

scales from local watershed to landscape to continental; static and dynamic ecosystem response models; integrated assessment models; identification of bioindicators useful for tracking ecosystem change; and methods and approaches for estimating damage to ecosystems.

(k) *Resource Valuation*. Expertise in ecological resource and other welfare effects valuation and/or economic benefits assessment approaches and models.

*Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations*: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to add expertise to the CASAC PM Review Panel in the areas of expertise described above. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format through the SAB Web site at the following URL: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>; or directly via the *Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the EPA Science Advisory Board* link found at URL: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/paneltopics.html>. Please follow the instructions for submitting nominations carefully. To be considered, nominations should include all of the information required on the associated forms. Anyone unable to submit nominations using the electronic form and who has any questions concerning the nomination process may contact Mr. Fred Butterfield, DFO, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than March 29, 2007.

For nominees to be considered, please include: Contact information; a curriculum vitae; a biosketch of no more than two paragraphs (containing information on the nominee's current position, educational background, areas of expertise and research activities, service on other advisory committees and professional societies; the candidate's special expertise related to the panel being formed; and sources of recent grant and/or contract support).

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations. The names and biosketches of qualified nominees identified by respondents to the **Federal Register** notice and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Public comments on this "Short List" of candidates will be accepted for 21 calendar days. The public will be requested to provide relevant information or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office, a balanced subcommittee or review panel includes 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. In establishing the final CASAC PM Review Panel, the SAB Staff Office will consider public comments on the "Short List" of candidates, information provided by the candidates themselves, and background information independently gathered by the SAB Staff Office. Specific criteria to be used for Panel membership include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality; and (e) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; and, for the Panel as a whole, (f) diversity of, and balance among, scientific expertise, viewpoints, etc.

The SAB Staff Office's evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of 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>.

The approved policy under which the EPA SAB Office selects subcommittees and review panels is described in the following document: *Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board* (EPA-SAB-EC-02-010), which is posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec02010.pdf>.

Dated: March 2, 2007.

**Anthony F. Maciorowski**,  
Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8284-4]

### Notice of a Second Workshop on the Development of Regulations for Aircraft Public Water Systems

**AGENCY**: Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION**: Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY**: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a second workshop on the development of regulations for aircraft public water systems. This workshop will provide information about recent activities and an overview of approaches for the proposed Aircraft Drinking Water Rule. This is the second workshop in a series designed to gain perspectives from representatives from industry, government, public interest groups, and the general public.

**DATES**: The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern time (ET), on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET, Thursday, March 29, 2007, with one and a half hour lunch breaks each day.

**ADDRESSES**: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA in Ballroom A. The hotel is located adjacent to the Crystal City Metro Station on the blue and yellow lines.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: For general information about this workshop or to pre-register, please contact Kathryn Aegis, RESOLVE, 1255 23rd St., NW., Washington, DC 20037, telephone number 202-965-6393, or e-mail at [kaegis@resolve.org](mailto:kaegis@resolve.org). For technical inquiries regarding the development of an aircraft drinking water rule, contact Rick Naylor at (202) 564-3847, or by e-mail: [naylor.richard@epa.gov](mailto:naylor.richard@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: There is no charge for attending this workshop as an observer, but seats are limited, so register as soon as possible. We suggest attendees book their hotel room as soon as possible because the workshop is being held during a peak time of the tourist season for Washington, DC.

#### Special Accommodations

Any person needing special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Kathryn Aegis at the phone number or e-mail address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Requests for special accommodations should be made at least five business days in advance of the public meeting.

Dated: February 23, 2007.

