

solicited at the subsequent sessions of this training course identified in our November 15, 2001 notice. However, in order to obtain the broadest public participation in this process, we are asking for comment outside of these training sessions as well.

We have posted a table on our Web site showing the changes that were identified for discussion at the December 12th session and we request your comments on whether each of the changes are appropriate, with discussion of your rationale. In addition, please describe any additional changes you believe might be appropriate. The table is at <http://www.ferc.gov/gas/pptable.pdf>.

To provide comments you may log on to the FERC Web site at www.ferc.gov, and follow the links to "Gas Industry Seminars," "Online Registration," and "Participant Recommendations" or go directly to www.ferc-envtraining.com and select "Participant Recommendations."

C.B. Spencer,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Request for Proposals for an Improved Atmospheric Nitrogen Deposition Data Set for the Chesapeake Bay Program

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a request for proposals (RFP) for organizations interested in providing the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) with improved estimates of daily wet nitrogen deposition loadings to the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. Proposals must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2002. Funding will be provided to an organization under the authority of the Clean Water Act, Section 117.

The RFP is available at the following Web site: <http://www.gov/r3chespk/>. You may also request a copy by calling Julie Thomas at 410-267-9848 or by e-mail at thomas.julie@epa.gov. Proposals must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2002. Any late, incomplete or fax proposals will not be considered.

Diana Esher,
Acting Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7129-5]

Clear Air Act Advisory Committee Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) on November 19, 1990, to provide independent advice and counsel to EPA on policy issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act of 1990. The Committee advises on economic, environmental, technical, scientific, and enforcement policy issues.

Open Meeting Notice: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 10(a)(2), notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold its next open meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2002, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. Three of the CAAAC's four Subcommittees (the Linking Energy, Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality Concerns Subcommittee; the Permits/NRS/Toxics Integration Subcommittee; and the Economics Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee) will hold meetings on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 from approximately 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, the same location as the full Committee. The Energy, Clean Air and Climate Change Subcommittee will not meet at this time. The Linking Energy, Land Use, and Transportation, and Air Quality Concerns Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; the Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and the Permits/NSR/Toxics Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Inspection of Committee Documents: The Committee agenda and any documents prepared for the meeting will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with CAAAC meeting minutes, will be available by contacting the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and requesting information under docket item A-94-34 (CAAAC). The Docket office can be reached by telephoning 202-260-7548; FAX 202-260-4400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION Concerning this meeting of the full CAAAC, please contact Paul Rasmussen, Office of Air and Radiation, US EPA (202) 564-1306,

FAX (202) 564-1352 or by mail at US EPA, Office of Air and Radiation (Mail code 6102 A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. For information on the Subcommittee meetings, please contact the following individuals: (1) Permits/NSR/Toxics Integration—Debbie Stackhouse, 919-541-5354; and (2) Linking Transportation, Land Use and Air Quality Concerns—Robert Larson, 734-214-4277; and (3) Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovations—Carey Fitzmaurice, 202-564-1667. Additional information on these meetings and the CAAAC and its Subcommittees can be found on the CAAAC Web Site: www.epa.gov/oar/caaac/.

Dated: January 9, 2002.

Robert D. Brenner,
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7129-7]

EPA Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that two committees of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. *Important Notice:* Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

1. The PM Centers Interim Review Panel of the Executive Committee (PM Centers Panel)—February 11-12, 2002

The PM Centers Interim Review Panel of the Executive Committee of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), will meet on Monday and Tuesday, February 11-12, 2002 in the EPA Science Advisory Board Conference Room (room 6013), USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The meeting will begin by 8:30 am on February 11 and adjourn no later than 5 pm on February 12, 2002.

Purpose of the Meeting—In 1995 EPA introduced a research grants program (Science To Achieve Results (STAR)) focused on targeted, investigator-initiated, peer-review-competed grants. Subsequent experience suggested that there could be substantial benefits gained by investing some resources in larger, more coordinated grants to “research centers” that would focus the combined efforts of a group of researchers on closely related problems. The Particulate Matter (PM) Centers were funded in 1999 for a five-year period and thus, are in the middle of their grants. Although two and a half years of the PM Centers program is not sufficient time to evaluate fully its merits, the Agency is seeking an interim assessment of the PM centers concept that will help the Agency as it formulates its future research funding plans. It is for this purpose of providing interim advice on the effectiveness of the PM centers concept as a research mechanism that the SAB Panel is being convened.

Charge to the Subcommittee—The Panel has been asked to address the following Charge questions:

Overall Objective

To assess the value-added nature of a PM Centers research program.

Overall Charge Question

Based on progress to date, should a PM Centers research program be undertaken beyond 2004? In which areas, to what extent, and for what reasons is a PM Centers program beneficial? Identify specific areas in which the program could be improved.

Specific Charge Questions

(a) Recognizing the PM Centers program is barely at its halfway point, what important research findings (or promising investigations) have been made that would not have occurred otherwise? What unique aspect(s) of a Centers program enabled such actions to be taken?

(b) To what extent has the direction or focus of research shifted as a result of the multi-disciplinary interactions within the Center (i.e., findings in one department influence researchers in another to change direction or emphasis)? To what extent have changes in research direction or emphasis been influenced by Science Advisory Committee reviews, interactions with other PM Centers, or interactions with the broader PM research community? Which factors have been most influential?

