

by mail at Office of Research and Development, Risk Assessment Forum (8601-D), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Summary:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, Notice is hereby given that the Panel will hold a public teleconference and meeting to conduct a peer review of EPA's Framework for Inorganic Metals Risk Assessment. The dates and times for the teleconference and meeting are provided above.

**Background:** Background on the meeting described in this notice was provided in a **Federal Register** Notice published on July 29, 2004 (69 FR 45314-45315). EPA has been undertaking an effort to develop cross-Agency guidance for assessing the human health and ecological hazards and risks of metals and metal compounds. EPA developed the draft guidance document entitled, "Framework for Inorganic Metals Risk Assessment," to supplement previous EPA guidance for use in site-specific risk assessments, criteria derivation, and other similar Agency activities related to metals. The guidance is organized around the risk assessment paradigm. The document provides a conceptual model that highlights areas where consideration of metal-specific information is necessary and advantageous when conducting risk assessments. It outlines recommendations for conducting risk assessment for metals and metal compounds based on the unique attributes of these compounds. The guidance document also discusses metal-specific issues related to environmental chemistry, exposure, bioaccumulation and bioavailability, ecological effects, and human health effects. In addition, the guidance discusses research underway, planned, and needed to reduce uncertainty in metals risk assessment.

The Panel will meet with Agency Program representatives by teleconference prior to the face-to-face meeting to discuss charge questions and ask clarifying questions about the Framework for Inorganic Metals Risk Assessment. At the face-to-face meeting, the Panel will conduct a peer review of the Framework for Inorganic Metals Risk Assessment.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** A roster of Panel members, their biosketches, the charge to the SAB panel, and the meeting agendas will be posted on the SAB Web site prior to the meetings. EPA's Framework for Metals Risk Assessment may be found at: <http://>

[/cfpub2.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=88903](http://cfpub2.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=88903).

**Procedures for Providing Public Comments:** It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at SAB Metals Risk Assessment Review Panel 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). In general, for teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Interested parties should contact the DFO in writing (e-mail, fax or mail—see contact information above) by close of business January 19, 2004 in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the teleconference, and by close of business January 24, 2004 in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the face-to-face 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 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 at least seven business days prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the panel for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the DFO 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, 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 the public meetings listed above should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: January 5, 2005.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7860-4]

### Science Advisory Board (SAB) 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 teleconference meeting to discuss the review of two draft SAB reports.

**DATES:** January 26, 2005, 1-3 pm (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting for these reviews will be held by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who wish to obtain further information regarding this teleconference meeting may contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board via phone (202-343-9982) or e-mail at [miller.tom@epa.gov](mailto: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 purpose of this SAB telephone conference meeting is to conduct a public review and discussion of the two SAB draft reports; Review of EPA's Drinking Water Research Program Multi-Year Plan 2003, and Advisory on the Office of Research and Development's Contaminated Sites and RCRA Multi-Year Plans. The focus of the discussion will consider if: (i) The original charge questions to the SAB review panels have been adequately addressed in the draft reports, (ii) the draft reports are clear and logical; (iii) the conclusions drawn, or recommendations made in the draft reports, are supported by the body of the reports; and (iv) if there are any obvious technical errors, omissions, or issues that are inadequately dealt with in the draft reports.

*Availability of Review Material for the Board Meeting:* Documents that are the subject of this meeting are available on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/drrep.htm>.

*Procedures for Providing Public Comment:* The SAB Staff Office accepts written public comments of any length, and accommodates oral public comments whenever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at SAB 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 teleconference meeting will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Interested parties should contact the DFO noted above 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 provide an electronic copy of their comments for distribution to interested parties and participants in 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 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)).

*Meeting Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this teleconference meeting, should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: January 5, 2005.

**Vanessa T. Vu,**

*Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EDOCKET ID No.: ORD-2004-0024; FRL-7860-1]

### Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting—Winter 2005

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of an Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Time has been allotted from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for BOSC members of seven subcommittees (Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs), Global Change, Mercury, Drinking Water, Human Health, Particulate Matter, and Ecological) to meet prior to the Executive Committee meeting. The meeting will continue on Friday, January 28, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All times noted are eastern time. The meeting may adjourn early on Friday if all business is finished. Written comments, and requests for the draft agenda or for making oral presentations at the meeting will be accepted up to 1 business day before the meeting date.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

#### Document Availability

Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft BOSC agenda or making a presentation at the meeting may contact Ms. Lorelei Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer, via telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-3408, via e-mail at [kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov](mailto:kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov), or by mail at Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, Mail Code 8104-R, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes. The draft agenda can be viewed through EDOCKET, as provided in Unit I.A. of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

#### Submitting Comments

Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed

instructions as provided in Unit I.B. of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Lorelei Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer, via telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-3408, via e-mail at [kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov](mailto:kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov), or by mail at Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, Mail Code 8104-R, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

Proposed agenda items for the meeting include, but are not limited to: Discussion of the BOSC's review of ORD's Coastal Condition Report; update on subcommittees for mercury and computational toxicology; update on program review subcommittees for endocrine disruptors, global change, human health, particulate matter, drinking water, and ecological; update on the BOSC risk assessment workshop in February 2005; update on ORD communications activities; briefing on ORD's National Homeland Security Research Center (management and communications plans); National Academy of Science presentation on models in the regulatory decision process; update on EPA's Science Advisory Board activities; and future issues and plans (including the Communications and Nomination Subcommittees). The meeting is open to the public.

Information on Services for the Handicapped: Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting should contact Lorelei Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 564-3408, 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-2004-0024. 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 may be available either electronically or in hard copy. Electronic documents may be viewed through EDOCKET. Hard copy of the draft agenda may be viewed at the Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting—Winter 2005