

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Associate Administrator for Rulemaking, Raymond R. Posten, and the Environmental Protection Agency's Director of the Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Christopher Grundler, signed the following notice on July 22, 2015, and we are submitting it for publication in the Federal Register. While we have taken steps to ensure the accuracy of this Internet version of the notice, it is not the official version. Please refer to the official version in a forthcoming Federal Register publication, which will appear on the Government Printing Office's FDSys website (www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action) and on Regulations.gov (<http://www.regulations.gov>) in Dockets No. NHTSA-2014-0132 and No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0827. Once the official version of this document is published in the Federal Register, this version will be removed from the Internet and replaced with a link to the official version.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 512, 523, 534, 535, 537, and 583

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles - Phase 2; Notice of Public Hearings and Comment Period

AGENCIES: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

ACTION: Notice of public hearings; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) are announcing public hearings to be held for the joint proposed rules "Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles - Phase 2," and also for NHTSA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The proposed rules were published in the *Federal Register* on July 13, 2015. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was

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published on June 19, 2015, and is available on the NHTSA website mentioned below.

Two hearings will be held on August 6 and August 18, 2015.

DATES: NHTSA and EPA will jointly hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 6, 2015, beginning at 9:00 am local time, and a second hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, beginning at 9:00 am local time. EPA and NHTSA will make every effort to accommodate all speakers that arrive and register. Each hearing will continue until everyone has had a chance to speak. If you would like to present oral testimony at one of these this public hearings, please contact the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by August 3, 2015, for the first hearing, or by August 11, 2015, for the second hearing.

In order to provide commenters 30 days after the last public hearing, the comment period for the proposal is being extended through September 17, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The August 6, 2015 hearing will be held at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois. The location for the August 18, 2015 hearing in the Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA area will be announced in a subsequent *Federal Register* document. The hearings will be held at sites accessible to individuals with disabilities. Written comments on the proposed rule may also be submitted to EPA and NHTSA electronically, by mail, by facsimile, or through hand delivery/courier. Please refer to the notice of proposed rulemaking for the addresses and detailed instructions for submitting written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you would like to present oral testimony at a public hearing, please contact JoNell Iffland at EPA by the date specified

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under **DATES**, at: Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Assessment and Standards Division (ASD), Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; telephone number: (734) 214-4454; fax number: (734) 214-4050; email address: iffland.jonell@epa.gov (preferred method for registering). Please provide the following information: name, affiliation, address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers, and whether you require accommodations such as a sign language interpreter.

Questions concerning the NHTSA proposed rule or Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be addressed to NHTSA: Ryan Hagen or Analiese Marchesseault, Office of Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-2992. Questions concerning the EPA proposed rule should be addressed to EPA: Tad Wysor, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Assessment and Standards Division (ASD), Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; telephone number: (734) 214-4332; fax number: (734) 214-4050; email address: wysor.tad@epa.gov. You may learn more about the jointly proposed rules by visiting NHTSA's or EPA's websites at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy> or <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/climate/regs-heavy-duty.htm> or by searching the rulemaking dockets (NHTSA-2014-0132; EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0827) at www.regulations.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the public hearings is to provide the public an opportunity to present oral comments regarding NHTSA and EPA's proposal for "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards and Fuel Efficiency Standards for

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Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles – Phase 2.” These hearings also offer an opportunity for the public to provide oral comments regarding NHTSA’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement, accompanying the proposed NHTSA fuel efficiency standards. The proposed rules would establish a second round of standards for the agencies’ comprehensive Heavy-Duty National Program, which would further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase fuel efficiency for on-road heavy-duty vehicles. These new standards would phase in over time, beginning in the 2018 model year and entering into full effect in model year 2027. NHTSA’s proposed fuel consumption standards and EPA’s proposed carbon dioxide (CO₂) emission standards are tailored to each of four regulatory categories of heavy-duty vehicles: (1) Combination Tractors; (2) Trailers used in combination with those tractors; (3) Heavy-duty Pickup Trucks and Vans; and (4) Vocational Vehicles. The proposal also includes separate fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas standards for the engines that power combination tractors and vocational vehicles.

The joint proposed rules for which EPA and NHTSA are holding the public hearings were published in the *Federal Register* on July 13, 2015 (80 FR 40138), and are also available at the websites listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. NHTSA’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available on the NHTSA website and in NHTSA’s rulemaking docket, both referenced above. Once NHTSA and EPA learn how many people have registered to speak at each public hearing, we will allocate an appropriate amount of time to each participant, allowing time for necessary breaks. In addition, we will reserve a block of time for anyone else in the

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audience who wants to give testimony. For planning purposes, each speaker should anticipate speaking for approximately five minutes, although we may need to shorten that time if there is a large turnout. We request that you bring two copies of your statement or other material for the EPA and NHTSA panels.

NHTSA and EPA will conduct the hearings informally, and technical rules of evidence will not apply. We will arrange for a written transcript of each hearing and keep the official record for the proposed rule open for 30 days after the last public hearing to allow speakers to submit supplementary information. Panel members may ask clarifying questions during the oral statements but will not respond to the statements at that time. You may make arrangements for copies of the transcripts directly with the court reporter. Written statements and supporting information submitted during the comment period will be considered with the same weight as oral comments and supporting information presented at the public hearings. The comment period for the proposed rule will be extended such that the closing date is 30 days after the last public hearing. Therefore, written comments on the proposal must be post marked no later than September 17, 2015.

Dated: July 22, 2015.

Raymond R. Posten, Associate Administrator for Rulemaking
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Dated: July 22, 2015.

Christopher Grundle, Director
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