

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[FRL-8963-3]****National Drinking Water Advisory Council: Request for Nominations****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) invites all interested persons to nominate qualified individuals to serve a three-year term as members of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (Council). This 15-member Council was established by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to provide practical and independent advice, consultation and recommendations to the Agency on the activities, functions, policies, and regulations required by the SDWA. The terms of four (4) members expire in December 2009. To maintain the representation required in the statute, nominees for the 2010 Council should represent state and local officials concerned with public water supply and public health protection (two (2) vacancies) and the general public (two (2) vacancies). All nominations will be fully considered, but applicants need to be aware of the specific representation needed as well as geographical balance so that all major areas of the U.S. (East, Mid-West, South, Mountain, South-West, and West) will be represented. The EPA strongly encourages nominations from women and minorities. The current list of members is available on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/ndwac>.

DATES: Submit nominations via U.S. mail on or before October 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The preferred form of communication is via e-mail to Veronica Blette, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, @ Blette.veronica@epa.gov. The mailing address is Veronica Blette, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (Mail Code 4601-M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E-mail your questions to Jacquelyn Springer, @ springer.jacquelyn@epa.gov or call 202-564-9904.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Drinking Water Advisory Council: The Council consists of 15 members, including a Chairperson, appointed by the Deputy Administrator. Five members represent the general

public; five members represent appropriate State and local agencies concerned with public water supply and public health protection; and five members represent private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of public water supply and public health protection. SDWA requires that at least two members of the Council represent small, rural public water systems. Additionally, members may be asked to serve on one of the Council's workgroups that are established on an as-needed basis to assist EPA in addressing specific program issues. On December 15 of each year, some members complete their appointment. Therefore, this notice solicits nominations to fill four vacancies with terms ending on December 15, 2012. Persons selected for membership will receive compensation for travel and a nominal daily compensation (if appropriate) while attending meetings. The Council holds two face-to-face meetings each year, generally in the spring and fall. Conference calls will be scheduled if needed.

Nomination of a Member: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Self-nominations are also welcome. The EPA strongly encourages nominations from women and minorities. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address and telephone number. To be considered, all nominations must include a current resume, providing the nominee's background, experience and qualifications. Prospective candidates will be required to fill out 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.

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Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[FRL-8963-2]****Science Advisory Board Staff Office Request for Nominations of Experts To Provide Advice on Ecological Impacts Associated With Mountaintop Mining and Valley-Fill Operations****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is requesting nominations to form an *ad hoc* panel, under the auspices of the SAB, to provide expert advice to the EPA on a draft assessment of the ecological impacts associated with a surface coal mining technique known as mountaintop mining and valley-fill where mining overburden is placed in adjacent valleys. This assessment is being prepared by EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) at the request of EPA's Regional Office in Philadelphia, PA (Region 3).

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by October 16, 2009 per the instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this request for nominations may contact Mr. Edward Hanlon, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9946; by fax at (202) 233-0643 or via e-mail at hanlon.edward@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found at the EPA SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Any inquiry regarding EPA's Region 3 activities related to mountaintop mining and valley-fill operations should be directed to Mr. John Forren, Associate Director for Monitoring and Assessment, Environmental Assessment and Innovation Division, Region 3 EPA, who may be contacted via telephone at (215) 814-2705 or by e-mail at forren.john@epa.gov. Any inquiry regarding EPA's ORD draft assessment on the ecological impacts of mountaintop mining and valley-fill operations should be directed to Dr. Michael Slimak, Associate Director of Ecology, National Center for Environmental Assessment, who may be contacted via telephone at (703) 347-8524 or by e-mail at slimak.michael@epa.gov. The public release of this assessment, which is expected in mid-November 2009, will be announced in the **Federal Register**