UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

CLEAN AIR ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Committee's Official Designation (Title):

Clean Air Act Advisory Committee

2. Authority:

This charter renews the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2. The CAAAC is in the public interest and supports the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in performing its duties and responsibilities under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:

The CAAAC will provide advice, information and recommendations on policy and technical issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (the Act). These issues include the development, implementation, and enforcement of programs required by the Act, with the exception of the provisions of the Act that address acid rain. The programs falling under the purview of the committee include those related to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, emissions from vehicles and vehicle fuels, greenhouse gas emissions, air toxics, permitting and collecting fees, and other compliance authorities. The CAAAC may advise on issues that cut across several program areas.

The major objectives are to provide advice and recommendations on:

a. Approaches for new and expanded programs, including those using innovative technologies and policy mechanisms to achieve environmental improvements.

b. The potential health, environmental, and economic effects of Clean Air Act programs on the public, the regulated community, State and local governments, and other Federal agencies.

c. The policy and technical contents of proposed major EPA rulemaking and guidance required by the Act in order to help effectively incorporate appropriate outside advice and information.

d. The integration of existing policies, regulations, standards, guidelines, and procedures into programs for implementing requirements of the Act.

4. Description of Committees Duties:

The duties of the CAAAC are solely to provide advice to EPA.

5. Official(s) to Whom the Committee Reports:

The CAAAC will submit advice and recommendations and report to the EPA Administrator, through the Office of Air and Radiation.

6. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support:

The EPA will be responsible for financial and administrative support. Within the EPA, this support will be provided by the Office of Air and Radiation.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Work Years:

The estimated annual operating cost of the CAAAC is $350,000, which includes 1.5 person-years of support.

8. Designated Federal Officer:

A full-time or permanent part-time employee of EPA will be appointed as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO or a designee will be present at all meetings of the advisory committee and subcommittees. Each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved in advance by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so, and will chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the committee reports.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

The CAAAC expects to meet approximately two to three times per year. Meetings may occur approximately once every four to six months or as needed and approved by the DFO. EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses when determined necessary and appropriate.

As required by FACA, the CAAAC will hold open meetings unless the EPA Administrator determines that a meeting or a portion of a meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c). Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the committee as time permits, and file comments with the CAAAC.

10. Duration and Termination:

The CAAAC will be examined annually and will exist until the EPA determines the committee is no longer needed. This charter will be in effect for two years from the date it is filed with Congress. After this period, the charter may be renewed as authorized in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

11. Member Composition:

The CAAAC will be composed of approximately forty (40) members who will serve as Representative members of non-federal interests, Regular Government Employees (RGEs), or Special Government Employees (SGEs). Representative members are selected to represent the points of view held by organizations, associations, or classes of individuals. In selecting members, EPA will consider candidates from business and industry, academic institutions, State, local and tribal governments, EPA officials, unions, public interest groups, environmental organizations and service groups.

12. Subgroups:

EPA, or the CAAAC with EPA's approval, may form CAAAC subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered committee and must report their recommendations and advice to the chartered CAAAC for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered committee nor can they report directly to the Agency.

13. Recordkeeping:

The records of the committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the committee, will be handled in accordance with NARA General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 and EPA Records Schedule 181 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. Subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, these records will be available for public inspection and copying, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

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