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National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Request For Nominations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites all interested persons to nominate qualified individuals to serve a three-year term as members of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council. This Advisory Council was established to provide practical and independent advice, consultation and recommendations to the Agency on the activities, functions and policies related to the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended. The Council consists of fifteen members, including a Chair. Five members represent the general public; five members represent appropriate state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; and five members represent private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply. On December 15 of each year, five members complete their appointment. Due to a declined appointment last year, an additional vacancy is available to fill a term expiring December 16, 1999, all other terms will expire in the Year 2001. Therefore, this notice solicits names to fill six vacancies occurring on December 16, 1998.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address and telephone number. To be considered, all nominations must include a current resume providing the nominee's background, experience and qualifications.

Persons selected for membership will receive compensation for travel and a nominal daily compensation while attending meetings. The Council holds two face to face meetings each year, generally in the Spring and Fall. Additionally, members will be asked to serve on one of the Council's working groups that are formed each year to assist the EPA in major program issue development. These meetings are held approximately four times a year, with two meetings by conference call.

Nominations should be submitted to Charlene E. Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, no later than October 23, 1998. The Agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations. E-Mail your questions to shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov or call 202/260-2285.

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Ecological Processes and Effects Committee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on October 13-15, 1998 in Room 3709 Mall, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and end no later than 5:30 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public, with seating available on a first-come basis. The purpose of the meeting is to: a) review certain aspects of the Office of Water's Index of Watershed Indicators;

and b) continue work on a Committee project on ecological report cards.

Background

Index of Watershed Indicators: In May 1997, the EPEC prepared an advisory document recommending improvements and modifications to the Agency's Index of Watershed Indicators (IWI). The IWI is a geographic information system (GIS)-based tool for providing integrated information on the condition and vulnerability of watersheds in the United States. The first version of the IWI, released in October 1997, contains 15 data layers (or indicators) providing information on water and sediment quality within a watershed, indicators of urban and agricultural runoff potential, information on aquatic species at risk in a watershed, and so forth. In its September 1997 advisory report, the Committee recommended that subsequent versions of the IWI include a broader range of indicators, including indicators of terrestrial condition, and that the algorithm used to integrate the various indicators into a watershed score be evaluated.

The Charge to the Committee for the October review of the IWI is to provide peer review and advice on the strategic plan for the IWI; the algorithm used to calculate watershed scores; and the proposed indicators of terrestrial condition. In addition, the Committee may comment on other aspects of the IWI, including the ability of the suite of indicators to adequately characterize watershed condition and vulnerability.

Copies of the IWI information provided to the Committee are NOT available from the SAB Office, but may be obtained by contacting Lynda Buie, EPA Office of Water, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, Mail Code (4503F), telephone (202) 260-7046, or via email at Buie.Lynda@epa.gov.

Ecological Report Cards: The Committee is conducting a self-initiated project to offer advice to the Agency on the content and design of an ecological report card, including the definition of baseline ecological data and benchmarks that can be measured to demonstrate improvements in ecological integrity as a result of management or restoration programs. At its meeting in July 1998, the Committee was briefed on various Agency efforts to develop indicators and progress measures. The October meeting will be an opportunity for the Committee to finalize a project description, and begin discussion of a conceptual framework for ecological report cards. Subsequent meetings will likely focus on the application of the report card framework to example Agency efforts, as well as possible