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Science Advisory Board Staff Office Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Science Advisory Board Environmental Economics Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA’s Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is announcing a public teleconference of the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) to discuss its draft Advisory on EPA’s draft Guidelines for Preparing Economic Analyses.

DATES: The teleconference will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on March 4, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public teleconference and call-in numbers 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: 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 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 Environmental Economics Advisory Committee will hold a public teleconference to consider its draft Advisory on EPA’s draft Guidelines for Preparing Economic Analyses as well as public comments. 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: The mission of the EEAC, an SAB Standing Committee, is to provide independent advice to the EPA Administrator, through the chartered SAB, regarding the use of economics in EPA’s decision-making. As discussed in 73 FR 57621, EPA’s National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE) issued the Guidelines for Preparing Economic Analyses in September 2000 and updated those Guidelines in 2008. The SAB EEAC met on October 23–24, 2008 to discuss charge questions related to the updated Guidelines. On the March 4, 2009 teleconference, the SAB EEAC will discuss its draft Advisory as well as public comments submitted to the SAB EEAC.

Availability of Meeting Materials: All materials in support of this meeting, an agenda, public comments and a draft Advisory will be placed on the SAB Web site at http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activities/Guidelines%20Review?OpenDocument prior to the 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 teleconference 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, to be placed on the public speaker list for the March 4, 2009 teleconference. Written Statements: Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by February 27, 2009 so that the information may be made available to the SAB for their consideration prior to this teleconference. 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 formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Submitters are asked to provide versions of each document submitted with and without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites.

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.


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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The White House Office

Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

January 20, 2009, Washington, DC.

From: Rahm Emanuel, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff

Subject: Regulatory Review

President Obama has asked me to communicate to each of you his plan for managing the Federal regulatory process at the beginning of his Administration. It is important that President Obama’s appointees and designees have the opportunity to review and approve any new or pending regulations. Therefore, at the direction of the President, I am requesting that you immediately take the following steps:

1. Subject to any exceptions the Director or Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget (the “OMB Director”) allows for emergency situations or other urgent circumstances relating to health, safety, environmental, financial, or national security matters, or otherwise, no proposed or final regulation should be sent to the Office of the Federal Register (the “OFR”) for publication unless and until it has been reviewed and approved by a department or agency head appointed or designated by the President after noon on January 20, 2009, or in the case of the Department of Defense, the Secretary of Defense. The department or agency head may delegate this review and approval power to any other person so appointed or designated by the President, consistent with applicable law.

2. Withdraw from the OFR all proposed or final regulations that have not been published in the Federal Register so that they can be reviewed and approved by a department or agency head as described in paragraph 1. This withdrawal is subject to the exceptions described in paragraph 1 and must be conducted consistent with OFR procedures.

3. Consider extending for 60 days the effective date of regulations that have been published in the Federal Register but not yet taken effect, subject to the exceptions described in paragraph 1, for the purpose of reviewing questions of law and policy raised by those
regulations. Where such an extension is
made for this purpose, you should
immediately reopen the notice-and-
comment period for 30 days to allow
interested parties to provide comments
about issues of law and policy raised by
those rules. Following the 60-day
extension:
a. For those rules that raise no
substantial questions of law or policy,
no further action needs to be taken; and
b. For those rules that raise
substantial questions of law or policy,
agencies should notify the OMB
Director and take appropriate further
action.
4. The requested actions set forth in
paragraphs 1–3 do not apply to any
regulations subject to statutory or
judicial deadlines. Please immediately
notify the OMB Director of any such
regulations.
5. Notify the OMB Director promptly
of any regulations that you believe
should not be subject to the directives
in paragraphs 1–3 because they affect
critical health, safety, environmental,
financial, or national security functions
of the department or agency, or for some
other reason. The OMB Director will
review all such notifications and
determine whether an exception is
appropriate.
6. Continue in all instances to comply
with any applicable Executive Orders
concerning regulatory management.
As used in this memorandum,
“regulation” has the meaning set forth
in section 3(e) of Executive Order 12866
of September 30, 1993, as amended; this
memorandum covers “any substantive
action by an agency (normally
published in the Federal Register) that
promulgates or is expected to lead to the
promulgation of a final rule or
regulation, including notices of inquiry,
advance notices of proposed
rulemaking, and notices of proposed
rulemaking.”
This regulatory review will be
implemented by the OMB Director, and
communications regarding any matters
pertaining to this review should be
addressed to that official.
The OMB Director is authorized and
directed to publish this memorandum in
the Federal Register.
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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE
UNITED STATES

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Notice of a Partially Open
Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Export-Import Bank of the United
States.

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, January 22,
2009 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be
held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811
Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC
20571.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS: Item No. 1: Ex-Im
Bank Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory
Committee for 2009.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting
will be open to public participation for Item
No. 1 only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For
further information, contact: Office of
the Secretary, 811 Vermont Avenue,
NW., Washington, DC 20571 (Tele. No.

Kamil P. Cook,
Deputy General Counsel.
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FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS
ADVISORY BOARD

Notice of Public Hearing

Board Action: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C.
3511(d), the Federal Advisory
committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463), as
amended, and the FASAB Rules Of
Procedure, as amended in April, 2004,
notice is hereby given that the Federal
Accounting Standards Advisory Board
(FASAB) will hold a public hearing on
February 25th 2009, to hear testimony
from respondents to two recently
published exposure drafts, Reporting
Comprehensive Long-Term Fiscal
Projections for the U.S. Government and
Accounting for Social Insurance,
Revised. Those interested in testifying
should contact Eileen Parlow, Assistant
Director, no later than February. Please
indicate whether you wish to provide
testimony on one or both exposure
drafts. Also, please provide a short
biography and a separate statement
summarizing your written response to
each exposure draft on which you wish
to testify. Ms. Parlow can be reached at
parlowe@fasab.gov. The exposure drafts
are available on the FASAB Web site

Any interested person may attend the
meetings as an observer. GAO Building
Security requires advance notice of your
attendance. Please notify FASAB of
your planned attendance by calling 202–512–7356 or via e-mail at
parlowe@fasab.gov. The exposure drafts
are available on the FASAB Web site

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Washington, DC 20548, or call (202)
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Authority: Federal Advisory Committee


Charles Jackson,
Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information
Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the
Federal Communications Commission
for Extension Under Delegated
Authority, Comments Requested


SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort
to reduce paperwork burden and as
required by the Paperwork Reduction
Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–
3520), the Federal Communications
Commission invites the general public
and other Federal agencies to comment
on the following information
collection(s). Comments are requested
concerning (a) Whether the proposed
collection of information is necessary
for the proper performance of the
functions of the Commission, including
whether the information shall have
practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the
Commission’s burden estimate; (c) ways
to enhance the quality, utility, and
clarity of the information collected; and
(d) ways to minimize the burden of the
Collection of information on the
respondents, including the use of
automated collection techniques or
other forms of information technology.
An agency may not conduct or sponsor
a collection of information unless it
displays a currently valid OMB control
time allowed by this notice, you should
advise the contact listed below as soon
as possible.

Addresses: Submit your comments by
e-mail to PRA@fcc.gov. Include in the
e-mail the OMB control number of the
Collection. If you are unable to submit
your comments by e-mail, contact the
person listed below to make alternate
arrangements.