requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 105.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 683 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: $20,941.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1603.03 and OMB Control No. 2070–0123 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 24, 1996.

Stephen T. Vineski,
Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

[FRL–5672–1]

Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings; January 1997

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office. Public drafts of SAB reports are available to the Agency and the public from the SAB office. Details on availability are noted below.

1. Executive Committee (EC)

The Science Advisory Board’s (SAB’s) Executive Committee (EC) will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, January 15–16, 1997. The meeting will convene at 8:30 am in the Administrator’s Conference Room 1103—West Tower of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building at 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460, and adjourn no later than 5:30 pm each day.

At this meeting, the Executive Committee will receive updates from its committees and subcommittees concerning their recent and planned activities. As part of these updates, some committees will present draft reports for Executive Committee review and approval. Expected drafts include: (a) Disinfection Byproducts Research Plan Review Report (Drinking Water Committee); and (b) Marsh Management Plan Review Report (Ecological Processes and Effects Committee).

The Post-Report Activities Subcommittee, appointed by the Chair following the last meeting, will present recommendations to guide SAB members’ behavior as it relates to discussing SAB reports once they have been transmitted to the Administrator.

Other items currently on the agenda include the following:

(a) Discussions with Agency officials: (1) Ms. Jeanie Nelson, Counsel to the Administrator, subject: Impact of the SAB’s Beyond the Horizon Report on EPA programs; and (2) Dr. Penny Fenner-Crisp, subject: Activities of the Food Quality Protection Act Advisory Committee, and Activities of the Advisory Committee on Endocrine Disruptors.

(b) A Consultation on the assessment of Peer Review at EPA.

(c) On Wednesday afternoon, a subset of the Executive Committee will function as a “Lookout Panel” by meeting with leaders of the Agency’s Office of Pesticides Program to consider different 20-year scenarios of the future.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or who wishes to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Official for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20460, phone (202)–260–4126; fax (202)–260–9232; or via E-mail at: BARNES.DON@EPA.MAIL.EPA.GOV. Copies of the draft meeting agenda and available draft reports listed above can be obtained from Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson at the above phone and fax numbers or via the Internet at: TILLE-GADSON.PRISCILLA@EPA.MAIL.EPA.GOV.

2. Integrated Risk Project: Risk Reduction Options Subcommittee (RROS)

The Risk Reduction Options Subcommittee (RROS) of the Science Advisory Board’s (SAB) Integrated Risk Project (IRP) will meet Thursday and Friday, January 16–17, 1997. Through the courtesy of the School of Public Policy the meeting will be held in Press Room A (conference room) and Skyboxes 21, 22 and 23 (breakout rooms) in the Bill Moore Student Success Center, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta GA. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am Thursday and end by 5:00 pm Friday.

The Student Success Center is located between the stadium and Tech Tower just north of North Avenue, off the main entrance to Georgia Tech. To reach the Success Center from North Avenue, go up the stairs immediately before the pedestrian overpass on North Avenue. To reach the Student Success Center from MARTA (the subway), get off at the North Avenue stop, and walk west on North Avenue until you reach the pedestrian overpass (just before the main entrance to Tech), go up the stairs. The Student Success Center is the first building on the right after crossing the lawn at the top of the stairs. It is attached to the stadium, to the west of the Wardlaw Center.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss and test a draft methodology for developing risk reduction options for environmental problems. The Subcommittee’s activities are part of an SAB project to update the 1990 SAB report, Reducing Risk: Setting Priorities and Strategies for Environmental Protection. In a letter dated October 25, 1995, to Dr. Matanoski, Chair of the SAB Executive Committee, Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen charged the SAB to: (a) Develop an updated ranking of the relative risk of different environmental problems based upon explicit scientific criteria; (b) provide an assessment of techniques and criteria that could be used to discriminate among emerging environmental risks and identify those that merit serious, near-term Agency attention; (c) assess the potential for risk reduction and propose alternative technical risk reduction strategies for the environmental problems identified; and (d) identify the uncertainties and data quality issues associated with the relative rankings. The project is being conducted by several SAB panels, including RROS, working at the direction of an ad hoc Steering
Committee established by the Executive Committee.

FURTHER INFORMATION: An agenda and a roster can be obtained from the Subcommittee Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Clark, tel. (202) 260–8414, fax (202) 260–7118, or Email CLARK.DOROTHY@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting should contact Mrs. Kathleen Conway, Designated Federal Official, Risk Reduction Options Subcommittee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 260–2558; fax at (202) 260–7118; or via Email at CONWAY.KATHLEEN@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Committee must contact Mrs. Conway in writing (by letter or by fax—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Wednesday, January 8, 1997 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc.), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or the presentation itself.

3. Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) Review Subcommittee (MARSSIMRS) of the Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) Review Subcommittee (MARSSIMRS) of the Science Advisory Board’s (SAB’s) Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC), will review the technical basis of the draft Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM), dated December 1996 in a public meeting on Wednesday, January 22 and Thursday, January 23, 1997. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 22, 1997 and end no later than 5:00 pm Thursday, January 23, 1996. On the morning of the first and second day of the meeting, Wednesday, January 22, 1997 and Thursday, January 23, 1997, the MARSSIMRS will meet in South Conference Room No. 4 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. On the afternoon of each day January 22 and 23, 1996, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, the MARSSIMRS Workgroups will meet in “break-out” sessions for each of three MARSSIMRS workgroups in South Conference Room Numbers 8, 10, and 12, and may also utilize the Science Advisory Board Conference Room 2103 in Waterside Mall, depending on space needs at that time. Workgroup No. 1 will deal with Integration Issues, Workgroup No. 2 will deal with Monitoring, and Workgroup No. 3 will deal with Statistics. The Subcommittee previously met on July 31 and August 1, 1996 (See Federal Register Vol. 61, No. 123, Tuesday, June 25, 1996, pages 32796–32798) to plan for the upcoming review.

