

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP05-13-000]

Ingleside Energy Center LNG Project; Notice of Technical Conference

January 21, 2005.

On Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. (CST), staff of the Office of Energy Projects will convene a cryogenic design and technical conference regarding the proposed Ingleside Energy Center LNG import terminal. The cryogenic conference will be held in the Sheraton North Houston at George Bush Intercontinental Airport. The hotel is located at 15700 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77032. For hotel details call 281-442-5100.

In view of the nature of the critical energy infrastructure information and security issues to be explored, the cryogenic conference will not be open to the public. Attendance at this conference will be limited to existing parties to the proceeding (anyone who has specifically requested to intervene as a party) and to representatives of interested federal, state, and local agencies. Any person planning to attend the February 8th cryogenic conference *must register* by close of business on Friday, February 4th, 2005.

Registrations may be submitted either online at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/cryo-conf-form.asp> or by faxing a copy of the form (found at the referenced online link) to 202-208-0353. All attendees must sign a non-disclosure statement prior to entering the conference. Upon arrival at the hotel, check the reader board in the hotel lobby for venue. For additional information regarding the cryogenic conference, please contact Thach Nguyen at 202-502-6364.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; EPI Suite Review Panel of the Science Advisory Board; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office (hereinafter, the "Staff Office") is announcing the formation of a new SAB review panel known as the EPI Suite Review Panel of the Science Advisory Board (hereinafter, the "Panel") and is hereby soliciting nominations for this Panel.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by February 22, 2005, per the instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Request for Nominations may contact Ms. Kathleen White, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff, at telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9878; or via e-mail at: white.kathleen@epa.gov. General information concerning the SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: A mission of the U.S. EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) is to evaluate potential risks of commercial chemical substances that are or will be released to the environment. OPPT also has the primary responsibility for implementing Agency policy on pollution prevention (P2), and in this role is a critical provider of information and guidance to risk assessors and risk managers. The understanding of and ability to predict the behavior of a chemical substance in a biological or environmental system depends upon knowledge of the physical, chemical and environmental properties of that substance. Accordingly, OPPT has supported the development of software for estimating these properties from chemical structure known as the Estimation Programs Interface (EPI) suite. EPI Suite is routinely used in evaluating new chemicals under EPA's Premanufacture Notices (PMNs) for new chemicals under section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, and is widely used for predicting physical/chemical properties and environmental fate and transport properties for chemicals already in commerce. Further information about EPI Suite and its applications can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/exposure/docs/episuite.htm>. OPPT has requested that the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) review the supporting science, functionality, and appropriate use of EPI Suite.

The SAB's mission, as established by 42 U.S.C. 4365, is to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and

recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical bases for EPA policies and regulations. In response to OPPT's request, the SAB will form a review panel to conduct a review of the EPI Suite. The EPI Suite Review Panel will provide advice through the chartered SAB. The Panel will provide advice regarding the comprehensiveness and soundness of the science supporting EPI Suite including method validation, alternative estimation methods, completeness of the software, documentation, and appropriateness of its current applications. The Panel will consider both appropriate use in the PMN program and other uses in screening level assessments. The work of this panel is expected to continue until the review is complete. The EPI Suite Review Panel will comply with the openness provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and all appropriate SAB procedural policies, including the SAB process for panel formation described in the *Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board*, which can be found on the SAB's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec0210.pdf>.

Request for Nominations: The SAB Staff Office is requesting nominations of recognized scientists and engineers with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- (1) Environmental chemistry and engineering;
- (2) Pollution prevention, especially experience deciding whether or not to go into production with a chemical;
- (3) Development of estimation models, such as QSARs that predict properties, effects and fate of chemicals from structure; and
- (4) Application of EPI Suite or similar tools.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate individuals qualified in any of the areas of expertise described above to serve on the Panel. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format through the *Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the EPA Science Advisory Board* provided on the SAB Web site. The form can be accessed through a link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web site, <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. To be considered, all nominations must include the information required on that form.

Anyone who is unable to submit nominations electronically using this form, or who has questions concerning the nomination process may contact Ms. Kathleen White, DFO, as indicated