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Dated: June 20, 2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Notice—Executive Committee—July 12-13, 2000

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Science Advisory Board's (SAB's) Executive Committee will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, July 12-13, 2000. The meeting will convene each day at 8:30 am at the EPA Office of Administration Auditorium located at 79 T.W. Alexander Drive in Research Triangle Park, NC and adjourn no later than 5:30 pm. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting is open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

Purpose of the Meeting—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. Tentatively anticipated drafts include, but are not limited to the *Executive Committee Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards Subcommittee: Review of the Report on "Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards."*

As part of this two day meeting, the Executive Committee will also: (a) meet with various Agency officials to discuss matters of mutual interest such as the scope and breadth of R&D activities performed at RTP, including a poster presentation the afternoon of July 12 to be held in Classroom One of the Environmental Research Center, Highway 54 and T. W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC; (b) receive briefings from Agency staff on various

topics, including an update of the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) project; (c) conduct the third in a series of Workshops on the role of science in some of the Agency's innovative approaches to environmental decisionmaking focusing on new approaches to stakeholder involvement; and, (d) discuss options for activities the Board might undertake to improve the use of science at the science policy interface.

Availability of Materials—The timing of these events will be included in an agenda for the meeting that should be available one week prior to the meeting. Drafts of the reports that will be reviewed at the meeting should be available to the public at the SAB website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) by close-of-business on July 5.

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit *brief* oral comments should contact Dr. John R. Fowle III, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Executive Committee, *in writing*, no later than close of business July 7, 2000 at USEPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; fax (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at <fowle.john@epa.gov>. Those wishing further information concerning the meeting should contact Dr. Fowle at (202) 564-4533.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior

to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

General Information—Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in *The FY1999 Annual Report of the Staff Director* which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

Meeting Access—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: June 19, 2000.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects; Project XL Proposed Final Project Agreement: Progressive Insurance Company

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Project XL Proposed Final Project Agreement: Progressive Insurance Project—Pay-as-you-Drive Auto Insurance.

SUMMARY: EPA is requesting comments on a proposed Project XL Final Project Agreement (FPA) for the Progressive Auto Insurance Company (hereafter "Progressive"). The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by Progressive and the EPA.

DATES: Comments are due on or before July 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the proposed FPA should be sent to: Janet Murray, EPA Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, mail code 1802, Washington DC 20460. Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Murray at (202) 260-3125. Comments may also be received via electronic mail sent to: murray.janet@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the proposed FPA or a Fact Sheet, contact: Janet Murray, EPA Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, mail code 1802, Washington DC 20460. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Janet Murray at (202) 260-7570. To be included on the Progressive Project XL mailing list for information about future meetings, or XL Progress Reports, contact Janet Murray at (202) 260-7570. Information on other aspects of Project XL, descriptions of other XL projects and proposals, and application information is available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Project XL, first announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated entities the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory or procedural requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits. EPA has set a goal of implementing fifty XL projects in full partnership with the states.

The Progressive Insurance Company has piloted a new type of voluntary auto insurance program in the state of Texas. Most auto insurance rates are based on a number of factors, including: age, sex, marital status, and where the driver lives, while more specific information about customer driving patterns such as mileage driven, time of day and location of driving, are generally not taken into account because of the difficulty involved in monitoring and tracking the information. In response to this, Progressive has worked cooperatively with a technology firm to install in their customers' vehicles a global positioning system device which, in addition to providing personal security, and roadside and directional assistance, also monitors a number of other factors, including: time of day, amount of driving, and estimated geographic location of driving. The company can then use these additional factors in its "Autograph" Program in determining auto insurance rates which are more specific to individuals' driving habits.

It has been estimated that roughly 80% of an individual's transportation costs are fixed once one purchases a car; that is, 80% of costs remain the same on a monthly basis regardless of how much or how little one drives. With the Progressive system, some of the fixed costs now become variable costs which will be influenced by the customer's monthly driving activity.

By offering this product, Progressive is providing its customers a financial incentive to drive less and choose alternate forms of transportation, such as public transit or walking, and in so doing reduce the negative environmental impact resulting from higher levels of automobile usage. In this XL Project, EPA will initiate a study to determine the environmental impact of this insurance product.

While the company has not yet directly measured environmental impacts, if consumers respond to the increased per mile cost of driving resulting from converting automotive insurance from a fixed to variable cost the same way they do to the increased per mile cost of driving resulting from fuel price increases, a significant reduction in driving would be expected. Initial cost figures appear to show that drivers are paying close attention to their driving patterns and the information supplied to them by the company, in order to minimize their insurance costs.

The focus of this XL Project is an analytical study, which will determine the extent to which the Progressive Program has an effect on the environment. EPA, in partnership with USDOT and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, is developing a study methodology to determine if indeed the anecdotal evidence is accurate, and drivers are driving less as a result of their participation in the program. EPA's interest in the program derives from the possibility that insurance pricing plans like Autograph might alter driving habits, as well as distinguish existing differences in habits, as drivers learn how their driving habits affect their costs. Recognizing that factors such as total driving and driving during congested traffic periods, can also affect air quality, EPA is interested in whether people who sign up for a voluntary program like Autograph will reduce their total driving or their driving during congested periods.

Reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is essential to promoting many of EPA's environmental objectives. U.S. travel is responsible for a substantial portion of U.S. ozone precursor emissions (31% of volatile organic compounds and 36% of nitrogen oxides)

61% of nationwide carbon monoxide emissions, and 31% of carbon dioxide emissions. Reducing VMT is a fundamental strategy in addressing the full range of environmental harms related to travel.

The company has already piloted the technology and the insurance product. Progressive's commitment to this XL Project involves making available to EPA, aggregated data on participants' driving mileage and times of day that participants are driving. This will allow the Agency to analyze Progressive's data and make determinations regarding increases or decreases in driving mileage in response to the use of this product.

The public comment period on this project will be 14 days.

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Elizabeth Shaw,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Reinvention Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Interim Guidance on the CERCLA Section 101(10)(H) Federally Permitted Release Definition for Certain Air Emissions; Update

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that it will revise the Interim Guidance on the CERCLA Section 101(10)(H) Federally Permitted Release Definition for Certain Air Emissions. EPA has suspended the Interim Guidance until revised guidance is published.

EPA published the Interim Guidance in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 1999. EPA stated in the Interim Guidance that "EPA will revise the guidance if, after reviewing the comments, the Agency believes that the guidance warrants modification." EPA provided extensive opportunity for comment. The Interim Guidance public comment period was extended twice and EPA also held a public meeting on the Interim Guidance on February 24, 2000. EPA received numerous comments on the Interim Guidance. Upon review of these comments, EPA has decided to revise the Interim Guidance. EPA expects to issue revised guidance to replace the Interim Guidance in July 2000.