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All documents developed or retained by Western in developing this Post-2005 Resource Pool will be available for inspection and copying at the Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region in Billings, Montana. Public comments will be available for viewing at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/contracts/post2005/comments.htm> after the close of the comment period.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 4, 2003, Western published the proposed procedures and call for applications in the **Federal Register**.

Western held public information and comment forums on April 8–10, 2003, to accept oral and written comments on the proposed procedures and call for applications. Applications for power were accepted at Western's Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region until close of business on June 2, 2003. On December 2, 2003, Western published the final procedures in the **Federal Register**. The proposed allocations of power published here are the result of those applications received during the call for applications. Applications received were subjected to the Final Post-2005 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures.

#### I. Proposed Allocation of Power

Western received 14 applications for the Post-2005 Resource Pool. Review of

the applications indicated that 11 of the 14 applicants did not qualify under the Final Post-2005 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures. The proposed allocations of power for new customers were calculated using the Final Post-2005 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures. The proposed summer allocations are 24.84413 percent of total summer load; the proposed winter allocations are 35.98853 percent of total winter load as defined in the Post-1985 Marketing Plan criteria, under the Final Post-2005 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures. The proposed allocations of power for new eligible customers and the loads these allocations are based upon are as follows:

| New customers                              | 2002 Summer season load kilowatts | 2002 Winter season load kilowatts | Proposed post-2005 power allocation |                  |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
|                                            |                                   |                                   | Summer kilowatts                    | Winter kilowatts |
| City of Auburn, IA .....                   | 515                               | 409                               | 128                                 | 147              |
| City of Pocatong, IA .....                 | 4,236                             | 2,980                             | 1,052                               | 1,072            |
| Montana State University—Bozeman, MT ..... | 8,506                             | 8,536                             | 2,113                               | 3,072            |

The proposed allocations of power for new customers listed in the table above are based on the P-SMBP—ED marketable resource available at this time. If the P-SMBP—ED marketable resource is adjusted in the future, the proposed allocations of power may be adjusted accordingly. Entities interested in commenting on the proposed allocations of power must submit comments to Western's Upper Great Plains Customer Service Regional Office as described earlier. Western will respond to the comments received on the proposed allocations of power and publish its final allocations after the end of the public comment period. Western will then begin negotiating new customer contracts.

#### II. Review Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, requires Federal agencies to perform a regulatory flexibility analysis if a final rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and there is a legal requirement to issue a general notice of proposed rulemaking. Western has determined this action does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis since it is a rulemaking of particular applicability relating to rates or services.

#### III. Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

Western determined this rule is exempt from congressional notification requirements under 5 U.S.C. 801 because the action is a rulemaking to approve or prescribe rates or services and involves matters of agency procedure.

#### IV. Determination Under Executive Order 12866

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; so this notice requires no clearance by the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated: March 17, 2004.

Michael S. Hacsakaylo,

Administrator.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7641-4, EDocket ID No. OAR-2004-0015]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Part 70 Operating Permits Regulations, EPA ICR Number 1587.06, OMB Control Number 2060-0243**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA published a document in the **Federal Register** of March 23, 2004 (69 FR 13524), soliciting comments on a proposal to renew an information collection request (ICR), before submitting the ICR to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval. The document contained incorrect EDocket ID and EPA ICR Numbers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Grecia A. Castro, 919-541-1351.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of March 23, 2004, in FR 04-6430, on page 13524, in the first column, make the following corrections to the heading section:

1. EDocket ID No. "OAR-2004-0016" is corrected to read: OAR-2004-0015.

2. EPA ICR Number "1713.06" is corrected to read: 1587.06.

Dated: March 24, 2004.

**William T. Harnett,**

*Director, Information Transfer and Program Implementation Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7641-3]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Request for Nominations for Experts for the Perfluorooctanoic Acid Human Health Risk Assessment Review Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces the formation of a new SAB review panel known as the Perfluorooctanoic Acid Human Health Risk Assessment Review Panel (PFOA Review Panel), and is soliciting nominations for members of the Panel.

**DATES:** The deadline for submitting nominations is three (3) weeks from publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nominations should be submitted in electronic format through the Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board provided on the SAB Web site. The form can be accessed through a link on the blue navigational bar of the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. To be considered, all nominations should include the information requested on that form. Anyone who is unable to access nominations on the SAB Web site can obtain a paper copy of the form by contacting Dr. Suhair Shallal, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), as indicated below.

Any member of the public requiring further information regarding this Request for Nominations, or a paper nomination form, may contact Dr. Shallal by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9977, via e-mail at [shallal.suhair@epa.gov](mailto:shallal.suhair@epa.gov), or at the following address: Suhair Shallal, PhD., Science Advisory Board Staff Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Mail Code 1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB can

be found in the SAB Web site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Summary:** The EPA SAB Staff Office is announcing the formation of a new review panel and soliciting nominations for members of the panel. This panel is being formed to help provide advice to the Agency, as part of the SAB's mission, established by 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical bases for EPA policies and regulations. The work of this panel is expected to continue until the review is complete. The SAB is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that reports directly to the Administrator. The PFOA Review Panel will provide advice through the SAB. The PFOA Review Panel will comply with the openness provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and all appropriate SAB procedural policies, including the SAB process for panel formation described in the Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency, Science Advisory Board (EPA-SAB-EC-COM-02-010), <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ecm02010.pdf>.

**Background:** EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics has been studying perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in order to understand the health and environmental impact of perfluorochemicals. PFOA is a synthetic (man-made) chemical and does not occur naturally in the environment. The term PFOA refers to not only perfluorooctanoic acid itself, but also its principal salts. The most commonly used chemical in this grouping is the ammonium salt, ammonium perfluorooctanoate, or APFO. PFOA is primarily used as a reactive intermediate, while its salts are used as processing aids in the production of fluoropolymers and fluoroelastomers and in other surfactant uses. Fluoropolymers are used in a wide variety of consumer and industrial applications. Although fluoropolymers are made using PFOA, the finished products themselves are not expected to contain PFOA. The EPA has completed its draft *Risk Assessment of Potential Human Health Effects Associated with PFOA and Its Salts*. The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) has been asked to review and comment on the scientific soundness of this assessment.

**Request for Nominations:** The EPA SAB Staff Office requests nominations of experts to serve as Panel members on the PFOA Review Panel. Areas of expertise sought include at least the

following: (a) Toxicology of perfluorinated compounds and mechanism of toxicity; (b) Reproductive and Developmental Toxicity; (c) Toxicokinetics; (d) Carcinogenesis; (e) Public Health; (f) Epidemiology; and (g) Human Health Risk Assessment.

**Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:** Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to serve as panel members in the areas described above. The nominating form requests the following: (1) Contact information about the person making the nomination; (2) contact information about the nominee; (3) the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; (4) the nominee's resume; and (5) a general biosketch of the nominee indicating education, expertise, past research, recent service on other advisory committees or with professional associations, and recent grant and/or contract support. Anyone who is unable to submit nominations through the SAB Web site, or has questions concerning any aspect of the nomination process, may contact Dr. Shallal as indicated, above. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than three (3) weeks after publication of this notice.

From the nominees identified by respondents to this notice and through other sources (termed the "Widecast"), the SAB Staff Office will develop a smaller subset (known as the "Short List") for more detailed consideration. Criteria used by the SAB Staff Office in developing this Short List are given at the end of the following paragraph. The SAB Staff Office will contact individuals who are considered for inclusion in the Short List to determine whether they are willing to serve on the Panel. The Short List will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>, and will include, for each candidate, the nominee's name and their biosketch. The Short List also will be available from Dr. Shallal at the address listed above. Public comments will be accepted for 21 calendar days on the Short List. During this comment period, the public will be requested to provide information, analysis or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates for the Panel. For the EPA SAB, a balanced Panel is characterized by inclusion of candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. Public