

13th Modelling Conference – Session 4

George Bridgers:

Well, with the hour being 1:00 p.m., I will hereby call the 13th Conference and this public hearing back to order for the afternoon. I hope everybody had a nice lunch and welcome those that were able to come back and join us.

At this point in the public hearing, as we announced before lunch, all of the reserved or requested to present presentations. We've gone through all the presentations that they had reserved time to speak. And so, at this point in the public hearing, we have the opportunity if anybody else wants to offer public comments. If the person or persons that want to speak comes to one of the microphones, they'll need to identify themselves, and they'll need to identify who they're affiliated with. And we do ask that most of the comments -- try to limit their comments to 10 minutes, but we've got plenty of time if somebody needs to go on, they can go on.

But this would be the time that if anybody else wanted to offer anything to the docket orally, and we'll leave this open for a minute. I'm going to actually leave it open longer than we did before so people can think. And I'm going to set up -- step off the side of the podium. And then we'll come back in a few minutes. And then if nobody has stepped up, I have a few closing remarks. Then we'll close the comments.

[Insert a few minutes of pause awaiting anyone wishing to present additional public comments]

The longest five minutes of my life.

[Insert another minute of pause]

So, for the record, I will note that I'm going to make one more offer for anyone that would like to offer oral comments during the public hearing to the proposed rule to revise the *Guideline on Air Quality Models* and the AERMOD Modeling System.

[Insert another few seconds of pause]

I'll note for the record, no one is making a motion to speak. No one's making a motion to come to the microphone. So, that will move us to the afternoon a lot quicker than 5:00 p.m. I did have some final thoughts that I wanted to provide. So, hearing that there are no additional requests to offer the oral comments or anyone that's wanting to speak, we're going to close the Conference at this point. But I will remind everybody that the public -- the Federal Register version of the proposed rule is available.

The link there on the screen is to the SCRAM website, where we've posted the Federal Register publication. I encourage people to go to the other -- the middle link there, the 2023 Appendix W proposed rule link, which I mentioned this morning, is essentially a Cliff Notes of the preamble and goes through a lot of the pieces. And then just remind everybody that the comment period goes through the 22nd of December, which we've said numerous times, and that you can go through regulations.gov. That's probably the easiest way to submit comments.

And with that, I'm going to close the public hearing. I'm going to also close 13th Conference, and really do appreciate everybody traveling out, to come and attend. And thank you for -- we have a question in the back.

Male Speaker:

Yes. [inaudible]

George Bridgers:

So, just because it was -- I'll answer that question in just a second because it's not germane to the public hearing. So, let me just make sure that it's known for the public record that I'm closing the meeting. And this is the 15th of November 2023. And we look forward to seeing everybody at the 14th Modeling Conference, presumably in 2026 or 2027, probably 2027. So, thank you.

[CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND END OF CONFERENCE]

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