

## ALTERNATIVE ANALYTICAL METHODS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL USING THE EXPEDITED APPROVAL PROCESS—Continued

Alternate method (being considered for approval)	Alternate methodology	Contaminant	Citation for methods approved by regulation
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Barium .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Beryllium .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Cadmium .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Calcium .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Chromium .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Copper .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Lead .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Magnesium .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Selenium .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Silica .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2 .....	AVICP-AES .....	Sodium .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
Standard Method 6610-04 <sup>3</sup> .....	HPLC <sup>4</sup> .....	Carbofuran .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)
Standard Method 6610-04 .....	HPLC .....	Oxamyl .....	40 CFR 141.23(k)(1)

<sup>1</sup> EPA Method 200.5, Revision 4.2, "Determination of Trace Elements in Drinking Water by Axially Viewed Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometry," USEPA, October 2003, EPA/600/R-06/115 can be accessed and downloaded directly on-line at <http://www.epa.gov/nerlcwww/ordmeth.htm>.

<sup>2</sup> Axially viewed inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry (AVICP-AES).

<sup>3</sup> Carbamate Pesticides—High-Performance Liquid Chromatographic Method. The Standard Method Online version that is approved is indicated by the last two digits in the method number which is the year of approval by the Standard Methods Committee. Standard Methods Online is available at <http://www.standardmethods.org>.

<sup>4</sup> High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) in conjunction with a post-column derivatization system and a fluorescence detector.

#### IV. Request for Comment

EPA seeks comments on several aspects in the implementation of the expedited methods approval process. The information and comments submitted in response to this notice will be considered in determining the final details of the implementation process.

Specifically, EPA seeks comments on the following:

1. EPA requests comment on whether a comprehensive list of methods approved under the expedited process should be publicly maintained. If such a list is desirable, then how should EPA make it available?

- As an appendix in the CFR;
- On an EPA Web page;
- As a table or fact sheet available from an EPA designated contact;
- Using a combination of these approaches or other suggestions.

2. EPA requests comment on the type of information that should be included in the **Federal Register** notice when new method approvals are published using the expedited process. Is a list of the methods being approved sufficient or should the notice include additional information? If additional information is suggested, please indicate the types of information that are desirable and why.

3. EPA requests comment concerning the usefulness of amending future regulatory text to describe where a list of methods approved using the expedited process can be obtained. If such a change is desired, should a reference to the list be included:

- With each methods table;
- In 40 CFR 141.27 under Alternate Test Methods.

- Is there a better suggestion?

4. EPA requests comment on the format of the table that lists methods approved using the expedited approval process. Does the example provided in this notice provide enough information in a usable format or are there better suggestions for listing the information?

5. EPA invites Primacy Agencies to comment on how methods approved under this new procedure will be implemented in their programs and if there are concerns that EPA can address when implementing this new approval process (in order to simplify or expedite Primacy Agency acceptance of the alternative methods).

#### V. References

- American Public Health Association (APHA). 2004. Standard Method 6610-04. Carbamate Pesticides—High-Performance Liquid Chromatographic Method. Standard Methods Online. (Available at <http://www.standardmethods.org>.)
- USEPA. 2001. EPA Method 531.2. Measurement of N-methylcarbamoyloximes and N-methylcarbamates in Water by Direct Aqueous Injection HPLC with Postcolumn Derivatization. Revision 1.0. EPA 815-B-01-002. (Available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/methods/sourcalt.html>.)
- USEPA. 2003. EPA Method 200.5. Determination of Trace Elements in Drinking Water by Axially Viewed Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometry. Revision 4.2. EPA/600/R-06/115. (Available at <http://www.epa.gov/nerlcwww/ordmeth.htm>.)

Dated: March 30, 2007.

**Benjamin H. Grumbles,**

*Assistant Administrator, Office of Water.*

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#### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

##### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

**PLACE:** Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Conference Room on the Ninth Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 1801 "L" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507.

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

##### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

##### OPEN SESSION:

1. Announcement of Notation Votes,
2. Perspectives on Work/Family Balance and the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Laws, and
3. Headquarters Project Management and Relocation Services Contract.

**Note:** In accordance with the Sunshine Act, the meeting will be open to public observation of the Commission's deliberations and voting. (In addition to publishing notices on EEOC Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides a recorded announcement a full week in advance on future Commission sessions.)

Please telephone (202) 663-7100 (voice) and (202) 663-4074 (TTY) at any

time for information on these meetings. The EEOC provides sign language interpretation at Commission meetings for the hearing impaired. Requests for other reasonable accommodations may be made by using the voice and TTY numbers listed above.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Stephen Llewellyn, Acting Executive Officer on (202) 663-4070.

This Notice Issued April 6, 2007.

**Stephen Llewellyn,**

*Acting Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

*Dates and Place:* April 24, 2007, Washington, DC. The meeting will be held in Room 100 at the Keck Center of the National Academies at 500 5th St., NW., Washington, DC.

*Type of Meeting:* Open. Further details on the meeting agenda will be posted on the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

*Proposed Schedule and Agenda:* The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is scheduled to meet in open session on Tuesday April 24, 2007, at approximately 9 a.m. The co-chairs of the PCAST subcommittee on networking and information technology are tentatively scheduled to lead a discussion on the findings of the PCAST review of the Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program. The PCAST will hear presentations on modes of interaction between the private sector and traditionally Federally funded research communities. The PCAST also is tentatively scheduled to hear presentations on personalized medicine as part of the Council's study of policy issues associated with realizing the benefits of scientific and technological advances in this area. This session will end at approximately 5 p.m. Additional

information and the final agenda will be posted at the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

*Public Comments:* There will be time allocated for the public to speak on the above agenda items. This public comment time is designed for substantive commentary on PCAST's work topics, not for business marketing purposes. Please submit a request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. The time for public comments will be limited to no more than 5 minutes per person. Written comments are also welcome at any time following the meeting. Please notify Celia Merzbacher, PCAST Executive Director, at (202) 456-7116, or fax your request/comments to (202) 456-6021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding time, place and agenda, please call Celia Merzbacher at (202) 456-7116, prior to 3 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2007. Information will also be available at the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 13226, on September 30, 2001. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of science and technology policy, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Council members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John H. Marburger, III, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and by E. Floyd Kvamme, a Partner at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers.

**Celia Merzbacher,**

*PCAST Executive Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.*

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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATE AND TIME:** The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on April 12, 2007, from 9 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Roland E. Smith, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4009, TTY (703) 883-4056.

**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Parts of this meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available), and parts will be closed to the public. In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

#### Open Session

##### A. Approval of Minutes

- March 8, 2007 (Open).

##### B. New Business—Reports

- Auditors' Report on FCS Building Association FY 2006 Financial Statements.

#### Closed Session\*

- FCS Building Association Audit Report.
- OSMO Quarterly Report.

\* Session Closed-Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).

Dated: April 5, 2007.

**Roland E. Smith,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate