

This notice announces the independent expert external peer review meeting location and dates, and how to participate in the meeting.

DATES: Versar, Inc. will hold the independent expert external peer review meeting from April 19, 2006 to April 20, 2006. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., Eastern Time, on both days. The public may attend the expert external peer review meeting. Members of the public in attendance will be allowed to make brief (no longer than 5 minutes) oral statements during the meeting's public comment period.

ADDRESSES: The independent expert external peer review meeting will be held at the Marriott at Metro Center, located at 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; telephone 202-737-2200.

How Can I Request To Participate in This Meeting?

Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor, is organizing, convening, and conducting the expert peer review meeting. To attend the meeting, register by April 15, 2006, by visiting <http://epa.versar.com/nanotech>. You may also contact Mr. Andrew Oravetz of Versar, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA, 22151, at 703-642-6832 or via e-mail at Aoravetz@versar.com, or by sending a facsimile to 703-642-6954 to his attention. You will be asked for your name, contact information, whom you represent, and your title. Please indicate if you intend to make an oral statement during the public comment period at the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding logistics for the external peer review meeting should be directed to Mr. Andrew Oravetz, Versar, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA, 22151; telephone: 703-642-6832; facsimile: 703-642-6954; or via e-mail at Aoravetz@versar.com. If you have questions about the draft document, please contact Dr. Kathryn Gallagher, Office of the Science Advisor, Mail Code 8105-R, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-1398; fax number: (202) 564-2070, e-mail: Gallagher.kathryn@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is submitting the Nanotechnology White Paper External Review Draft for independent, external peer review. On December 21, 2006, the draft document was announced in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 75812) and made available for a public comment period that ended January 31, 2006. The comment period

was subsequently extended to March 1, 2006 (71 FR 6774, February 9, 2006). Public comments received in the docket will be shared with the external peer review panel for their consideration. Although EPA is under no obligation to do so, EPA may consider comments received after the close of the comment period. The public release of this draft document is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and peer review. This draft white paper does not represent and should not be construed to represent any EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

The Nanotechnology White Paper External Review Draft identifies data gaps that need to be filled and recommends research for both environmental applications and implications of nanotechnology that would inform the appropriate regulatory safeguards for nanotechnology. The draft white paper describes the technology and provides a discussion of potential environmental benefits of nanotechnology. Risk management issues and the Agency's statutory mandates are outlined, following an extensive discussion of risk assessment issues. The draft white paper concludes with recommendations on next steps for addressing science policy issues and research needs. Supplemental information is provided in a number of appendices. Following the expert external peer review, EPA plans to issue a final white paper on nanotechnology in mid-2006.

Dated: March 15, 2006.

William H. Farland,

Chief Scientist, Office of the Science Advisor.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031; FRL-8047-4]

Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting—April 2006

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of one meeting (via conference call) of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee.

DATES: The conference call will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2006 from 2 p.m.

to 4 p.m. eastern time, and may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests for the draft agenda or for making oral presentations during the call will be accepted up to 1 business day before the conference call.

ADDRESSES: Participation in the conference call will be by teleconference only—meeting rooms will not be used. Members of the public may obtain the call-in number and access code for the calls from Lorelei Kowalski, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031, by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* Send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: ORD.Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to: (202) 566-0224, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031.
- *Mail:* Send comments by mail to: Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting—February 2006 Docket, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier.* Deliver comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room B102, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031.

Note: This is not a mailing address. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the

body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee—February 2006 Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer via mail at: Lorelei Kowalski, Mail Code 8104-R, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-3408; via fax at: (202) 565-2911; or via email at: kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information

Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft BOSC agenda or making a presentation during the conference call may contact Lorelei Kowalski, the Designated Federal Officer, via any of the contact methods listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above. In general, each

individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

The purpose of this conference call is to review, discuss, and potentially approve a draft report prepared by the BOSC Water Quality Subcommittee. Proposed agenda items for the conference call include, but are not limited to: Discussion of the Subcommittee's draft responses to the charge questions, and general report content. The conference call is open to the public.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Lorelei Kowalski at (202) 564-3408 or kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Lorelei Kowalski, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: March 14, 2006.

Kevin Y. Teichman,

Director, Office of Science Policy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Title VI Public Involvement Guidance for EPA Assistance Recipients Administering Environmental Permitting Programs (Recipient Guidance)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final Guidance.

SUMMARY: EPA's Office of Civil Rights is publishing the *Title VI Public Involvement Guidance for EPA Assistance Recipients Administering Environmental Permitting Programs (Recipient Guidance)* as final. This guidance revises the previous *Draft Final Title VI Public Involvement Guidance for EPA Assistance Recipients Administering Environmental Permitting Programs (Draft Final Recipient Guidance)* issued for public comment in March 2005. The revisions made in this document reflect and include public involvement considerations suggested in written comments the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received on the *Draft Final Recipient Guidance*. This guidance has been developed for recipients of EPA assistance that implement environmental permitting programs. It

discusses various approaches and suggests tools recipients may use to help enhance the public involvement aspects of their current permitting programs and address potential issues related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and EPA's regulations implementing Title VI.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the written comments received on the Draft Final Recipient Guidance as well as EPA's responses to the written comments may be obtained by contacting the Office of Civil Rights at: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Civil Rights (1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Randolph, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Civil Rights (1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460-1000, telephone (202) 343-9679.

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A. Preamble

Today's **Federal Register** document contains the guidance document entitled, the *Title VI Public Involvement Guidance for EPA Assistance Recipients Administering Environmental Permitting Programs (Recipient Guidance)*. It offers recipients of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency assistance, suggestions on public involvement approaches they may use to help enhance their current environmental permitting programs to better address potential issues related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, (Title VI) and EPA's Title VI implementing regulations.¹ The *Recipient Guidance* addresses and incorporates public involvement suggestions EPA's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received on the *Draft Final Title VI Public Involvement Guidance for EPA Assistance Recipients Administering Environmental Permitting Programs (Draft Final Recipient Guidance)*. This Recipient Guidance will replace the *Draft Final Recipient Guidance* which was issued in March 2005.² Much of the

¹ Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 252 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000-7); 40 CFR part 7.

² 70 FR 10625 (2005).