

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Science Advisory Board; Request for Nomination of Members and Consultants**

In accordance with its standard operating procedures (SAB-FRL-2657-4 dated August 21, 1984), the Science Advisory Board (SAB), including the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council), previously referred to as the Clean Air Act Compliance Advisory Council (CAACAC), of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting nominations for Members and Consultants (M/Cs). As part of this effort, the Agency is publishing this notice to describe the purpose of the SAB and to invite the public to nominate appropriately qualified candidates to fill upcoming vacancies. This process supplements other efforts to identify qualified candidates.

The SAB is composed of non-Federal government scientists and engineers who are employed on an intermittent basis to provide independent advice directly to the EPA Administrator on technical aspects of public health and environmental issues confronting the Agency. Members of the SAB are appointed by the Administrator—generally in October—to serve two years terms with some possibilities for reappointment. Consultants are appointed throughout the year, as the need arises, by the Staff Director of the Science Advisory Board to serve renewable one-year terms and serve on SAB committees, as needed. Many individuals serve as Consultants prior to serving as Members.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to serve on the SAB. Nominees should be qualified by education, training and experience to evaluate scientific, engineering and/or economics information on issues referred to and addressed by the Board. The principal criteria in the membership selection process are:

- a. Technical competence.
- b. Independence.
- c. Ability to work in a committee environment.
- d. Overall balance of technical points of view on the SAB. Historically, between 15 and 20 new Members and between 30 and 40 new consultants are appointed each year.

Members and Consultants most often serve in association with one of the following standing committees:

Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, Drinking Water Committee, Ecological Processes and Effects Committee, Environmental Economics Advisory Committee, Environmental Engineering Committee, Environmental Health Committee, Integrated Human Exposure Committee, Radiation Advisory Committee, and Research Strategies Advisory Committee.

Members and Consultants can expect to attend 1-6 meetings per year, based upon the activity of the committee on which they serve. M/Cs generally serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) (40 CFR part 3, subpart F or EPA Ethics Advisory 88-6 dated 7/6/88) and receive compensation, in addition to reimbursement at the Federal government rate for travel and per diem expenses while serving on the SAB. SGEs are required to complete an application package, including a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, telephone number, fax number, email address (if available) and SAB committee of primary interest. Nominations should include a current resume or curriculum vitae that addresses the nominee's background, experience, qualifications, and specific areas of expertise (e.g., genetic toxicologist, resource economist, etc.).

Information on the nominees will be evaluated and entered into the SAB's M/C data base which will be consulted whenever vacancies arise and/or when special expertise is needed for particular reviews. This request for nominations does not imply any commitment by the Agency to select individuals to serve as a Member of or Consultant to the Science Advisory Board from the responses received.

Nominations should be submitted to: Ms. Carolyn Osborne, Project Coordinator, Science Advisory Board, USEPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 Tel:(202) 260-9644 no later than June 13, 1997. Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in the Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available at the SAB Website URL <http://www.epa.gov/science1> or by calling (202) 260-8414 or by INTERNET at BARNES.Don@EPAMAIL.GOV.

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**1996 Food Quality Protection Act, Amendments to the Laws Governing the Regulation of Pesticides; EPA's Implementation Plan**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's plan for implementing the provisions of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 is now available to the public. On August 3, 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). FQPA significantly amends the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), the laws governing pesticide regulation. EPA's FQPA Implementation Plan summarizes the provisions of FQPA and explains the Agency's approach to implementing them. FQPA significantly changes the way pesticides must be reviewed. The new law requires EPA, among other things, to upgrade its scientific review procedures to provide a more complete assessment of pesticide risks, especially risks to potentially sensitive groups, such as infants and children. FQPA sets a new health-based safety standard for all pesticide residues in food and requires that all established permissible pesticide residue limits (tolerances) be re-evaluated in accordance with the new standard. This Federal Register Notice announces the availability of the Implementation Plan and instructs the public on how to obtain it.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail: Copies of the FQPA Implementation Plan are available by mail at the following locations: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, or the Communications Services Branch, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

In person:

1. Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5805.
2. Communications Services Branch, Rm. 1120, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Christine Gillis, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone (703) 305-5131