Communities Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS) will discuss the LGAC Biannual Report, and environmental and public health issues. This is an open meeting and all interested persons are invited to participate. The Committee will hear comments from the public between 12:45 p.m.–1:00 p.m. (ET) on Friday, January 13, 2017. Individuals or organizations wishing to address the Committee will be allowed a maximum of five minutes to present their point of view. Also, written comments should be submitted electronically to eargle.frances@epa.gov. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the number listed below to schedule a time on the agenda. Time will be allotted on a first-come first-serve basis, and the total period for comments may be extended if the number of requests for presentations requires it.

ADDRESS: EPA’s Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) contact Frances Eargle at (202) 564–3115 or email at eargle.frances@epa.gov.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Flaherty, Health and Ecological Criteria Division (Mail Code 4304T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.
a scientific assessment of ecological effects and is not a regulation. EPA's draft methods are based on effects observed in streams with different levels of specific conductivity and take into account natural variation in background specific conductivity and the aquatic species adapted to it. The draft document describes how to derive protective field-based aquatic life criteria for specific conductivity, including how to estimate a criterion continuous concentration for chronic exposures, how to estimate a maximum exposure concentration protective of acute toxicity, how to assess geographic applicability and potential confounding factors, and how to determine duration and frequency parameters.

EPA is also providing four case studies to illustrate how states and tribes may use the draft field-based methods to develop criteria in ecoregions with different background ionic concentrations measured as specific conductivity and demonstrate how to assess the applicability of criteria developed for one ecoregion to a different ecoregion. The case studies use field data to demonstrate how to apply the methods to derive example criteria for specific conductivity for flowing waters dominated by sulfate and bicarbonate salts but not for flowing waters dominated by chloride salts.

EPA typically relies on laboratory toxicity test data for surrogate species as defined in the Agency's Guidelines for Deriving Numerical National Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses (1985) for aquatic life criteria development. The draft field-based methods for specific conductivity were adapted to be consistent with the Agency's traditional approach to derive aquatic life criteria. The draft field-based methods rely on geographically referenced, paired observations of specific conductivity and the presence or absence or abundance of freshwater benthic macroinvertebrate genera from wadeable perennial streams. An analysis of data for fish from a composite of case study ecoregions demonstrates that the example criteria based on macroinvertebrates are also protective of fish. This document underwent an internal EPA review and two independent contractor-led external peer reviews.

III. Solicitation of Scientific Views

EPA is soliciting additional scientific views, data, and information regarding the science and technical approach used in the derivation of the draft field-based methods. EPA is also soliciting suggestions from the public for additional ecoregional case studies for future consideration.

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EIS No. 20160309, Final, BOEM, AK, Cook Inlet Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sale 244, Review Period Ends: 01/23/2017, Contact: Sharon Randall 907–334–5200
EIS No. 20160310, Final, FRA, NAT, NEC FUTURE: A Rail Investment Plan for the Northeast Corridor Tier 1, Review Period Ends: 01/31/2017, Contact: Rebecca Reyes-Alicea 212–668–2282
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