

rate adjustments (10 CFR part 903) were published on September 18, 1985, and February 21, 2019.<sup>6</sup> The proposed action constitutes a minor rate adjustment, as defined by 10 CFR 903.2(e)(2). In accordance with 10 CFR 903.15(a) and 10 CFR 903.16(a), Sierra Nevada Region will hold a public information and public comment forum for this minor rate adjustment. Sierra Nevada Region will review and consider all timely public comments at the conclusion of the consultation and comment period and make amendments or adjustments to the proposal as appropriate. Proposed rates will then be approved on an interim basis.

WAPA is establishing the non-firm power formula rate for Washoe Project, Stampede Division in accordance with section 302 of the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152).<sup>7</sup>

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00B, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the WAPA Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, or to remand or disapprove such rates, to FERC. By Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S4-2021, effective February 25, 2021, the Acting Secretary of Energy also delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Under Secretary for Science (and Energy). By Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-OE1-2021-2, also effective December 8, 2021, the Under Secretary for Science (and Energy) redelegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Assistant Secretary for Electricity. By Redelegation Order No. 00-002.10-05, effective July 8, 2020, the Assistant Secretary for Electricity further redelegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to WAPA's Administrator. This redelegation order, despite predating the December 2021 delegations, remains valid.

<sup>6</sup> 50 FR 37835 (Sept. 18, 1985) and 84 FR 5347 (Feb. 21, 2019).

<sup>7</sup> This Act transferred to, and vested in, the Secretary of Energy the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) under the Reclamation Act of 1902 (Ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent laws, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)); and other acts that specifically apply to the project involved.

## Availability of Information

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, or other documents that Sierra Nevada Region initiates or uses to develop the proposed non-firm power formula rate are available for inspection and copying at the Sierra Nevada Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, California 95630. Many of these documents and supporting information are also available on WAPA's website at <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/SN/rates/Pages/Rate-Case-2022-WAPA-201.aspx>.

## Ratemaking Procedure Requirements Environmental Compliance

WAPA is in the process of determining whether an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement should be prepared or if this action can be categorically excluded from those requirements.<sup>8</sup>

## Determination Under Executive Order 12866

WAPA has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

## Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 22, 2022, by Tracey A. LeBeau, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document, with the original signature and date, is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 31, 2022.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

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<sup>8</sup> In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021).

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 9614-01-OA]

## Request for Nominations for a Science Advisory Board Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office requests public nominations of scientific experts to form a panel to review the new cloud-based Environmental Benefits and Mapping (BenMAP) tool, an open-source computer program that calculates estimated air pollution-related deaths and illnesses and their associated economic value. BenMAP is a shorthand title referring to the EPA's Environmental Benefits Mapping and Analysis Program, which has recently been updated to a new software platform built with Java code for the interface. The panel will review the latest available public release version of the BenMAP software.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by April 26, 2022 per the instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and request for nominations may contact Dr. Bryan Bloomer, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board via telephone/voice mail (202) 564-4222, or email at [bloomer.bryan@epa.gov](mailto:bloomer.bryan@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA SAB can be found at the EPA SAB website at <https://sab.epa.gov>. For information concerning BenMAP, please contact Dr. Peter Maniloff by email at [maniloff.peter@epa.gov](mailto:maniloff.peter@epa.gov) or phone (919) 541-5548.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The SAB (42 U.S.C. 4365) is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and related regulations. The SAB Staff Office is forming an expert panel, the BenMAP Review Panel, under the auspices of the Chartered SAB. The BenMAP Review Panel will provide advice through the chartered SAB. The SAB and the BenMAP Review Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all

appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The BenMAP Review Panel will conduct the review of BenMAP as requested by the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. This panel is one of two separate, but related, panels that will evaluate two different aspects of EPA's overall health benefits assessment methods. The panel being formed with this Notice will review the new cloud-based version of BenMAP and will investigate how the BenMAP software implements EPA's methods to quantify estimated health benefits of air quality changes. The goal of this review will be to focus, in particular, on the user interface, software engineering and documentation (*i.e.*, does the tool correctly perform the intended analytics and yield defensible, scientifically sound and consistent results?). The panel being formed with the nominations solicited with this Notice will be asked to examine the software code in the new cloud-based version of BenMAP and independently evaluate model construction and operations. Thus, panelists for this review will need the appropriate software experience and environmental/health/economic modeling assessment experience to conduct this review. The panelists will have access to a publicly available but non-final cloud-based version of BenMAP and the legacy desktop version of BenMAP, as well as the computer code and design documentation for each. Subsequently, a second SAB panel (to be formed soon via a separate FRN soliciting nominations) will evaluate specific aspects of the methodology EPA uses to quantify estimated health benefits of air quality changes, including how EPA selects human health endpoints to quantify and selects among risk estimates from epidemiologic studies, among others.

**Request for Nominations:** The SAB Staff Office is seeking nominations of nationally and internationally recognized scientists with demonstrated expertise in the following disciplines: Software development (including expertise in Java, User Interfaces, database/data-management, and cloud computing in the Amazon Web Services [AWS] platform); Geographic Information Systems and Geostatistics; Demographics; Risk Assessment; Statistics/Biostatistics; Atmospheric Modeling; Photochemical Air Quality Modeling; Economics Modeling (including expertise in Non-Market Valuation). As noted above, the panel will need to have the appropriate computational expertise to examine the software code in the cloud-based version of BenMAP and independently

evaluate model construction and operations. The panel will be asked to evaluate the performance of the cloud-based version of BenMAP by examining the computer code and documentation, running specific cases, comparing cloud-based platform results to results generated using the legacy desktop version, and any other associated model performance elements as needed.

**Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:** Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above for possible service on the SAB panel. Individuals may self-nominate. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (preferred) using the online nomination form on the SAB website at <https://sab.epa.gov> (see the "Public Input on Membership" list under "Committees, Panels, and Membership" following the instructions for "Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels and Ad Hoc Committees Being Formed," provided on the SAB website (see the "Nomination of Experts" link under "Current Activities" at <https://sab.epa.gov>). To be considered, nominations should include the information requested below. EPA values and welcomes diversity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of sex, race, disability or ethnicity. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than April 26, 2022.

The following information should be provided on the nomination form: Contact information for the person making the nomination; contact information for the nominee; and the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee. Nominees will be contacted by the SAB Staff Office and will be asked to provide a recent curriculum vitae and a narrative biographical summary that include the following: Current position, educational background; research activities; sources of research funding for the last two years; and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations. Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB website, should contact the DFO at the contact information noted above. The names and biosketches of qualified nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** Notice, and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff Office, will be posted in a List of Candidates for the panel on the SAB website at <https://sab.epa.gov>. Public comments on the List of Candidates will be accepted for 21 days.

The public will be requested to provide relevant information or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office a balanced review panel includes 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. In forming the expert panel, the SAB Staff Office will consider public comments on the Lists of Candidates, information provided by the candidates themselves, and background information independently gathered by the SAB Staff Office. Selection criteria to be used for panel membership include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a loss of impartiality; (e) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; and, (f) for the panel as a whole, diversity of expertise and scientific points of view.

The SAB Staff Office's evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Environmental Protection Agency Special Government Employees" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form is required and allows government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between a person's public responsibilities (which include membership on an EPA federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a loss of impartiality, as defined by federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded through the "Ethics Requirements for Advisors" link on the SAB website at <https://sab.epa.gov>. This form should not be submitted as part of a nomination.

The approved policy under which the EPA SAB Office selects members for subcommittees and review panels is described in the following document: *Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board* (EPA-SAB-EC-02-010), which is posted on the SAB website at <https://sab.epa.gov>.

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