Comments on a disk or CD-ROM should be formatted in Wordperfect or ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, and may be mailed to the mailing address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin McLean, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. telephone: (202) 564-5564.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Additional Information About the Proposed Amendment to Second Consent Decree

The proposed amendment to the second consent decree expects that the Maine Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") will notify EPA in writing by March 1, 2004 that it has issued and made publicly available a study, including supporting data on the

feasibility of implementing the California Zero Emission Vehicle ("ZEV") mandate in Maine. In addition, the proposed amendment to the second consent decree expects that the Maine DEP will submit for EPA's approval eight specific revisions to its State Implementation Plan by dates set forth in the consent decree. The proposed amendment to the consent decree provides that if Maine DEP does not make its ZEV study publicly available by the specified date or if EPA does not find the SIP revisions complete or approve them by specified dates, EPA is to take final action regarding the determination of attainment for Portland. If, however, the ZEV study is made publicly available and EPA approves all of the eight SIP revisions, then EPA is to have no further obligations under the consent decree.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed amendment to second consent decree from persons who were not named as parties or interveners to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed amendment to second consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determine, based on any comment which may be submitted, that consent to the amendment to the second consent decree should be withdrawn, the terms of the decree will be affirmed.

II. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Amendment to Second Consent Decree

A. How Can I Get a Copy of the Amendment to the Second Consent Decree?

EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OGC-2004-0003 which contains a copy of the amendment to second consent decree. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number.

It is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute is not included in the official public docket or in EPA's electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material, including copyrighted material contained in a public comment, will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the EPA Docket Center.

B. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD ROM you submit. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. 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.

Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's electronic mail (e-mail) system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the Docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, your e-mail address is automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

Dated: February 17, 2004.

Lisa K. Friedman,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7626-3]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy, technology, and management issues. NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principal constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing. The Council is a proactive, strategic panel of experts that identifies emerging challenges facing EPA and responds to specific charges requested by the Administrator and the program office managers. The purpose of the meeting is to develop the NACEPT Council's agenda for FY04 to support the Administrator's priorities. In addition, NACEPT will report on the work of its subcommittees.

DATES: NACEPT will hold a two-day public meeting on Thursday, March 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, March 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Grant Hyatt Washington, 1000 H Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer, altieri.sonia@epa.gov, 202-233-0061, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601E), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to make oral comments or provide written comments to the Council should be sent to Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer using the contact information below by March 5, 2004. The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting.

Meeting Access: Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Sonia Altieri at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: February 10, 2004.

Sonia Altieri,

Designated Federal Officer.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

RIN 3052-AC13

Loan Policies and Operations; Loan Syndication Transactions

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or agency) provides, in this notice, the guidance that the Farm Credit System (FCS or System) requested about the regulatory treatment of syndicated loans to eligible borrowers. This notice also reaffirms FCA's longstanding interpretation that syndicated loans to eligible borrowers come within System banks' and associations' lending powers, not their loan participation authorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis K. Carpenter, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Analysis, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, VA 22102-5090, (703) 883-4498, TTY (703) 883-4434; or

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