

Request for Nominations

The SAB is soliciting nominations of nationally recognized scientists and engineers to serve on the STAA Panel for a term of three years. The Panel will consider nominations in the areas of: Control systems and technology; monitoring and measurement methods (all media); health effects and human risk assessment; ecological effects and ecological risk assessment; ecosystem restoration; chemical fate, transport and exposure assessment; risk management; integrated risk assessment; social sciences; and environmental futures. These areas are described in more detail at the web site identified above.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations

Any interested person or organization may nominate individuals qualified in the areas of expertise described above to serve on the SAB STAA Review Panel. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format through the SAB Nomination Form which can be accessed through a link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/paneltopics.html>. To be considered, all nominations must include the information requested on that form.

Anyone who is unable to submit nominations using the electronic form or questions concerning any aspect of the nomination process may contact the DFO, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted no later than November 7, 2005. Any questions concerning either this process or any other aspects of this notice should be directed to the DFO. The process for forming a SAB panel is described in the *Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency, Science Advisory Board* (EPA-SAB-EC-COM-02-010), which may be accessed on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec02010.pdf>.

Nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice (termed the "Widecast") will be evaluated on the basis of scientific expertise and experience in the aforementioned descriptions, as well as prior national committee experience. Appropriately profiled candidates will be identified and placed on a "Short List" for further consideration. The "Short List" will be posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> and will include the nominee's name and biosketch. Public comments on the "Short List" will be accepted during a public 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.

The STAA panelists will be selected from the "Short List." For the 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 expertise and experience to adequately address the charge. Public responses to the "Short List" candidates will be considered in the selection of the panel, along with information provided by candidates and information gathered by SAB Staff independently on the background of each candidate (e.g., financial disclosure information and computer searches to evaluate a nominee's prior involvement with the topic under review). Specific criteria to be used in evaluation of an individual Panel member include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (c) scientific credibility and impartiality; (d) availability and willingness to serve; and (e) ability to work constructively and effectively in committees.

Potential panelists will be required to complete and submit the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>.

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Associate Director for Science, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Meeting of the EPA's Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC) will be held October 25 and 26, 2005 at the Hotel Washington, Washington, DC. The CHPAC was created to advise the Environmental Protection Agency on science, regulations, and other issues relating to children's environmental health.

DATES: The Science and Regulatory Work Groups will meet Monday October 24, 2005. Plenary sessions will take place Tuesday October 25 and Wednesday October 26, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Hotel Washington, 515 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Joanne Rodman, Office of Children's Health Protection, USEPA, MC 1107A, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-2188, rodman.joanne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings of the CHPAC are open to the public. The Science and Regulatory Work Groups will meet Monday October 24, 2005 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The plenary CHPAC will meet on Tuesday October 25, 2005 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with a public comment period at 5 p.m., and on Wednesday October 26, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

The plenary session will open with introductions and a review of the agenda and objectives for the meeting. Agenda items include an update on EPA's Hurricane Katrina and Rita activities, and a discussion of EPA's implementation of the supplemental cancer guidelines. Other potential agenda items include a presentation on community based perspectives on children's environmental health.

Dated: October 11, 2005.

Joanne K. Rodman,

Designated Federal Official.

Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee; Hotel Washington, 515 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004-1099; July 12-14, 2005; Draft Agenda

Monday October 24, 2005

Task Group Meetings

Wednesday, October 25, 2005

8:45 Welcome, Introductions, Review Meeting Agenda
9 Highlights of Recent OCHP Activities
9:45 Presentation and Discussion: Community Based Perspectives on Children's Environmental Health
10:15 Update: VCCEP Evaluation
10:30 Break
10:45 Science Workgroup Status Report
11:15 Human Subjects Comment Letter
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Presentation TBA
3 Public Comment
3:15 Break
3:30 Regulatory Workgroup Status Report
4 Discussion: Regulatory Workgroup Comment Letters
6 Adjourn

Thursday, October 26, 2005

9 Discussion of Day One
9:15 Presentation: Implementation of the Supplemental Cancer Guidelines
10:15 Discuss and Agree on Recommendations
12:15 Wrap Up/Next Steps
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of an Upcoming Science Advisory Board Meeting (Teleconference)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference meeting of the chartered SAB to discuss a draft SAB report.

DATES: November 7, 2005, 1-3 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place via telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number and access code to participate in the telephone conference or who wish to obtain further information regarding this teleconference meeting may contact Mr.

Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400F), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or via telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9982 or via e-mail at miller.tom@epa.gov. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this SAB telephone conference meeting is to conduct a final public review and discussion of the draft SAB report Review of EPA's Draft Framework for Inorganic Metals Risk Assessment. The focus of the meeting is to consider whether: (i) The original charge questions to the SAB review panel have been adequately addressed in the draft report, (ii) the draft report is clear and logical; and (iii) the conclusions drawn, or recommendations made in the draft report, are supported by the body of the report.

Background: Background on the EPA metals Risk Assessment was provided in a **Federal Register** Notice published on July 29, 2004 (69 FR 45314-45315). EPA has been undertaking an effort to develop cross-Agency guidance for assessing the human health and ecological hazards and risks of metals and metal compounds. EPA developed the draft guidance document entitled, "Framework for Inorganic Metals Risk Assessment," to supplement previous EPA guidance for use in site-specific risk assessments, criteria derivation, and other similar Agency activities related to metals. The guidance is organized around the risk assessment paradigm. The document provides a conceptual model that highlights areas where consideration of metal-specific information is necessary and advantageous when conducting risk assessments. It outlines recommendations for conducting risk assessment for metals and metal compounds based on the unique attributes of these compounds. The guidance document also discusses metal-specific issues related to environmental chemistry, exposure, bioaccumulation and bioavailability, ecological effects, and human health effects. In addition, the guidance discusses research underway, planned, and needed to reduce uncertainty in metals risk assessment.

Availability of Meeting Materials: A roster of participating SAB members and the meeting agenda will be posted on the SAB Web site prior to the

meeting. The draft report that is the subject of this meeting is available on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

Procedures for Providing Public Comment: The SAB Staff Office accepts written public comments of any length, and accommodates oral public comments whenever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at SAB meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. **Oral Comments:** In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a teleconference meeting will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the DFO noted above in writing via e-mail at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Speakers should provide an electronic copy of their comments to the DFO for distribution to interested parties and participants in the meeting. **Written Comments:** Although written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information 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 98/2000/XP format).

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller at (202) 343-9982 or miller.tom@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Mr. Miller, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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Associate Director for Science, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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