

the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. C) and related regulations. Generally, SAB meetings are announced in the **Federal Register**, conducted in public view, and provide opportunities for public input during deliberations. Additional information about the SAB and its committees can be obtained on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**Expertise Sought:** The SAB Staff Office requests nominations of engineers, ecologists, public health and biomedical scientists, and chemical and physical scientists to be considered for appointment to the expert panel described above. The Staff Office is interested in nominees who are nationally recognized experts with experience and expertise in designing, implementing, and applying indicator information and data at regional and national scales to evaluate the condition of air, water, and land environments, human health, and ecological condition as covered in ROE 2007. These include: (1) Air (e.g., outdoor or indoor air quality, greenhouse gases, etc.); (2) water (e.g., water and watersheds, drinking water, recreation in and on water, consumption of fish and shellfish, etc.); (3) land (e.g., land use, land cover, chemicals in the landscape, waste contaminated lands, etc.); (4) human health (e.g., pollution and disease, health and disease status and trends, epidemiology, exposure to environmental pollution, etc.); and (5) ecological condition (e.g., stressors and outcomes for aquatic, terrestrial, near-coastal, coastal, and ocean systems, etc.).

**How to Submit Nominations:** Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to be considered for appointment on this SAB Panel. Candidates may also nominate themselves. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (which is preferred over hard copy) 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 the SAB Nomination Form link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. To receive full consideration, nominations should include all of the information requested on that form.

The nominating form requests contact information about: The person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the

nominee; the nominee's curriculum vita; sources of recent grant and/or contract support; and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position; educational background; research activities; and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations.

Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB Web site, should contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, DFO, at the contact information provided above in this notice. Non-electronic submissions must follow the same format and contain the same information as the electronic.

The SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of the nomination and inform nominees of the panel for which they have been nominated. From the nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice (termed the *Widecast*) and other sources, the SAB Staff Office will develop a smaller subset (known as the *Short List* for more detailed consideration. The Short List will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>, and will include, for each candidate, the nominee's name and biosketch. Public comments on the Short List will be accepted for 21 calendar days. During this comment period, the public will be requested to provide information, analysis or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates for the Panels.

For the SAB, a balanced panel is characterized by inclusion of candidates who possess 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 adequately address the charge. Public responses to the Short List candidates will be considered in the selection of the panels, along with information provided by candidates and information gathered by SAB Staff independently of the background of each candidate (e.g., financial disclosure information and computer searches to evaluate a nominee's prior involvement with the topic under review). Specific criteria to be used in evaluation of an individual Panel member include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (c) scientific credibility and impartiality; (d) availability and willingness to serve; and (e) ability to work constructively and effectively in committees.

Short List candidates will be required to fill-out the *Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>.

Dated: May 18, 2006.

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 10 a.m.

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Advisory Opinion 2006-19: Los Angeles County Democratic Party Central Committee. Routine Administrative Matters.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Biersack, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Mary W. Dove,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Meeting of the President's Council on Bioethics on June 22-23, 2006

**AGENCY:** The President's Council on Bioethics, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Council on Bioethics (Edmund D. Pellegrino, MD, Chairman) will hold its twenty-fifth meeting, at which, among other things,