

EPA's programs for protection of human subjects of research. The HSRB reports to the EPA Administrator through EPA's Science Advisor.

This notice solicits nominations of individuals with expertise in bioethics, biostatistics, human health risk assessment and/or human toxicology to fill anticipated vacancies on the Board. General information concerning the HSRB, including its charter, current membership, and activities can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb/>.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations

Any interested person or organization may nominate someone to be considered as prospective nominees for the HSRB. Additional avenues and resources may be utilized in the solicitation of nominees to encourage a broad pool of expertise. Nominees should be experts who have sufficient professional qualifications, by training and experience, to provide expert comment on the ethical and scientific issues that may come before the HSRB. Responsibilities of HSRB members include reviewing extensive background materials between meetings of the Board, preparing draft responses to Agency charge questions, attending Board meetings, participating in the discussion and deliberations at these meetings, drafting assigned sections of meeting reports, and reviewing and helping to finalize Board reports.

EPA seeks nominees who are nationally recognized experts in one or more of the following areas:

- Bioethics: Expertise in the ethics of research with human subjects.
- Biostatistics: Expertise in statistical design and analysis of research with human subjects, especially research with small sample sizes.
- Human health risk assessment: Expertise in epidemiology, exposure analysis, public health or human research regulations.
- Human toxicology: Expertise in toxicity of environmental substances, mechanisms of toxicity and/or clinical studies.

All nominations should include: (1) A current curriculum vitae (C.V.) providing the nominee's educational background, qualifications, leadership positions in national associations or professional societies, relevant research experience and publications; and (2) a summary of the above in a one-page biographical sketch.

The qualifications of nominees for membership on the HSRB will be assessed in terms of the specific expertise sought for the HSRB. Qualified

nominees who agree to be considered further will be included in a smaller "Short List". The Short List of nominees' names and biographical sketches will be posted for 14 calendar days for public comment on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/index.htm>. The public will be encouraged to provide additional information about the nominees that EPA should consider. At the completion of this comment period, EPA will select new Board members from the Short List. Candidates not selected for HSRB membership at this time may be considered for HSRB membership as vacancies arise in the future, or for service as consultants to the HSRB. The Agency estimates that the names of Short List candidates will be posted in February, 2009. However, please be advised that this is an approximate time frame and the date could change. Thus, if you have any questions concerning posting of Short List candidates on the OSA Web site, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Interested candidates who are employees of a federal department or agency (other than EPA) or are members of another federal advisory committee are eligible to serve on the HSRB, and their nominations are welcome. Other factors that will be considered include: Availability to participate in the Board's scheduled meetings, absence of any conflicts of interest and absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality, and independence with respect to the matters likely to come under HSRB review. Though financial conflicts of interest or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, lack of independence, or bias may lead to nonselection, the absence of such concerns does not ensure that a candidate will be selected to serve on the HSRB. Numerous qualified candidates are likely to be identified. Selection decisions will involve careful weighing of many factors, including, but not limited to, the candidates' areas of expertise and professional qualifications, and responses to the Short List in achieving the overall balance of different perspectives and areas of expertise on the Board.

Members of the HSRB are subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 2634, Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, as supplemented by the EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. In anticipation of this requirement, each nominee will be asked to submit confidential financial information which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the candidate's employment, stocks and bonds, and where applicable, sources of

research support. The information provided is confidential and will not be disclosed to the public. Before a candidate is considered further for service on the HSRB, EPA will evaluate each candidate to assess whether there is any conflict of financial interest, appearance of a lack of impartiality, or prior involvement with matters likely to be reviewed by the Board.

Nominations should be submitted by one of the methods listed under **ADDRESSEES**. The Agency will consider all nominations received on or before November 10, 2008. Final selection of members is a discretionary function of the Agency and will be announced on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb> as soon as they are made.

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Science Advisor.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National and Governmental Advisory Committees to the U.S. Representative to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) to the U.S. Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). The National and Governmental Advisory Committees advise the EPA Administrator in his capacity as the U.S. Representative to the CEC Council. The Committees are authorized under Articles 17 and 18 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC), North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, Pub. L. 103-182, and as directed by Executive Order 12915, entitled "Federal Implementation of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation." The NAC is composed of 12 members representing academia, environmental non-governmental organizations, and private industry. The GAC consists of 12 members representing state, local, and Tribal governments. The Committees are

responsible for providing advice to the U.S. Representative on a wide range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, and economic issues related to implementation and further elaboration of the NAAEC.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and provide advice on CEC projects related to capacity building and information for decision-making. The committees will also provide advice on the CEC's 2009 Operational Plan and learn about regional transboundary environmental issues. A copy of the agenda will be posted at <http://www.epa.gov/ocem/nacgac-page.htm>.

DATES: The National and Governmental Advisory Committees will hold an open meeting on Thursday, October 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday October 24, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Cocopah Conference Center, 15268 S. Avenue B, Somerton, Arizona 85350. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer, carrillo.oscar@epa.gov, 202-564-0347, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601-M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to make oral comments or provide written comments to the Committees should be sent to Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer, at the contact information above.

Meeting Access: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Oscar Carrillo at 202-564-0347 or carrillo.oscar@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Oscar Carrillo, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: September 25, 2008.

Oscar Carrillo,

Designated Federal Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval, Comments Requested

October 3, 2008.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. **DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before November 10, 2008. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget, via Internet at Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov or via fax at (202) 395-5167; and to Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C823, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20554, or via Internet at Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov and/or PRA@fcc.gov. Include in the comments the OMB control number of the collection as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918, or via Internet at Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov, and/or PRA@fcc.gov. To view a copy of this

information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called "Currently Under Review," (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the right of the "Select Agency" box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the OMB control number of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0501.

Title: Section 73.1942, Candidates Rates; Section 76.206, Candidate Rates; Section 76.1611, Political Cable Rates and Classes of Time.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 19,717 respondents; 422,170 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 hours to 20 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement; On occasion reporting requirement; Semi-annual requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 154(i) and 315 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 984,293 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality.

Needs and Uses: Section 315 of the Communications Act directs broadcast stations and cable operators to charge political candidates the "lowest unit charge of the station" for the same class and amount of time for the same period, during the 45 days preceding a primary or runoff election and the 60 days preceding a general or special election. 47 CFR 73.1942 requires broadcast licensees and 47 CFR 76.206 requires cable television systems to disclose any station practices offered to commercial advertisers that enhance the value of advertising spots and different classes of time (immediately preemptible,