

amounts and a short summary of the work plan activities to EPA Headquarters. EPA Headquarters will compile the requested amounts and develop the annual allocation based on state and tribal response program needs described in the work plan summaries.

When EPA Regions negotiate individual state and tribal work plans, it is anticipated that funding will be prioritized as follows.

1. Funding for program development activities to establish or enhance the four elements of a state or tribal response program and to enable states and Indian tribes to comply with the public record requirement, including activities related to institutional controls. States with MOA's will not be prejudiced in funding distributions if their work plan does not include tasks related to establishing or enhancing the four elements. Similarly, states and Indian tribes that have established one or more of the four elements will not be prejudiced in funding distributions if their work plan includes activities that enhance the four elements.

2. Funding for other program development activities to enhance the cleanup capacity of a state or tribal response program.

3. Funding for site-specific activities that enhance the cleanup capacity of a state or tribal response program, including targeted brownfields site assessments.

4. Funding for environmental insurance mechanisms.

5. Funding to capitalize brownfields cleanup revolving loan funds.

States and Indian tribes must break their work plans down into these prioritization categories.

EPA will target funding of at least \$1 million per year for tribal response programs. If this funding is not used, it will be carried over and added to at least \$1 million in the next fiscal year. It is expected that the funding demand from Indian tribes will increase through the life of this grant program (authorized by Congress through FY2006), and this funding allocation system should ensure that adequate funding for tribal response programs is available in future years.

### Terms and Reporting

Cooperative agreements for state and tribal response programs will include programmatic and administrative terms and conditions. These terms and conditions will describe EPA's substantial involvement including technical assistance and collaboration on program development and site-specific activities.

States and Indian tribes will provide progress reports under 40 CFR 31.40, in

accordance with terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement negotiated with EPA regional offices. State and tribal costs for complying with reporting requirements are an eligible expense under the section 128(a) grant. As a minimum, state or tribal progress reports must include both a narrative discussion and performance data relating to the state's or Indian tribe's accomplishments with section 128(a) funding. If applicable, the state or tribe must include information on activities related to establishing or enhancing the four elements of the state's or tribe's response program. All recipients must provide information relating to establishing and maintaining the public record.

Depending upon the activities included in the state's or Indian tribe's work plan, an EPA regional office may request that a progress report include:

A list of sites at which response actions have been completed including:

- Date the response action was completed.
- Site name.
- Location of the site (street address and latitude and longitude).
- Size of the site in acres.
- An indication if the site is suitable for unrestricted use or if institutional controls were relied on in the remedy.
- Nature of the contamination at the site.

A list of sites currently being addressed by the state or tribal response program including:

- Site name.
- Location of the site (street address and latitude and longitude).

Data regarding the result of the state's or tribe's mechanism for verification by, or certification by the state or tribe, or similar documentation, indicating that the response action is complete. For example, the state or tribe may provide data regarding cleanup completion certificates issued and revoked.

If the state or Indian tribe is using section 128(a) funding to capitalize a revolving loan fund for brownfields cleanup under CERCLA section 104(k)(3), they must include the information required by the terms and conditions for progress reporting under CERCLA section 104(k)(3) RLF grants.

If the state or Indian tribe is using section 128(a) funding for environmental insurance, they must include in their progress report information on the number of policies purchased, the number of sites covered, and the amount of money spent.

If the state or Indian tribe is using section 128(a) funding to conduct brownfields site assessments, they must include in their progress report a list of

sites at which site assessments have been completed that includes:

- Site name.
- Location of the site (street address and latitude and longitude).
- Size of the site in acres.
- Date site assessment was completed.
- Nature of contamination at the site (e.g., hazardous substances, contaminants, or pollutants, petroleum contamination, etc. \* \* \*).

If the state or Indian tribe is using section 128(a) funding to perform other site-specific related activities (e.g., oversight audits of licensed site professional certified cleanups, etc. \* \* \*), they must include a description of the site-specific activities and the number of sites at which the activity was conducted.

The regional offices may also request other information be added to the progress reports, as appropriate, to properly document activities described by the cooperative agreement work plan.

EPA regions may allow states or tribes to provide performance data in appropriate electronic format.

The regional offices will forward progress reports to EPA Headquarters, if requested. This information may be used to develop national reports on the outcomes of CERCLA section 128(a) funding to states and Indian tribes.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

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*Director, Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Gulf of Mexico Program Policy Review Board Meeting

**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 Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) Policy Review Board (PRB).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 315 Julia Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504-525-1993).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gloria D. Car, Designated Federal Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Mail Code EPA/GMPO, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000 at (228) 688-2421.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposed agenda is attached.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

**Gloria D. Car,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

**Gulf of Mexico Program***Policy Review Board Meeting*

Embassy Suites Hotel, Bayou Jean Lafitte Rooms, 6th Floor, New Orleans, Louisiana, Thursday, December 12, 2002.

**Agenda**

7:30—Continental Breakfast (in meeting room).  
8:30—Welcome and Introductions, Jimmy Palmer, EPA Regional Administrator, Region 4, Atlanta Hall Bohlinger, Acting Secretary, LA Department of Env. Quality.

8:40—Overview of Meeting Agenda & Objectives, Status Review of Follow-up Action Items, Bryon Griffith, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.

9:00—Harmful Algal Blooms Observing System Pilot Project Status, Dr. Bill Benson, Director, EPA ORD's Gulf Ecology Division Laboratory.  
Purpose: To receive an update on the progress of the Hazardous Algal Blooms Observing System (HABSOS) pilot.

9:45—Bacterial Source Tracking Research, Dr. R.D. Ellender, Assistant Dean for Research & Development, College of Science & Technology, University of Southern Mississippi.

Purpose: To receive an overview of the current state of the research in this topic area and to solicit broad Gulf State involvement in a collaborative EPA Region 4 and University of Southern Mississippi initiative to provide Gulf State coordination and support for applied Bacterial Source Tracking research.

10:30—Break.

10:45—GMP Mercury Project Update—re: Gulf State Marine Fish Advisory Consistency Dr. Fred Kopfler, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.

Purpose: To receive an update on the status of the GMP initiative to achieve consistent marine fish advisories re: Mercury in Gulf Seafood.

11:15—President's Interagency Work Group on Mercury Presentation, Gene Whitney, Policy Analyst, Office of Science & Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.

Purpose: To receive an Executive Briefing on the development and status of President's Interagency Workgroup on Mercury and their future plans relative to the Gulf of Mexico region.

12:00—Catered Lunch—2002 Gulf Guardian Awards Video Presentation.

12:45—Presidential Executive Order Recommendations—Final Review, Bryon Griffith, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.

Purpose: (1) To conduct the final review of the Management Committee's recommendations regarding the proposed Presidential Executive Order establishing the Gulf of Mexico Program; (2) To discuss and finalize a supporting implementation strategy and schedule for submitting the Executive proposal to the EPA Administrator.

1:30—GMP's Assistance Role in the Advancing Development and Deployment of NASA's Space-based Earth Sciences Support, Dr. David Powe, Director, Earth Science Applications Directorate, NASA, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

Purpose: To explore stronger partnership opportunities through NASA's Space-based Earth Science Applications Development Program.

2:00—Hypoxia Action Plan Status: Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Team Development Report (Agricultural Sector)—Lower Mississippi Valley Initiative's (LMVI) Watershed Approach, Invited speaker.

Purpose: To receive an update on the status of the Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Team's development re: Agriculture's organization (e.g., LMVI) and process (i.e., Watershed Approach) approach to addressing many of the sub-basin's industry led solutions.

2:30—Wrap-up and next steps, Jimmy Palmer and Hall Bohlinger.

2:35—Adjourn.

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**EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES****Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank)**

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee was established Pub. L. 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress.

**TIME AND PLACE:** Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at 10 am to 1 pm. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571.

**AGENDA:** Agenda items include reports and discussion on proposed revisions to Ex-Im Bank's Economic Impact Procedures, discussion on the Advisory Committee's Sub-Committees, and the presentation of the Advisory Committee's recommendations to Ex-Im Bank.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to December 3, 2002, Nichole Westin, Room 1257, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3542 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact Nichole Westin, Room 1257, 811 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3542.

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

[Notice 2002-23]

**Filing Dates for the Hawaii Special Election in the 2nd Congressional District**

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing dates for special election.

**SUMMARY:** Hawaii has scheduled a special election on January 4, 2003, to fill the U.S. House of Representatives seat in the Second Congressional District to which the late Representative Patsy T. Mink was reelected on November 5, 2002.

Committees participating in the Hawaii special election are required to file pre- and post-election reports.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kevin R. Salley, Information Division, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463; Telephone: (202) 694-1100; Toll Free (800) 424-9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Principal Campaign Committees**

All principal campaign committees of candidates participating in the Hawaii Special General shall file a 12-day Pre-General Report on December 23, 2002; and a 30-day Post-General Report on February 3, 2003. (See chart below for the closing date for each report).

**Unauthorized Committees (PACs and Party Committees)**

Political Committees that file on a quarterly basis in 2002 are subject to special election reporting if they make previously undisclosed contributions or