The charge to the Subcommittee is as follows: (a) Is the overall approach to the planning, data acquisition, data assessment, and data interpretation as described in the MARSSIM technically acceptable? (b) Are the methods and assumptions for demonstrating that a site is or is not contaminant-regulated - risk-based regulation technically acceptable? (c) Are the hypothesis and statistical tests and their method of application appropriate?

The draft document being reviewed by the MARSSIMRS at this meeting is the draft MARSSIM Manual, dated December 1996. Copies of this draft document are available from the originating EPA office (see below) and are not available from the SAB Office. The EPA document number is EPA 402-R–96-018. A limited supply of single copies of this document will be available at no cost at the meeting on January 22 and 23, 1997. This document will also be available via the INTERNET at http://www.epa.gov/radiation/cleanup around mid-December. This EPA document will also be available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) in this same time-frame (mid-December) for a fee. The NTIS document number is NTIS–PB97-117659. The NTIS sales desk is open between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday at (703) 487–4650. For the hearing impaired, call (703) 487–4639. For RUSH service (which entails an additional fee), call 1–800–NTIS. Fax orders can be sent to (703) 321–8547. To order by mail, send orders to: NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. The background documents that support this review, as well as the draft MARSSIM, dated December 1996 (EPA draft document number EPA 402–R–96–018, as referred to as NUREG–1575) will be available in the Agency’s Air and Radiation Docket around mid-December. Please address written inquiries as follows: USEPA, Attn: Air and Radiation Docket, Mail Stop 6102, Air Docket No. A–96–44, Room M1500, First Floor, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The docket may be inspected from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, in Room M1500. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies of docket materials. Inquiries regarding access to the public information docket should be directed to Mr. Mark Doehnert, ORIA Staff at (202) 233–9386. To discuss technical aspects of the draft document or any supporting or background information, please contact Mr. Doehnert, Radiation Protection Division (6603), Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, tel. (202) 233–9386; FAX (202) 233–9650; Email at DOEHNERT.MARK@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation at this meeting must contact Mrs. Diana L. Pozun in writing (via fax or letter), Staff Secretary, in writing via fax (202) 260–7118 or Email POZUN.DIANA@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV no later than noon, Eastern Time on Wednesday, January 15, 1997, in order to have time reserved on the agenda. For a copy of the proposed agenda, please contact Ms. Pozun at the numbers given above. For questions regarding technical issues to be discussed, please contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Official, Science Advisory Board (1400), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, by telephone at (202) 260–2560, fax at (202) 260–7118, or via the Email at: KOOYOOMJIAN.AN.JACK@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

4. Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will conduct a planning coordination and review meeting on Friday, January 24, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. and ending no later than 3:00 p.m. that day. The RAC last met on July 31 & August 1, 1996 (See Federal Register Vol. 61, No. 123, Tuesday, June 25, 1996, pages 32796–32798). The meeting will take place at the Washington Information Center Conference Room No. 17. If additional space is needed, the RAC may also utilize the Science Advisory Board Conference Room 2103 at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Additional space needs will be
determined at the time of the meeting. Expected topics include the following:

- an update on the recently initiated MARSSIM review; discussions on the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) efforts to revise the NORM (Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material) Draft Scoping Document; an update on the status of the Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation (BEIR) VI study and the scoping study for BEIR VII, a briefing on the conclusions of the National Academy of Science review of the risk of Electro-Magnetic Fields (EMF), and continued discussion on ORIA’s radon activities. Other topics will be reviewed as time permits.

To discuss technical aspects of the ORIA projects, or any supporting or background information, please contact Mr. Brian Littleton, (6601J), Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, tel. (202) 233–9216; fax (202) 233–9651; or Email: LITTLETON.BRIAN-@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

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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, for meetings, opportunities for oral comment will normally be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than thirty minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week before the meeting), may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee; 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.

Information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in The FY 1996 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Evaluation and Support (CESS) by contacting US EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400), Attention: CESS, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 or via fax (202) 260–1889. Additional information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Home Page at: HTTP://WWW.EPA/SCIENCE1/

Dated: December 23, 1996.
Donald G. Barnes,
Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.
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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

President’s Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology; Meeting

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President’s Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.


TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA:

The PCAST will meet in an open session during the morning of Wednesday, January 15, 1997, beginning at approximately 9:30 a.m. The meeting will focus on concluding the 1996 PCAST panel activities as well as on current activities of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). This session will end at approximately 12:00 Noon.

The morning session may be interrupted for the PCAST to gather at the White House to be introduced to the President and/or Vice President of the United States.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding time, place, and agenda, please call Andrea Razzaghi, Acting Policy Analyst, Executive Secretary for PCAST, or Angela Phillips Diaz, Acting Policy Analyst for PCAST, at (202) 456–6100. Please note that public seating for this meeting