(b) state, local and tribal level capacity building; (c) cross-sector partnerships; (d) leveraging resources for environmental education; (e) design and implementation of environmental education research; (f) evaluation methodology; professional development for teachers and other education professionals; and (g) targeting under-represented audiences, including low-income, multi-cultural, senior citizens and other adults.

The NEEAC staff office is also looking for individuals who demonstrate the ability to make the time commitment, strong leadership skills, strong analytical skills, strong communication and writing skills, the ability to stand apart and evaluate programs in an unbiased manner, team players, have the conviction to follow-through and to meet deadlines, and the ability to review items on short notice.

How to Submit Applications: Any interested and qualified individuals may be considered for appointment on the National Environmental Education Advisory Council. Applications should be submitted in electronic format to the Designated Federal Officer (*potter.ginger@epa.gov*) and contain the following: Contact information including name, address, phone and fax numbers and an e-mail address; a curriculum vita or resume; the specifc area of expertise in environmental education and the sector/slot the applicant is applying for; recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations and; a one-page commentary on the applicant's philosophy regarding the need for, development, implementation and/or management of environmental education nationally. Additionally, a supporting letter of endorsement is required. This letter may also be submitted electronically as described above.

Persons having questions about the application procedure or who are unable to submit applications by electronic means, should contact Ginger Potter, DFO, at the contact information provided above in this notice. Non-electronic submissions must contain the same information as the electronic. The NEEAC Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of the application. The NEEAC Staff Office will develop a short list of for more detailed consideration. Short list candidates will be required to fill out the Confidential Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving 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 include membership on a Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities and the appearance of a lack of impartiality as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: *http://www.wpa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110–48.pdf.*

Dated: July 21, 2006.

Ginger Potter,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8207–4]

Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Hypoxia Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is announcing a public meeting of the SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. (EST) September 6, 2006 to 3 p.m. September 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel located at 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public meeting may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343–9867, or via e-mail at *stallworth.holly@epa.gov*. The SAB mailing address is: US 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 in the SAB Web site at: *http://www.epa.gov/sab*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting to plan its work for developing a report that details advancements in the state of the science regarding hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the 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: EPA participates with other Federal agencies, state and tribes in the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. In 2001, the Task Force released the *Action Plan for Reducing, Mitigating and Controlling Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico* (or *Action Plan* available at *http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/taskforce/actionplan.htm*). The Action Plan was informed by the science described in *An Integrated Assessment of Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico* (or *Integrated Assessment* (available at *http://www.noaa.gov/products/hypox_finalfront.pdf*) developed by the National Science and Technology Council, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Six technical reports provided the scientific foundation for the Integrated Assessment and are available at *http://www.nos.noaa.gov/products/pub_hypox.html.* The aforementioned documents provide a comprehensive summary of the state-of-the-science for the Gulf of Mexico hypoxic zone through about the year 2000.

EPA's Office of Water has 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. The SAB is asked to focus on scientific advances since 2000 that may have increased scientific understanding and control options in three general areas.

1. *Characterization the Cause(s) of Hypoxia.* The physical, biological and chemical processes that affect the development, persistence and extent of hypoxia in the northern Gulf of Mexico.

2. *Characterization of Nutrient Fate, Transport and Sources.* Nutrient loadings, fate, transport and sources in the Mississippi River that impact Gulf Hypoxia.

3. *Scientific Basis for Goals and Management Options.* The scientific basis for, and recommended revisions to, the goals proposed in the Action Plan; and the scientific basis for the efficacy of recommended management

actions to reduce nutrient flux from point and nonpoint sources.

In developing its report on scientific advancements since 2000, the SAB is also asked to focus on the strengths and limitations of the science in managing the Gulf hypoxia problem, including available data, models and model results and uncertainty. The SAB is asked to pay particular attention to any new information that has emerged since or was not adequately considered in the last *Integrated Assessment.* In response to EPA's request, the SAB Staff Office has formed the SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel. Background on the Panel formation process was provided in a **Federal Register** notice published on February 17, 2006 (71 FR 8578–8580).

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 a total of one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Stallworth, DFO, at the contact information noted above, by August 25, 2006, to be placed on the public speaker list for the September 6–7, 2006 meeting. *Written Statements:* Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by August 25, so that the information may be made available to the SAB for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail to *stallworth.holly@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 Access: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Stallworth at (202) 343–9867 or *stallworth.holly@epa.gov.* To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Dr. Stallworth, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: August 4, 2006.

Anthony F. Maciorowski,

Associate Director for Science, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services (C–VPESS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the SAB Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services (C–VPESS) to discuss components of a draft committee report related to valuing the protection of ecological systems and services.

DATES: A public meeting of the C–VPESS will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on October 5, 2006 and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time) on October 6, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the SAB Conference Center, 1025 F Street, NW., Suite 3700, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public wishing further information regarding the SAB C–VPESS meeting may contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), via telephone at: (202) 343–9981 or e-mail at: *nugent.angela@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 meetings announced in this notice, may be found in 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: Background on the SAB C–VPESS and its charge was provided in 68 FR 11082 (March 7, 2003). The purpose of the meeting is for the SAB C–VPESS to discuss components of a draft advisory report calling for expanded and integrated approach for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services. The Committee will discuss: Application of methods for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services; general ecological valuation methods (e.g., the need for a data and model bank for Agency information about ecological valuation, how to implement the concept of ecological services, how to address uncertainties in ecological services) and how to address them; and next steps for characterizing methods and approaches involved in ecological valuation.

These activities are related to the Committee's overall charge: To assess Agency needs and the state of the art and science of valuing protection of ecological systems and services and to identify key areas for improving knowledge, methodologies, practice, and research.

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 a total of one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Nugent, DFO, at the contact information noted above, by September 25, 2006, to be placed on the public speaker list for the October 5–6, 2006 meeting. *Written Statements:* Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by September 24, 2006, so that the information may be made available to the SAB for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail to *nugent.angela@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 Access: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Angela Nugent at (202) 343–9981 or