

monitoring plan or strategy that will incorporate all wetland types?

3. Is there evidence that partnerships with other agencies or organizations charged with conducting water quality monitoring have been made, or will be made, to adequately assure that the strategy will be integrated with the State's or tribe's comprehensive strategy?

4. There are 10 elements which should be included in a statewide monitoring program (*see* <http://www.epa.gov/owow/monitoring/elements/>). A monitoring strategy would be the first element and the following nine (9) elements are incorporated into the strategy. These strategies should be State or tribe specific, be designed from the monitoring capabilities each State or tribe already has, and incorporate a time frame, not to exceed 10 years, for completion of implementation of the strategy.

#### 10 Elements of a Monitoring Program

1. Monitoring Program Strategy
2. Monitoring Objectives
3. Monitoring Design
4. Core and Supplemental Water Quality Indicators (*e.g.* biological community condition, wetland hydrogeomorphic settings and functions)
5. Quality Assurance
6. Data Management
7. Data Analysis/Assessment
8. Reporting
9. Programmatic Evaluation
10. General Support and Infrastructure Planning

5. Does the project proposal make a commitment to describe how the State or Tribe plans to address each of the remaining nine (9) elements, as appropriate, in its wetland monitoring strategy?

#### *EPA Will Not Provide Funds for the Following*

- Boardwalks, interpretive buildings or other like structures, walking paths, park amenities such as restrooms, parking lots, boat ramps.
- Any project that may negatively impact any threatened or endangered species.

#### **VI. Award Administration Information for Competitive Process**

##### *A. Award Notices*

All applicants will be notified by the Region 6 EPA Office on whether or not the applicant has been selected for funding. The notification is not an authorization to begin performance. A notice signed by the Management Division is the authorizing document to the applicant to begin performance.

#### *B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements*

The general award and administration process for all WPDGs is governed by regulations at 40 CFR part 30 ("Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations"), 40 CFR part 31 ("Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and local governments") and 40 CFR part 35, subpart A ("Environmental Program Grants for State, interstate, and local government agencies") and subpart B ("Environmental Program Grants for Tribes").

##### *C. Reporting*

WPDGs are currently covered under the following EPA grant regulations: 40 CFR part 30 (non-profit organizations); 40 CFR part 31 (States, Tribes, interstate agencies, intertribal consortia and local governments) and 40 CFR part 35, subpart A (States, interstate agencies and local governments) and subpart B (Tribes and intertribal consortia). These regulations specify basic grant reporting requirements, including performance and financial reports (*see* 40 CFR 30.51, 30.52, 31.40, 31.41, 35.115, and 35.515.) Region 6 EPA will work closely with recipients to incorporate appropriate performance measures into each grant agreement consistent with 40 CFR 30.51, 31.40, 35.115, and 35.515. Quarterly reports will be required for all awarded projects.

#### **VII. Agency Contact**

Tyrone Hoskins, State/Tribal Programs Section (6WQ-AT), EPA Region 6; 1445 Ross Avenue; Dallas, TX 75202, Phone: 214-665-7187; E-mail: [hoskins.tyrone@epa.gov](mailto:hoskins.tyrone@epa.gov).

#### **VIII. Other Information**

##### *A. Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC)*

QA/QC and peer review are sometimes applicable to these grants (*see* 40 CFR 30.54 and 40 CFR 31.45.) QA/QC requirements apply to the collection of environmental data. Environmental data are any measurements or information that describe environmental processes, location, or conditions; ecological or health effects and consequences; or the performance of environmental technology. Environmental data include information collected directly from measurements, produced from models, and compiled from other sources such as databases or literature. Applicants should allow sufficient time and resources for this process. EPA can

assist applicants determine whether QA/QC is required for the proposed project. If QA/QC is required for the project, the applicant is encouraged to work with the appropriate EPA quality staff to determine the appropriate QA/QC practices for the project. If the applicant has an EPA-approved quality assurance project plan and it covers the project in the application, then they need only reference the plan in their application. Contact the appropriate Headquarters or Regional Office Wetland Grant Coordinator (See Section VII for Agency Contact information) for referral to an EPA quality staff.

##### *B. Public Participation*

EPA regulations require public participation in various Clean Water Act programs including grants (40 CFR part 25). Each applicant for EPA financial assistance shall include tasks for public participation in their project's work plan submitted in the grant application (40 CFR 25.11.) The project work plan should reflect how public participation will be provided for, assisted, and accomplished.

##### *C. Annual Wetlands Meeting/Training*

EPA encourages S/T/LGs to include travel plans for wetland personnel to attend at least one national wetland meeting in support of the project or for training each year (*e.g.*, National EPA, State, tribal, local wetland meeting or wetland monitoring workshops.) Applicants should account for travel plans and costs in the work plans and the project budget. EPA's Wetlands Program does not anticipate providing travel for State, tribal or local government staff to attend meetings other than through this grant program.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7631-9]

#### **Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office; Notification of Multiple Public Teleconference Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces upcoming

teleconferences of the following two Advisory Panels:

(1) *Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis Special Council Panel for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis*: Public teleconference to finalize its advice on the Agency's draft analytical plan for that analysis.

(2) *SAB Multimedia, Multipathway, and Multireceptor Risk Assessment (SAB 3MRA) Modeling System Panel*: Public teleconference to allow the Panel to confirm that final changes to the draft report were made correctly.

**DATES:** The Special Council Panel for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis will hold a public teleconference on March 18, 2004, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (eastern time).

The SAB Multimedia, Multipathway, and Multireceptor Risk Assessment (SAB 3MRA) Modeling System Panel will hold a public teleconference on March 18, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (eastern time).

**ADDRESSES:** Participation in the meetings indicated above will be by teleconference only. Supplemental materials and an agenda for each meeting will be announced on the SAB Web site, <http://www.epa.gov/sab> prior to each teleconference.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who wish to obtain the call in number and access code to participate in either of the teleconferences, or who wish to submit written or brief oral comments (three minutes or less) must contact the appropriate Designated Federal Officer (DFO) listed below:

(1) For information regarding the Special Council Panel for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis please contact Dr. Angela Nugent, telephone/voice mail: (202) 564-4562, fax: (202) 501-0582, or e-mail: [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov).

(2) For information regarding the SAB 3MRA Panel contact Ms. Kathleen White, telephone/voice mail: (202) 564-4559, fax: (202) 501-0582, or e-mail: [white.kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:white.kathleen@epa.gov). To reach a central number at the SAB Staff Office, please call via telephone (202) 564-4533, U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB and Council can be found on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Special Council Panel for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis is holding a public teleconference for the Council to finalize a draft report advising the EPA on its plans for the Third 812 analysis. The overall charge to the Panel is to provide advice to the

Agency regarding data and methods to be used for the Agency's planned analysis under section 312 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) of the impacts of the Clean Air Act (CAA) on the public health, economy, and environment. Background on the Committee and its charge was provided in 68 FR 7531-7534, February 14, 2004. More information regarding this advisory activity can be found at the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/science1/panels/scpanel812heesaqms.htm>.

The SAB 3MRA Panel is holding a public teleconference to confirm that final changes to its draft report were made correctly. Background on the SAB 3MRA Panel, and this review was provided in 68 FR 17797-17800, April 11, 2003. Additional meetings of the Panel were announced in 68 FR 46606-46607, August 6, 2003. More information regarding this review can be found at the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/SAB3MRAmpanel.html>.

**Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings:** It is the policy of the SAB Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at its teleconferences and meetings will not be repetitive of previously-submitted oral or written statements.

**Oral Comments:** In general, for teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Requests to provide oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by the DFO no later than noon eastern time five business days prior to each teleconference in order to reserve time on the teleconference agenda.

**Written Comments:** Although the SAB Staff Office accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least seven business days prior to the teleconference date so that the comments may be made available to the committee or panel for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format)).

**Meeting Accommodations:** Individuals requiring special accommodation to access these teleconferences, should contact the

appropriate DFO at least five business days prior to the teleconference so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: February 26, 2004.

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*Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Wabash River Watershed, Ohio

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the EPA document identifying segments and associated pollutants of nitrates/nitrites, phosphorus, and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in the Wabash River, in Mercer County, Ohio, and requests public comment.

The TMDL was developed to attain water quality standards and designated uses (Warmwater Habitat) established for the Wabash River, which is on the Ohio 2002 303(d) list. Segments and pollutants were listed and prioritized by the State for TMDL assessment, and aquatic life use and riparian habitat impairments were identified. TMDLs specify the maximum amount of a pollutant a waterbody can assimilate and still meet water quality standards. Based upon that maximum amount, TMDLs allocate both pollutant loads to sources and a margin of safety (MOS). In this way, the TMDL process links the development and implementation of control actions to the attainment and maintenance of water quality standards and designated uses. This TMDL was developed by EPA, Region 5, at the request of the State of Ohio. EPA is providing the public the opportunity to review its document in accordance with section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1313(d), and 40 CFR 130.7. EPA will consider public comments in its final document.

**DATES:** Comments on this document must be received in writing by March 27, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Hard copies are available at: Mercer County Library, 303 N. Main St., Celina, Ohio, and Coldwater Public Library, 305 W. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio.