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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Topics (agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please contact Robert L. Pence for the most current agenda):

- Progress to Cleanup.
- Remote Handle Waste Facility Construction Project Update.
- Operational Unit 10-04, 10-08, 1-07B, and V9 Tank Closure Update.
- Discuss Greater-Than-Class C Low-Level Radioactive Waste Comments and Recommendations.
- Waste Isolation Pilot Project Briefing.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Robert L. Pence at the address or telephone number listed above. The request must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Robert L. Pence, Federal Coordinator, at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site <http://www.inlemcab.org/meetings.html>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 27, 2007.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, September 26, 2007 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, September 27, 2007 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Drury Inn, 3975 Hinkleville Road, Paducah, KY 42001, (270) 443-3313.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Douglas Frost, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-5619.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the EM SSAB is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

2 p.m. Workshop on Communication, Cooperation and Public Participation.

4 p.m. Public Comment Period.

Thursday, September 27, 2007

8:30 a.m. Welcome/Introductions.

9 a.m. Round Robin: Top Three Issues.

10 a.m. Break.

10:15 a.m. EM Presentation: Assistant Secretary James A. Rispoli.

11:30 a.m. DOE-HQ "News and Views".

12 p.m. Lunch.

1 p.m. Input to the EM Budget Process.

2:15 p.m. Break.

2:30 p.m. Discussion of Waste Disposition and Pre-1970 TRU.

3:30 p.m. EM SSAB Product Development Discussion.

4:15 p.m. Public Comment.

4:30 p.m. Wrap-Up/Adjourn.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed either before or after the meeting with the Designate Federal Officer, E. Douglas Frost, at the address above or by phone at (202) 586-5619. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should also contact E. Douglas Frost.

Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes of this meeting will be available by calling E. Douglas Frost at (202) 586-5619 and will be posted at <http://web.em.doe.gov/public/ssab/chairs.html>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 23, 2007.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Meeting of the Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public face-to-face meeting of the chartered SAB to: (1) Discuss strategic research directions for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; (2) complete its discussions of science use in disaster response programs; (3) conduct a quality review of the draft SAB report **ADVISORY ON FACTORS INFLUENCING HYPOXIA IN THE GULF OF MEXICO**; and (4) conduct a quality review of the draft SAB report *Review of EPA's Draft Evaluation of the Carcinogenicity of Ethylene Oxide: A Report of the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board*.

DATES: The meeting dates are Wednesday, October 3, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Friday, October 5, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to not later than 2 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Location: The meeting will be held in Research Triangle Park, NC. The location will be announced on the SAB Web site as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public who wish to obtain additional information about this meeting may contact Dr. Angela Nugent by mail address given below; by telephone at (202) 343-9981; by fax at (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at:

nugent.angela@epa.gov or by contacting Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by mail at the address given below; by telephone at (202) 343-9982; by fax at: (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: miller.tom@epa.gov. The SAB mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. 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 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. The SAB is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background: (a) SAB Quality Review of the Draft Committee Report *Factors Influencing Hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico*. The Chartered Science Advisory Board will conduct a quality review of the draft report of its Hypoxia Advisory Panel at its meeting on October 3-5, 2007. Specific times will be provided in the meeting agenda that will be placed on the SAB Web site prior to the meeting (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>). EPA's Office of Water requested that the SAB develop a report that evaluates the state-of-the-science regarding the causes and extent of hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the scientific basis of possible management options in the Mississippi River Basin. In response to EPA's request, the SAB Staff Office formed the SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel. That Panel held several meetings to discuss the issue and has now completed its draft report to the EPA Administrator. **Federal Register** notices were published announcing each of the Hypoxia Advisory Panel meetings (see 71 FR 8578-8580; 71 FR 45543-45544; 71 FR 66329-66330; 71 FR 55786-55787; 71 FR 59107 and 71 FR 77743-77744). Background on the Panel and this review is available on the SAB Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/hypoxia_adv_panel.htm.

(b) **EPA Strategic Research Directions:** The Agency has asked the Science Advisory Board for advice on the strategic directions for its research program for the next five to fifteen

years. This activity complements the annual SAB review of EPA's research budget, and permits a more critical evaluation of research programs than is possible during the research budget review. It will also give EPA additional time to incorporate SAB advice into the longer term research planning process that informs each year's budget preparation activity. The Agency charge asks for advice on the alignment of EPA research and development program directions with the strategic priorities identified by EPA's operating programs and Regional Offices; coordination of research planning within ORD and across EPA; coordination of research planning with environmental science programs of other government agencies; and whether EPA research is positioned to provide critical scientific support to EPA and the nation on emerging issues. The SAB will discuss EPA research program directions with EPA representatives on October 4 and 5, 2007. Specific information on the structure and schedule for these discussions will be provided by the meeting agenda that will be available on the SAB Web site prior to the meeting (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>).

(c) **Science in Emergency Response.** The SAB is exploring the use of science in preparing for and responding to environmental disasters. The SAB held a meeting on this topic on December 12-14, 2006 during which non-EPA experts discussed their experiences with disaster preparedness and response (71 FR 67566). The SAB continued its discussions of science in emergency response during its June 19-20, 2007 meeting (see 72 FR 27308). The SAB is currently drafting advisory comments to the Administrator as a result of these discussions. Final discussions of those comments will be held during the SAB meeting on October 3-5, 2007. Specific times will be provided in the meeting agenda that will be placed on the SAB Web site prior to the meeting (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>). Additional information is available on the SAB Web Site for the December 2006 meeting at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/agendas.htm>, and for the June 19-20, 2007 SAB meeting at: http://www.epa.gov/sab/07agendas/sab_06_19-20_07_agenda.pdf.

(d) **SAB Quality Review of Review of EPA's Draft Evaluation of the Carcinogenicity of Ethylene Oxide: A Report of the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board.** The Chartered Science Advisory Board will conduct a quality review of the draft report of its Ethylene Oxide Review Panel on October 3-5, 2007. Specific times will be provided in the meeting agenda that will be placed on

the SAB Web Site prior to the meeting (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>). EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) requested that the SAB review its draft document entitled *Evaluation of the Carcinogenicity of Ethylene Oxide* that was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA). In response to EPA's request, the SAB Staff Office formed the SAB Ethylene Oxide Review Panel. That Panel held several meetings to discuss the issue and has now completed its draft report to the EPA Administrator. **Federal Register** notices were published announcing each of the Ethylene Oxide Review Panel's meetings (see 71 FR 10500, 71 FR 66328, 72 FR 20538). Background on the Panel and this review is available on the SAB Web Site at: http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/ethylene_oxide_rev_panel.htm.

Availability of Meeting Materials: Materials in support of this meeting will be placed on the SAB Web Site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> in advance of this meeting.

Procedures for Providing Public Input:

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB to consider during the advisory process. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes per speaker, with no more than one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Angela Nugent by mail at the EPA SAB Staff Office, (1400F), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 343-9981; by fax at (202) 233-0643; or by e-mail at: nugent.angela@epa.gov.

Mr. Thomas Miller, DFO, at the contact information provided above, by September 21, 2007, to be placed on the public speaker list for the October 3-5, 2007 meeting. A telephone conference line will be available for those portions of the meeting during which the SAB is conducting quality reviews of draft committee reports. Information on the call in procedures and numbers can be obtained by calling the EPA SAB Staff Office at (202) 343-9999. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by September 27, 2007, so that the information may be made available to the SAB for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail to: nugent.angela@epa.gov and miller.tom@epa.gov (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF,

WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

Meeting Accommodations: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Thomas Miller at (202) 343-9982, or e-mail at 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.

Dated: August 24, 2007.

Anthony Maciorowski,

Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of public comment period on draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the public comment period for the draft document titled, “Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria; First External Review Draft” (EPA/600/R-07/099). The draft document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment within EPA’s Office of Research and Development as part of the Agency’s review of the air quality criteria for oxides of nitrogen and the primary (health-based) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of seeking comment from the public and the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy, viewpoint, or determination. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice when revising the document.

DATES: The public comment period begins on or about August 31, 2007. Comments must be received on or before October 31, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The draft “Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen; First External Review Draft” will be available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment’s home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of CD-ROM or paper copies will be available. Contact Ms. Emily Lee by phone 919-541-4169, fax 919-541-1818, or e-mail (lee.emily@epa.gov) to request either of these, and please provide your name, your mailing address, and the draft document title, “Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen; First External Review Draft” (EPA/600/R-07/099) to facilitate processing of your request. Comments may be submitted electronically via www.regulations.gov, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Ms. Emily Lee, NCEA; telephone: 919-541-4169, facsimile: 919-541-1818, or e-mail: lee.emily@epa.gov. For technical information, contact Dennis Kotchmar, Ph.D., NCEA; telephone: 919-541-4158; facsimile: 919-541-1818; or e-mail: kotchmar.dennis@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act directs the Administrator to identify certain pollutants which “may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health and welfare” and to issue air quality criteria for them. These air quality criteria are to “accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of [a] pollutant in the ambient air, * * *.” Under section 109 of the Act, EPA is then to establish national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d) of the Act subsequently requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health and welfare. EPA is also to revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised air quality criteria.

Oxides of nitrogen are one of six principal (or “criteria”) pollutants for which EPA has established air quality criteria and NAAQS. EPA periodically

reviews the scientific basis for these standards by preparing an Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) (formerly called an Air Quality Criteria Document). The ISA and supplementary annexes, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, provide the scientific basis for EPA decisions on the adequacy of a current NAAQS and the appropriateness of new or revised standards. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), an independent science advisory committee established pursuant to section 109 of the Clean Air Act and part of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board (SAB), provides independent scientific advice on NAAQS matters, including advice on EPA’s draft ISAs.

On December 9, 2005 (70 FR 236), EPA formally initiated its current review of the criteria for oxides of nitrogen, requesting the submission of recent scientific information on specified topics. A draft of EPA’s “Integrated Plan for Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard” was made available in February 2007 for public comment and was discussed by the Clean Air Science Advisory Committee (CASAC) via a publicly accessible teleconference consultation on May 11, 2007 (72 FR 20336). The Plan is being finalized and will be made available on EPA’s Web site (http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naags/standards/nox/s_nox_cr_pd.html). In February 2007 (72 FR 6238), a workshop was held to discuss, with invited scientific experts, initial draft materials prepared in the development of the ISA and supplementary annexes for oxides of nitrogen.

The draft “Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen; First External Review Draft” will be discussed by CASAC at a future public meeting; public comments that have been received prior to the public meeting will be provided to the CASAC review panel. A future **Federal Register** notice will inform the public of the exact date and time of that CASAC meeting.

II. How To Submit Information to the Docket

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0029 by one of the following methods:

- www.regulations.gov: Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.
- Fax: 202-566-1753.
- Mail: Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection