

Science Advisory Board on all aspects of the draft science plan. In particular, the EPA requests comments and information on the following questions contained in the current draft charge to the SAB panel:

1. The Contaminated Sediments Science Plan (Science Plan) is the first official Agency science plan of its kind designed to address a significant cross-agency environmental issue in a systematic and integrated fashion. Does the Science Plan adequately convey the need for such a strategic planning document, i.e., are the goals and objectives of the plan understandable and appropriate to the subject?

2. Are the major areas of contaminated sediments science (sediment site characterization, exposure assessment, human health effects and risk assessment, ecological effects and risk assessment, sediment remediation, baseline and post-remediation monitoring, risk communication, and information management and exchange activities) appropriately addressed? Are any major areas missing?

3. Are the key recommendations clearly defined and appropriate to resolve the science needs discussed in Chapter 3?

4. Are there other issues or key recommendations which should be considered in this Science Plan?

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nominations in electronic format should be submitted to [martin.lawrence@epa.gov](mailto:martin.lawrence@epa.gov). Anyone unable to submit in electronic format should send the nomination paperwork to Mr. Lawrence Martin, Designated Federal Official (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-6497; FAX (202) 501-0323. Nominations should arrive no later than August 14, 2002. The SAB will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations.

The nominations received through this solicitation will be combined with other sources; e.g., the Agency, SAB members, and external outreach. From this larger group of nominees (termed the "WIDECAST"), a smaller subset (the "Short List") will be identified for more detailed consideration. The Short List will include the names of candidates, a short biosketch of each candidate, and the names of those who nominated them. The Short List will be posted on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab/fiscal02.htm>) and public comments accepted on the expertise, conflict-of-

interest, and apparent lack of impartiality (as defined by federal regulation) of individual candidates as well as on the overall balance of views represented on the Panel. At the SAB, a balanced panel is characterized by inclusion of the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to address the charge adequately.

Public reaction to the Short List candidates will be considered in the selection of the Panel, along with information provided by candidates and information gathered by SAB Staff independently on the background of each candidate. Criteria to be used in evaluating an individual panelist include: (a) Expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) Availability and willingness to serve; (c) Scientific credibility and impartiality; and (d) Skills working in committees and advisory panels.

Panel members will be asked to attend at least one public face-to-face meeting and, probably, several public conference call meetings over the anticipated 3-month course of the activity. The Executive Committee (EC) of the SAB will review the Panel's report in a public meeting and reach a judgment about its transmittal to the Administrator.

*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 *EPA Science Advisory Board FY2001 Annual Staff Report* which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256, or at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/annreport01.pdf>.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) Meeting Date, and Agenda**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of teleconference meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) will have a teleconference meeting on August 21, 2002, at 11 a.m. EDT to discuss the ideas, comments, and suggestions presented at the July 9 ELAB Open Forum and July 11 ELAB Meeting, as well as new business. Items to be discussed include: (1) Restructuring of the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) to allow it to better serve the future needs of EPA, the States, and the private sector, (2) discussion of ELAB recommendations to EPA, (3) recommendations for increasing small laboratory participation in NELAC and (4) recommendations for increasing the number of States that are Accrediting Authorities. ELAB is soliciting input from the public on these and other issues related to the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) and the NELAC standards. Written comments on NELAP laboratory accreditation and the NELAC standards are encouraged and should be sent to Mr. Edward Kantor, DFO, PO Box 93478, Las Vegas, NV 89193, faxed to (702) 798-2261, or e-mailed to [kantor.edward@epa.gov](mailto:kantor.edward@epa.gov). Members of the public are invited to listen to the teleconference calls and, time permitting, will be allowed to comment on issues discussed during this and previous ELAB meetings. Those persons interested in attending should call Edward Kantor at 702-798-2690 to obtain teleconference information. The number of lines are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Preference will be given to a group wishing to attend over a request from an individual.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Meeting of the Ozone Transport Commission for the Northeast United States**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency is