

that describe changes over time of disease due to drinking water contamination or changes in the occurrence of indicators of waterborne disease; the objective is to demonstrate the effectiveness of drinking water programs on acute and chronic disease related to microbes or other drinking water contaminants. The Office of Water is currently developing approaches to the health-based measure to include in the Agency's next Strategic Plan with input from the National Drinking Water Advisory Council and has asked the DWC to hold a future consultative meeting on this topic.

**Availability of Materials:** The draft agenda and other materials will be posted on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> prior to the 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. Sue Shallal, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail), by November 6, 2007, at the contact information noted above. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office in accordance with the dates mentioned 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. Sue Shallal at (202) 343-9977 or [shallal.suhair@epa.gov](mailto:shallal.suhair@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Dr. Shallal preferably at least ten days prior to the teleconference, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Four 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 four 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 four public teleconferences. The public teleconferences will occur on November 19, 2007, November 20, 2007, December 3, 2007, and December 10, 2007. All calls will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 3 p.m. (eastern daylight time).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing to obtain general information concerning the public teleconferences 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 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. 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 teleconferences. **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).

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