

## **PRESS ADVISORY**

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### **EPA ISSUES A SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE TO ITS PROPOSAL FOR CLEANER VEHICLES AND CLEANER GASOLINE**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today issued a Notice of Supplemental Information to its May 1, 1999 proposal. EPA is issuing this supplemental notice to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on additional modeling information related to the old smog (ozone) and soot (particulate matter) standards. The supplemental notice states that a recent decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit regarding the new national standards for smog and soot does not change the May 1, 1999 proposal requirements to achieve cleaner vehicles and cleaner gasoline.

The May proposal would provide more protective tailpipe emissions standards for all passenger vehicles, including sport utility vehicles, minivans and pick-up trucks. The proposal marks the first time that SUVs and other light-duty trucks would be subject to the same national pollution standards as cars. The proposal would also reduce sulfur in gasoline, which will ensure the effectiveness of low emission-control technologies in vehicles and reduce harmful air pollution. The Agency's proposal is necessary to provide cleaner air and greater public health protection.

Comments on the supplemental notice are welcome through the proposal comment period, which ends August 2, 1999. The supplemental notice, proposed rule, and related documents are available via EPA's Tier 2 Internet site at <http://www.epa.gov/oms/tr2home.htm>.