

regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

1. *Docket.* EPA established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004. All documents in the docket are listed in the docket's index available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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 electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPPT Docket. The OPPT Docket is located in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) at Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Docket visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector, and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor bags are processed through an X-ray machine and subject to search. Visitors will be provided an EPA/DC badge that must be visible at all times in the building and returned upon departure.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

**II. What Action is the Agency Taking?**

Under EPA contract number EP-W-07-021, contractor SRC of 2451 Crystal Dr., Suite 804, Arlington, VA, and its subcontractor BeakerTree Corporation of 13402 Birch Bark Court, Fairfax, VA, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in reviewing Premanufacture Notices (PMNs). They will also assist in preparing chemical reviews for the TSCA New Chemicals Review Program. This includes preparing documents to be used for Chemical Review Search Strategy and Structure Activity Team meetings. The contractors require access to current and past cases to fulfill these duties.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number EP-W-07-021, SRC and BeakerTree will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. SRC and BeakerTree personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA that EPA may provide SRC and BeakerTree access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and the SRC site located at 2451 Crystal Dr., Suite 804, Arlington, VA.

SRC and BeakerTree will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at EPA Headquarters under the EPA *TSCA CBI Protection Manual*.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until September 30, 2010, unless such access is extended.

SRC and BeakerTree personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection,  
Confidential business information.

Dated: February 5, 2007.

**Brian Cook,**

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Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Science Advisory Board Staff Office;  
Notification of Two Public  
Teleconferences of the Science  
Advisory Board Committee on Valuing  
the Protection of Ecological Systems  
and Services**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the SAB Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services (C-

VPESS) to discuss components of a draft report related to valuing the protection of ecological systems and services.

**DATES:** The SAB will conduct two public teleconferences on April 3, 2007 and April 10, 2007. Each teleconference will begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. (eastern standard time).

*Location:* Telephone conference call only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing to obtain general information concerning this public teleconference 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). General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA 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 two new teleconferences replace teleconferences previously announced in 71 FR 78202-78203 (December 28, 2006) for February 5, 2007 and February 13, 2007. The purpose of the teleconferences 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 draft assessments of methods for ecological valuation and application of those methods for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services.

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:* Agendas and materials in support of the teleconferences will be placed on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/> in advance of each teleconference.

*Procedures for Providing Public Input:* Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB to consider during the public teleconference and/or meeting. *Oral Statements:* In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public SAB teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of one-half hour for all speakers. To be placed on the public speaker list, interested parties should contact Dr. Angela Nugent, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) 5 business days in advance of each teleconference. *Written Statements:* Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office 5 business days in advance of each teleconference above so that the information may be made available to the SAB for their consideration prior to each teleconference. 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 (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

*Accessibility:* For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Angela Nugent at (202) 343-9981 or [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Dr. Nugent preferably at least ten days prior to the teleconference, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: February 1, 2007.

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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 Hypoxia Advisory Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is announcing a public meeting of the SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel to discuss the science concerning the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from February 28–March 2, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the SAB Conference Center located at 1025 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public meeting may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9867, or via e-mail at [stallworth.holly@epa.gov](mailto:stallworth.holly@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 meeting announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting to develop a report that details advances in the state-of-the science regarding hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the 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:* EPA participates with other Federal agencies, states and tribes in the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. In 2001, the Task Force released the Action Plan for Reducing, Mitigating and Controlling Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico (or Action Plan available at <http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/taskforce/actionplan.htm>). The Action Plan was informed by the science described in An Integrated Assessment of Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico (or Integrated Assessment available at [http://www.noaa.gov/products/hypox\\_finalfront.pdf](http://www.noaa.gov/products/hypox_finalfront.pdf)) developed by the National Science and Technology Council, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Six technical reports provided the scientific foundation for the Integrated Assessment and are available at [http://www.nos.noaa.gov/products/pub\\_hypox.html](http://www.nos.noaa.gov/products/pub_hypox.html). The aforementioned

documents provide a comprehensive summary of the state-of-the-science for the Gulf of Mexico hypoxic zone through about the year 2000. EPA's Office of Water has requested that the SAB develop a report that evaluates the state-of-the-science regarding the causes and extent of hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the scientific basis of possible management options in the Mississippi River Basin.

In response to EPA's request, the SAB Staff Office 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). The SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel met on September 6-7, 2006 (noticed in 71 FR 45543-45544) and again on December 6-8, 2006 (noticed in 71 FR 66329-66330). Teleconferences of the full Hypoxia Advisory Panel and its three subgroups have also been published in **Federal Register** notices (71 FR 55786-55787, 71 FR 59107 and 71 FR 77743-77744). Information about the SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel is available on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

*Availability of Meeting Materials:* Materials in support of this meeting will be placed on the SAB Web site <http://www.epa.gov/sab/> in advance of the 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, no later than February 20, 2007, to be placed on the public speaker list for the February 28–March 2, 2007 meeting.

*Written Statements:* Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office no later than February 20, 2007 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.