

actions to reduce nutrient flux from point and nonpoint sources.

In developing its report on scientific advancements since 2000, the SAB is also asked to focus on the strengths and limitations of the science in managing the Gulf hypoxia problem, including available data, models and model results and uncertainty. The SAB is asked to pay particular attention to any new information that has emerged since or was not adequately considered in the last *Integrated Assessment*. In response to EPA's request, the SAB Staff Office has formed the SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel. Background on the Panel formation process was provided in a **Federal Register** notice published on February 17, 2006 (71 FR 8578–8580).

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** Materials in support of this meeting will be placed on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/> in advance of this meeting.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB to consider during the advisory process. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Stallworth, DFO, at the contact information noted above, by August 25, 2006, to be placed on the public speaker list for the September 6–7, 2006 meeting. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by August 25, so that the information may be made available to the SAB for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail to [stallworth.holly@epa.gov](mailto:stallworth.holly@epa.gov) (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

**Meeting Access:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Stallworth at (202) 343–9867 or [stallworth.holly@epa.gov](mailto:stallworth.holly@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Dr. Stallworth, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: August 4, 2006.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services (C–VPESS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the SAB Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services (C–VPESS) to discuss components of a draft committee report related to valuing the protection of ecological systems and services.

**DATES:** A public meeting of the C–VPESS will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on October 5, 2006 and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time) on October 6, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the SAB Conference Center, 1025 F Street, NW., Suite 3700, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public wishing further information regarding the SAB C–VPESS meeting may contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), via telephone at: (202) 343–9981 or e-mail at: [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov). The SAB mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meetings announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all

appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

**Background:** Background on the SAB C–VPESS and its charge was provided in 68 FR 11082 (March 7, 2003). The purpose of the meeting is for the SAB C–VPESS to discuss components of a draft advisory report calling for expanded and integrated approach for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services. The Committee will discuss: Application of methods for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services; general ecological valuation methods (e.g., the need for a data and model bank for Agency information about ecological valuation, how to implement the concept of ecological services, how to address uncertainties in ecological services) and how to address them; and next steps for characterizing methods and approaches involved in ecological valuation.

These activities are related to the Committee's overall charge: To assess Agency needs and the state of the art and science of valuing protection of ecological systems and services and to identify key areas for improving knowledge, methodologies, practice, and research.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** Materials in support of this meeting will be placed on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/> in advance of this meeting.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB to consider during the advisory process. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Nugent, DFO, at the contact information noted above, by September 25, 2006, to be placed on the public speaker list for the October 5–6, 2006 meeting. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by September 24, 2006, so that the information may be made available to the SAB for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail to [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov) (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

**Meeting Access:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Angela Nugent at (202) 343–9981 or

*nugent.angela@epa.gov*. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Dr. Nugent, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: August 3, 2006.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8207-6]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Public Meetings of the Science Advisory Board Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public meetings of the SAB Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) to conduct an advisory on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) draft *White Paper: Modifying EPA Radiation Risk Models Based on BEIR VII* and other committee business.

**DATES:** The SAB Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a public teleconference on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and a public face-to-face meeting on September 26 through September 28, 2006. A public face-to-face meeting of the SAB Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held on September 28, 2006 following completion of the advisory on the draft White Paper, where the RAC will be briefed on ORIA activities and will plan upcoming meetings of the SAB's RAC. The final agendas for these public meetings will be posted on the SAB's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**ADDRESSES:** The public teleconference meeting of September 6, 2006 will take place via telephone only. The September 26-28, 2006 meeting will take place at the Science Advisory Board's Conference Room Suite #3700, located at 1025 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number and access code for the public teleconference meeting, or further information concerning the face-to-face public

meeting may contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by mail at the EPA SAB Staff Office (1400F), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 343-9984; by fax at (202) 233-0643; or by e-mail at:

*kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov*. General information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**Technical Contact:** For questions and information concerning the Agency's draft document being reviewed, contact Dr. Mary E. Clark, U.S. EPA, ORIA by telephone at (202) 343-9348, fax at (202) 243-2395, or e-mail at *clark.marye@epa.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The EPA's Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) requested the SAB to provide advice on a draft *White Paper: Modifying EPA Radiation Risk Models Based on BEIR VII*, dated August 2006. In 1994, EPA published a report, referred to as the "Blue Book," which lays out EPA's methodology for quantitatively estimating radiogenic cancer risks: <http://epa.gov/radiation/docs/assessment/402-r-93-076.pdf>. A follow-on report made minor adjustments to the previous estimates and presented a partial analysis of the uncertainties in the numerical estimates: <http://epa.gov/radiation/docs/assessment/402-r-99-003.pdf>. Finally, the Agency published Federal Guidance Report 13: <http://epa.gov/radiation/docs/federal/402-r-99-001.pdf> which utilized the previously published cancer risk models, in conjunction with International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) dosimetric models and U.S. usage patterns, to obtain cancer risk estimates for over 800 radionuclides, and for several exposure pathways updated at <http://epa.gov/radiation/federal/techdocs.htm#report13>.

The National Research Council (NRC 2006) recently released *Health Risks from Exposure to Low levels of Ionizing Radiation BEIR VII Phase 2* which primarily addresses cancer and genetic risks from low doses of low-LET radiation (BEIR VII) (NRC 2006 <http://newton.nap.edu/catalog/11340.html#toc>). In the EPA draft *White Paper: Modifying EPA Radiation Risk Models Based on BEIR VII*, the Agency proposes changes to EPA's methodology for estimating radiogenic cancers, based on the contents of BEIR VII. The Agency expects to adopt the models and methodology recommended in BEIR VII, but believes that certain modifications

and expansions are desirable or necessary for EPA's purposes. EPA's ORIA staff is seeking this Advisory from the Agency's SAB Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) to obtain advice on the application of BEIR VII and on issues relating to these modifications and expansions.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, the SAB Staff Office hereby gives notice of one public teleconference meeting and one face-to-face meeting of the SAB Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC). The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The RAC will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB procedural policies.

The purpose of the teleconference is to: introduce the subject; determine if the review and background materials provided are adequate to respond to the charge questions directed to the SAB's RAC; receive public statements; and to discuss assignments to the RAC members in preparation for developing its draft advisory. The purpose of the meeting is to: receive presentations by the ORIA Staff; deliberate on the charge questions; receive public statements; and draft an advisory in response to the charge questions pertaining to the draft White Paper. Additionally, the RAC will receive briefings on ORIA activities, and will discuss plans for future activities.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** A roster and biosketches of the RAC members, the meeting agenda, and the charge to the SAB's RAC will be posted on the SAB Web site at (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) prior to each meeting. Additional background information on this review include the draft White Paper (available at: <http://epa.gov/radiation/news/recentadditions.htm>) and background materials, such as the BEIR VII document (available at <http://newton.nap.edu/catalog/11340.html#toc>). The RAC was initially briefed on the BEIR VII draft White Paper topic at its planning meeting of December 21, 2005 which was held at the National Air and Environmental Radiation Laboratory (NAERL) Laboratory in Montgomery, Alabama (see notification of a public teleconference and meeting 70 Fed. Reg. 69550, November 16, 2005). These notices, the charge to the RAC, and other supplemental information may be found at the SAB's Web site (<http://www.sab.gov/sab>).

Persons who wish to obtain additional background materials on the draft White