Office of Water (OW) does not believe that current protozoan methods are appropriate for evaluating occurrence at individual sites for the purpose of complying with a regulation. However, OW does think the method is adequate for obtaining data to support a National Impact Analysis.

2. Integrated Risk Project Committee

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that the Valuation Subcommittee (Committee) of the Integrated Risk Project Committee (IRP) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on July 19, 1996, from 8:30 am to no later than 5:00 pm (Eastern Daylight Time) in Room 17 of the Washington Information Center (WIC) of the US EPA, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. This meeting is open to the public, however, due to limited space, seating will be on a first-come basis. The purpose of the meeting is to refine the charge to the Committee and to plan the Committee's efforts as part of the larger IRP effort of the SAB.

Background: In a letter dated October 25, 1995, Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen requested the SAB to update the assessment of environmental risks, priorities, and risk reduction opportunities contained in the 1990 SAB report, Reducing Risk: Setting Priorities and Strategies for Environmental Protection (EPA–SAB–EC–90–021). In subsequent discussions with the Deputy Administrator, the SAB has also agreed to provide insights on economic analysis of risk reduction options and ecosystem valuation. In summary, the current charge to the Valuation Subcommittee is to propose a new framework for assessing the value of ecosystems to humans, including ecological services and environmentally mediated health and quality of life values.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Single copies of the information provided to the Committee can be obtained by contacting Ms. Diana Pozun, Staff Secretary, Committee Operations Staff, Science Advisory Board (1400), US EPA, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260–8414, fax (202) 260–7118, or Internet address, via fax (202) 260–7118, or via the Internet at: pozun.diana@epamail.epa.gov. Single copies of Reducing Risk, the report of the previous relative risk ranking effort of the SAB, can be obtained by contacting the SAB’s Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (1400), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260–8414, or fax (202) 260–1889. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Mr. Thomas Miller, Designated Federal Official for the Valuation Subcommittee (Committee) at the above address, via fax (202) 260–7118, or via the Internet at: Miller.Tom@epamail.epa.gov. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Mr. Miller no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. To discuss technical aspects of the meeting, please contact Mr. Miller by telephone at (202) 260–8414.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

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