

accommodate oral public comments wherever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects the public statements presented at its 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 conference call meeting will be limited to a total time of three minutes (unless otherwise indicated). Requests to provide oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax, or mail) and received by the DFO no later than noon eastern time five business days prior to the meeting in order to reserve time on the meeting agenda. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting.

Written Comments: Although the SAB Staff Office accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office no later than noon eastern time five business days prior to the meeting so that the comments may be made available to the Panelists for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the DFO (preferably by e-mail) at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format)). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

Meeting Access: Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact the DFO at the phone number or e-mail address noted above at least five business days prior to the meeting, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: January 21, 2005.

Vanessa T. Vu,

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7865-6]

Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Upcoming Science Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the EPA Science Advisory Board (the Board) to discuss the EPA science and research programs and budget, and to conduct other Board activities.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of the Science Advisory Board will be held in the Polaris Room of the Ronald Reagan Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

DATES: February 17-18, 2005. A public meeting of the Board will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on February 17 and 18, 2005 (eastern time).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public who wish to obtain further information regarding the SAB may contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9982; or via e-mail at

miller.tom@epa.gov. The SAB Mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. At this meeting, the SAB will focus on EPA's science and research programs included within the FY 2006 budget proposal. Evaluating and advising the EPA Administrator on the Agency science and research program budget is an annual activity of the Science Advisory Board. At this meeting, the SAB may also conduct a review of one or more draft committee or panel reports that are being sent to it for approval prior to delivery to the U.S. EPA Administrator. Any such reviews will be announced on the above mentioned SAB Web site at least one week prior to the meeting.

For the Science and Research Advisory, the SAB will receive briefings by representatives from various EPA organizations on the science and research programs that are to be conducted under the FY 2006 EPA budget request; members and EPA

representatives will discuss how these programs relate to and move forward from existing programs; and the members will then deliberate on the advice they will provide to the Administrator. The final agreed upon Charge to the Board will be placed onto the SAB Web site prior to this meeting.

Availability of Review Material for the Board Meeting: Documents that are the subject of this meeting are available from the SAB Staff Office Web site <http://www.epa.gov/sab/>.

Procedures for Providing Public Comment: It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at Board 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 face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes (unless otherwise indicated). For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Interested parties should contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) 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 bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the participants and public at 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 appropriate 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)). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access these meetings, should contact the relevant DFO at least five business days prior to

the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Vanessa T. Vu,

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Docket Number ORD-2005-0005 [FRL-7865-7]

Board of Scientific Counselors, Ecological Research Subcommittee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), announces three meetings of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Ecological Research Subcommittee.

DATES: Two teleconference call meetings will be held, the first on Thursday, February 17, 2005, from 3 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the second on Thursday, March 3, 2005, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. A face-to-face meeting will be held beginning Monday, March 7, 2005 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.), continuing on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.), and concluding on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). All times noted are Eastern Standard Time. Meetings may adjourn early if all business is completed.

ADDRESSES: *Conference calls:* Participation in the conference calls will be by teleconference only—meeting rooms will not be used. Members of the public may obtain the call-in number and access code for the teleconference meeting from Greg Susanke, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. *Face-to-Face Meeting:* The face-to-face meeting will be held at the U.S. EPA Research Triangle Park (RTP) Campus, National Computer Center Building (Room N110), located at 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

Document Availability

Draft agendas for the meetings are available from Greg Susanke, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Requests for the

draft agendas will be accepted up to 2 business days prior to each conference call/meeting date. The draft agendas also can be viewed through EDOCKET, as provided in Unit I.A. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

Any member of the public interested in making an oral presentation at one of the conference calls or at the face-to-face meeting may contact Greg Susanke, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Requests for making oral presentations will be accepted up to 2 business days prior to each conference call/meeting date. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

Submitting Comments

Written comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I.B. of this section. Written comments will be accepted up to 2 business days prior to each conference call/meeting date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Susanke, Designated Federal Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, Mail Code 8104R, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC; telephone (202) 564-9945; fax (202) 565-2925; e-mail susanke.greg@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

This notice announces three meetings of the BOSC Ecological Research Subcommittee. The purpose of the meetings are to evaluate EPA's Ecological Research Program. Proposed agenda items for the conference calls include, but are not limited to: charge questions, objective of program reviews, background on the U.S. EPA's Ecological Research Program, writing assignments, and planning for the face-to-face meeting. Proposed agenda items for the face-to-face meeting include, but are not limited to: presentations by key EPA staff involved in the Ecological Research Program, poster sessions on ORD's Ecological research, and preparation of the draft report. The conference calls and the face-to-face meeting are open to the public.

Information on Services for the Handicapped: Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting should contact Greg Susanke, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 564-9945 at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made to facilitate their participation.

A. How Can I Get Copies of Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. ORD-2005-0005. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Documents in the official public docket are listed in the index in EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EDOCKET. Documents are available either electronically or in hard copy. Electronic documents may be viewed through EDOCKET. Hard copies of the draft agendas may be viewed at the Board of Scientific Counselors, Ecological Research Subcommittee Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

2. *Electronic Access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EDOCKET. You may use EDOCKET at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number (ORD-2005-0005).

For those wishing to make public comments, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that comments, whether submitted electronically or on paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.