

EPA then made a Third External Review Draft of *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter* available for public and CASAC review in May 2002 (67 FR 31303, May 9, 2002). Following that public review and a third CASAC meeting in July 2002 (67 FR 41723, June 19, 2002), EPA has again revised the document in response to CASAC and public comments and to take into account peer-reviewed analyses of a number of epidemiological studies conducted to address statistical modeling issues that were identified after release of the Third External Review Draft.

EPA is now making the Fourth External Review Draft available for public comment and CASAC review. The public comment period (60 days) will close a few days after a CASAC public review meeting scheduled for August 25–26, 2003 (location to be announced in future **Federal Register** notice). Members of the public will be able to make brief oral statements during time set aside at that meeting for public comments. After the CASAC meeting and the close of the public comment period, EPA intends to make final revisions to complete the document in December, 2003.

On June 15, 2001, EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) made available (66 FR 32621, June 15, 2001) for public review and comment a preliminary draft Staff Paper (SP) that drew on information in the earlier draft Air Quality Criteria document. The preliminary draft SP was also submitted to CASAC for discussion with the Committee at its July 2001 meeting. In January 2002 (67 FR 3897, January 28, 2002), OAQPS also made available for CASAC and public review and comment a draft document, *Proposed Methodology for Particulate Matter Risk Analyses for Selected Urban Areas*, which was reviewed by CASAC at a public teleconference on February 27, 2002.

OAQPS is now preparing a draft health risk assessment document based on the proposed methodology and is revising the draft SP to address CASAC and public comments and to incorporate updated information from the current draft Air Quality Criteria document. As in other NAAQS reviews, the SP will evaluate policy implications of key studies and other scientific information in the criteria document, identify critical elements that EPA staff believes should be considered, and present staff conclusions and recommendations for the Administrator's consideration.

Dates and details of availability of the updated draft SP and of the draft health risk assessment document and plans for

future public CASAC review meetings on the SP and the draft health risk assessment document will be published in future **Federal Register** notices.

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EPA Handbook for Use of Data From the National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys (NHANES): A Goldmine of Data for Environmental Health Analyses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a final report titled, *EPA Handbook for Use of Data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys (NHANES): A Goldmine of Data for Environmental Health Analyses* (EPA/600/R–02/044), which was prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) of the Office of Research and Development (ORD). This Handbook was developed to provide descriptive background information and general guidance on how to access and use data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys (NHANES). Since 1971 the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), which is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been sponsoring the NHANES in order to collect data on the health and nutrition status of the U.S. population. EPA has been one of many collaborating federal agencies that help plan the content of and support funding for this survey. The enormous NHANES human database can be used to develop information suitable for use in risk assessments, and to support regulatory and policy needs of EPA. From this Handbook, the reader should gain a basic understanding of what data are available through NHANES, how to obtain the data, if the data are potentially suitable for supporting the needs of his/her office, key limitations of the data, and what types of analyses are possible.

ADDRESSES: The document is available electronically through the NCEA Web site (www.epa.gov/ncea). A limited

number of paper copies are available from the EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone: 1–800–490–9198 or 513–489–8190; facsimile: 513–489–8695. Please provide your name and mailing address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

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Proposed CERCLA Administrative Settlement—Second Group *De Minimis* Settlement—Rocky Flats Industrial Park Site, Jefferson County, CO

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement under section 122(g) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(g), concerning the Rocky Flats Industrial Park site located in the 17,000 block of Colorado Highway 72, approximately two miles east of the intersection of Colorado Highways 93 and 72, in section 23, T2N, in Jefferson County, Colorado. This settlement, embodied in a CERCLA section 122(g) Administrative Order on Consent—Second Group *De Minimis* Settlement (“AOC”), is designed to resolve each settling parties' liability at the Site for past work, past response costs and specified future work and response costs through covenants under sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607. The proposed AOC requires the settling parties listed in the Supplementary Information section