

- b. "Going forward" cost.
- c. Long run marginal cost.
- d. Sunk investment cost.
- e. Other.

(10) Are long-term commitments necessary for investment in infrastructure (generation, transmission or demand response) to resolve or remove load pockets?

(11) Under what conditions is an RTO-administered auction to acquire capacity in a local area warranted?

- a. Who can call for an auction?

b. What resources will be able to bid into auction? Transmission? Existing generation units? Demand Response?

(12) What are appropriate combinations of the market power mitigation measures and the local resource adequacy measures?

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7618-2]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Upcoming Meeting of the US Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA, Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Board of the EPA SAB.

**DATES:** February 23-25, 2004: A public meeting of the Board of the EPA SAB will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 23 and 24, 2004, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on February 25, 2004 (eastern time).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting location for face-to-face meetings of the Board will be in the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area. The meeting location will be announced on the SAB Web site, <http://www.epa/sab> two weeks before the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the SAB may contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4558; or via e-mail at [miller.tom@epa.gov](mailto:miller.tom@epa.gov). General information about the SAB can be found in the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Background

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is given that the SAB, will hold a public meeting, also described above, to provide advice to EPA on its science, technology, and research programs and budgets for its Fiscal Year 2005. The first public advisory meeting on this subject was first announced in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 2003 (68 FR 66095), and held on December 10, 2003.

The purpose of the public meeting of February 23-25 is to continue to receive briefings and respond to EPA's charge about science, technology, and research programs and the FY 2005 budget. The charge, meeting agenda, and review documents and background information will be available on the SAB Web site <http://www.epa.gov/sab> two weeks before the meeting.

Individuals who are unable to access the documents electronically may contact Mr. Thomas Miller, DFO, as noted above. A very limited number of paper copies can be made available in special circumstances.

### Procedures for Providing Public Comment

It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at the (Board) meeting will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of 10 minutes (unless otherwise indicated). For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than 15 minutes total. Interested parties should contact the DFO in writing (email, fax or mail) at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the participants and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although written comments are accepted 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 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: Adobe Acrobat, 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 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

### Meeting Accommodations

Individuals requiring special accommodation to access these meetings, should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: January 23, 2004.

**Vanessa T. Vu,**

*Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7618-3]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Science Advisory Board Review Panel for the EPA's Report on the Environment

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference and meeting of the SAB Review Panel for the Agency's Report on the Environment (ROE).

**DATES:** February 18, 2004: The public teleconference will be held on February 18, 2004, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (eastern time).

*March 9-12, 2004:* The public meeting of the Panel will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 9-11, 2004, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on March 12, 2004 (eastern time).

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting of the Panel will be held in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The meeting location will be announced on the SAB Web site, <http://www.epa/sab> two weeks before the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public meeting, or wishing to obtain the teleconference call-in number and access code to participate in the

teleconference, may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4539, fax at (202) 501-0582, or via e-mail at [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov). General information about the SAB can be found in the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Panel will hold a public teleconference and a public meeting to provide advice to the EPA on the Agency's Report on the Environment. Background on the Panel and the focus of the public teleconference and meeting described in this notice was provided in a **Federal Register** notice published on June 17, 2003 (68 FR 35883-35884).

The purpose of the public teleconference is to discuss the review charge and provide an opportunity for questions or clarifications from the Panel on the ROE prior to the March public meeting. The purpose of the March public meeting is for the Panel to review the ROE. The agendas and charge questions will be posted on the SAB Web site, <http://www.epa.gov/sab/agendas.htm>, prior to the teleconference and meeting. The ROE documents may be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/indicators/roe/html/roePDF.htm>.

##### Procedures for Providing Public Comments

It is the policy of the EPA SAB to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at the ROE panel 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 10 minutes (unless otherwise indicated). In general, for teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than 15 minutes total. Requests to provide oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by the DFO no later than noon eastern time five business days prior to the teleconference in order to reserve time on the teleconference agenda. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB Staff Office accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments

should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least seven business days prior to the teleconference date so that the comments may be made available to the committee or panel for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the 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: Adobe Acrobat, 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 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

##### Meeting Accommodations

Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meetings listed above should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: January 23, 2004.

**Vanessa Vu,**

*Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0360; FRL-7334-4]

##### Carbamate Cumulative Assessment Group; Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 408(b)(2)(D)(v) and (vi) of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA), specifies that when determining the safety of a pesticide chemical, EPA shall base its risk assessment on aggregate exposure and available information concerning the cumulative effects to human health that may result from exposure to pesticides and other substances that have a common mechanism of toxicity. EPA has determined that certain substances in the carbamate class of pesticides share a common mechanism of toxicity. This notice announces EPA's determination regarding the specific substances which will be included within this cumulative assessment group (CAG) for the N-methyl carbamate pesticide cumulative risk assessment.

**DATES:** EPA expects a preliminary cumulative assessment will be available

for public comment by the Spring of 2005. EPA will announce its availability and request public comments in a future **Federal Register** Notice.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Technical issues:* David Miller, Health Effects Division (7509C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-5352; e-mail address: [miller.davidj@epa.gov](mailto:miller.davidj@epa.gov).

*General issues:* John Leahy, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6703; e-mail address: [leahy.john@epa.gov](mailto:leahy.john@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This notice is directed to the public in general; however, persons may be interested who work in agricultural settings or persons who are concerned about implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA); and the amendments to both of these major pesticide laws by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Potentially affected entities may include but are not limited to: Agricultural workers and farmers; pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental, consumer and farmworker groups; pesticide users and growers; pest consultants; State, local and Tribal governments; academia; public health organizations; food processors; and the public.

###### B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0360. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI)