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1. **Docket.** EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0199 which references the original documents in docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0078. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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In addition to the sources listed in this unit, you may obtain copies of the amended Kansas Certification Plan, other related documents, or additional information by contacting:

1. John Tice at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

2. Jeanne Fox, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 109 SW 9th St., Third Floor, Topeka, KS 66612; telephone number: (785) 296-2265; e-mail address: jfox@kda.state.ks.us.

3. Jeanne Heying, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania

Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-3240; e-mail address: heyjng.jeanne@epa.gov.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is approving the amended Kansas Certification Plan. This approval is based upon the EPA review of the Kansas Plan and finding it in compliance with FIFRA and 40 CFR part 171. Further, there were no public comments submitted to the earlier **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments. The amended Kansas Certification Plan is therefore approved.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Education, Pests and pesticides.

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Regional Administrator, Region VII.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (Fourth External Review Draft)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of a draft for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: On or about June 30, 2003, the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), within EPA's Office of Research and Development, will make available for public review and comment a fourth external review draft of a revised EPA document, *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter*. Under sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act, the purpose of the revised document is to provide an assessment of the latest scientific information on the effects of airborne particulate matter (PM) on the public health and welfare, for use in EPA's current review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM.

DATES: Comments on the draft document must be submitted in writing no later than August 31, 2003. Send the written comments to the Project Manager for Particulate Matter, National Center for Environmental Assessment-RTP (B243-01), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the EPA document, *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (Fourth External*

Review Draft), consisting of two volumes, will be available on CD ROM from NCEA-RTP. Contact Ms. Diane Ray by phone (919-541-3637), fax (919-541-1818), or email (ray.diane@epa.gov) to request the document. Please provide the document's title, *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (Fourth External Review Draft)*, and the EPA numbers for each of the two volumes (EPA/600/P-99/002aD and EPA/600/P-99/002bD), as well as your name and address, to facilitate processing of your request. Internet users will be able to download a copy from the NCEA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. Hard copies of the draft document can also be made available upon request to Ms. Ray.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Elias, National Center for Environmental Assessment-RTP (B243-01), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone: 919-541-4167; fax: 919-541-1818; e-mail: elias.robert@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is in the process of updating, and revising where appropriate, the document *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter* as issued in 1996. Sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act require that EPA carry out a periodic review and revision, where appropriate, of the air quality criteria and the NAAQS for "criteria" air pollutants such as PM. Details of EPA's plans for the review of the NAAQS for PM were initially announced in a previous **Federal Register** notice (62 FR 55201, October 23, 1997).

EPA made a First External Review Draft of the updated *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter* available in 1999 for review by members of the public and the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) (64 FR 57884, October 27, 1999). Following that public review and a meeting of the CASAC in December 1999 (64 FR 61875, November 15, 1999), EPA revised the document in response to CASAC and public comments, as well as to reflect additional new studies on PM effects that were not available in time for the First External Review Draft.

In April 2001, EPA made a Second External Review Draft of *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter* available for public and CASAC review (66 FR 18929, April 12, 2001). Following that public review and a second CASAC meeting in July 2001 (66 FR 34924, July 2, 2001), EPA again revised the document in response to CASAC and public comments and to reflect more new PM studies that had become available.