(c) How successful are Centers in communicating their findings to the

public and specifically, to those who directly use their research? Is it clear that the work has been supported by the PM Centers program?

(d) How, if at all, does a PM research centers program facilitate agreement or consensus on protocols or procedures to enable more direct comparison of results among research institutions or centers?

(e) How, if at all, does a PM research centers program leverage or maximize use of resources through sharing expensive equipment, samples, data, etc.?

(f) How is the program perceived within and outside the research community? Does a research center have greater visibility, and if so, what is the impact?

Availability of Review Materials: The Agency is coordinating the preparation of background materials that will help to inform the review. To access these materials, please contact Ms. Stacey Katz (Phone: 202-564-8201, or e-mail katz.stacey@epa.gov) or Ms. Gail Robarge (Phone: 202-564-8301, or e-mail robarge.gail@epa.gov) in the EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD).

For Further Information—Members of the public wishing an Agenda or a roster of the Committee should contact Ms. Diana Pozun, Program Specialist, Research Strategies Advisory Committee, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), Suite 6450, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4544; fax at (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at pozun.diana@epa.gov. Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (10 minutes or less) must contact Dr. Donald Barnes, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4533; FAX (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at barnes.don@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Dr. Barnes no later than noon Eastern Standard Time on February 4, 2002 [five business days before the meeting].

2. Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC)—February 20–21, 2002

The Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Wednesday, February 20, 2002 and Thursday, February 21, 2002 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (Eastern Time). The

meeting will be held in the EPA Science Advisory Board Conference Room (room 6013), USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004.

Purpose of the Meeting—In this meeting, the Research Strategies Advisory Committee plans to review the Science and Technology component of the President’s Budget Request for the Fiscal Year 2003 EPA budget. The tentative charge questions are:

(a) Does the budget request provide adequate balance and attention to the core and problem driven research needed to provide satisfactory knowledge for current and future decisions EPA will be required to make?

(b) How can EPA better use measures of performance to identify the impact of its research and development program and the funds that Congress provides for that Program? (the intent of this question is to go beyond GPRA requirements and help address issues surrounding using the findings from GPRA evaluations, OIG audits, GAO reports, etc.)

(c) Is the EPA research and development program addressing the important issues needed to adequately protect human health and the environment in the US and globally? What important issues are not receiving adequate attention at the current level of resources provided for the R&D program and the S&T budget?

(d) Does the budget request reflect the priorities identified in the EPA and ORD Strategic Plans?

Availability of Review Materials: Materials that are the subject of this review are available from Mr. Mike Feldman of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer or from Ms. Amy Battaglia Office of Research and Development. Mr. Feldman can be reached on (202) 564-6951 or by e-mail at feldman.mike@epa.gov and Ms. Battaglia can be reached on (202) 564-6685 or via e-mail on battaglia.amy@epa.gov.

For Further Information—Members of the public wishing an Agenda or a roster of the Committee should contact Ms. Betty Fortune, Office Assistant, Research Strategies Advisory Committee, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), Suite 6450, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4534; fax at (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at fortune.betty@epa.gov. Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (10 minutes or less) must contact Dr. John “Jack” R. Fowle III, Designated Federal Officer,

EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4547; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at fowle.jack@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Dr. Fowle no later than noon Eastern Standard Time on February 13, 2002.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA 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 (unless otherwise indicated). 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 EPA Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in *The FY2000 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 appropriate DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: January 11, 2002.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, EPA Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7129-3]

Draft Recommendations for Implementing EPA's Public Involvement Policy

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA seeks public comment on the 12-page document "Draft Recommendations for Implementing EPA's Public Involvement Policy." The document recommends specific EPA actions to enhance adoption of the Agency's Public Involvement Policy by EPA staff and managers. EPA published its Draft 2000 Public Involvement Policy in the **Federal Register** in December, 2000 (65 FR 82335, Dec. 28, 2000) and is currently writing the final policy and response to comments, both of which will be released in the Spring of 2002. The recommended implementation actions include: creating a communication network and mechanisms that allow EPA staff to exchange public involvement information; creating an electronic database that includes public involvement training opportunities, case studies and other helpful resources; providing public involvement training to EPA staff and managers; developing evaluation measures and tools to measure the effectiveness of EPA's public involvement activities; and evaluating the Agency's adoption of the Public Involvement Policy over time. EPA seeks public comment on this document for 60 days following publication on EPA's web page and notice in the **Federal Register**. After reviewing public comments, EPA will begin implementing many of these recommended activities. The revised document will be issued along with the Final Public Involvement Policy in the Spring of 2002. The draft

recommendations document and future updates will be posted on the Agency's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/stakeholders>.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until March 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Patricia A. Bonner, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation (MC 1807), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460, by facsimile at 202-260-4903 or by electronic mail to bonner.patricia@epa.gov or to stakeholders@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia Bonner at 202-260-0599. To request a mailed copy, call Loretta Schumacher at 202-260-3096 or e-mail a request to stakeholders@epa.gov. The draft recommendations document and the Draft Public Involvement Policy may be viewed or downloaded from [<http://www.epa.gov/stakeholders>].

Thomas J. Gibson,

Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-51981; FRL-6819-9]

Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to publish a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from December 1, 2001 to December 22, 2001, consists of the PMNs and TMEs, both pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received