**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-8284-3]

### **Notice of Availability of the Framework for Metals Risk Assessment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the final "Framework for Metals Risk Assessment" (EPA 120/R-07/001, March 2007). The purpose of the Framework is to present key guiding principles based on the unique attributes of metals (as differentiated from organic and organometallic compounds) and to describe how these metals-specific attributes and principles may then be applied in the context of existing EPA risk assessment guidance and practices. This Framework document is not a prescriptive guide on how any particular type of assessment should be conducted within an EPA program or regional office. Rather, it outlines key metal principles and describes how they should be considered in conducting human health and ecological risk assessments to advance our understanding of metals impact and foster consistency across EPA programs and regions. As a result the Framework is a science-based document that describes basic principles that address the special attributes and behaviors of metals and metal compounds to be considered when assessing their human health and ecological risks. EPA's Risk Assessment Forum oversaw the development of this document, which included input from stakeholders and experts throughout the Agency, obtained through several expert workshops, followed by peer review by the EPA Science Advisory Board.

The Framework sets out a variety of principles that are general, fundamental properties of metals, which should be addressed and incorporated into all inorganic metals risk assessments. The five overarching principles are summarized as follows: (1) Metals are naturally occurring constituents in the environment and vary in concentrations across geographic regions; (2) All environmental media have naturally occurring mixtures of metals, and

metals are often introduced into the environment as mixtures; (3) Some metals are essential for maintaining proper health of humans, animals, plants and microorganisms; (4) Metals, as chemical elements, and unlike organic chemicals, are neither created nor destroyed by biological or chemical processes, although, these processes can transform metals from one species to another (valence states) and can convert them between inorganic and organic forms; and (5) The absorption, distribution, transformation and excretion of a metal within an organism depends on the metal, the form of the metal or metal compound, and the organism's ability to regulate and/or store the metal.

**ADDRESSES:** The final document is available electronically through the EPA Office of the Science Advisor's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/osa/metalsframework>. A limited number of paper copies will be available from EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile 301-604-3408; e-mail [NSCEP@bps-lmit.com](mailto:NSCEP@bps-lmit.com). Please provide your name and mailing addresses and the title and EPA number (as given above) of the requested publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Randall S. Wentzel, Risk Assessment Forum Technical Writing Panel Co-chair, Mail Code 8101-R, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-3214; fax number: (202) 564-2070, E-mail: [wentzel.randy@epa.gov](mailto:wentzel.randy@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In December 2002 EPA's Science Policy Council tasked an Agency workgroup, under the oversight of the Risk Assessment Forum, with developing a plan for ensuring the consistent application of scientific principles to metals risk assessment. A step-wise plan was developed beginning with the Metals Action Plan (MAP), which included brief descriptions of the Agency's current activities on metals, identified critical scientific issues, and recommended the scope of the metals framework. The MAP was reviewed by EPA's Science Advisory Board. Then, EPA commissioned individual scientists to develop issue papers on important topics in metals risk assessment, including environmental chemistry, exposure, human health effects, ecological effects, and bioavailability and bioaccumulation. The Framework was developed based, in part, on these

issues papers and reviewed by the Agency-wide workgroup. Additional workshops and peer review activities were conducted at multiple intervals during the development of the Framework, and the Agency consulted with other federal agencies at key points during its development. Finally, the Framework underwent external peer review by EPA's Science Advisory Board.

Dated: March 1, 2007.

**George M. Gray,**

*EPA Science Advisor.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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### **Jernigan Trucking Dump Site, Seffner, Hillsborough County, FL; Notice of Settlement**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of settlement.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency has entered into a settlement for reimbursement of past response costs concerning the Jernigan Trucking Dump Site located in Seffner, Hillsborough County, Florida.

**DATES:** The Agency will consider public comments on the settlement until April 9, 2007. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the settlement are available from Ms. Paula V. Batchelor. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-RO4-SFUND-2007-0169 or Site name Jernigan Trucking Dump Superfund Site by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* [Batchelor.Paula@gov](mailto:Batchelor.Paula@gov).
- *Fax:* 404/562-8842/Attn: Paula V. Batchelor
- *Mail:* Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. EPA Region 4, WMD-SEIMB, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. "In addition, please mail a copy of your comments on the information collection