

qualifications including, but not limited to, whether the candidate is:

- Actively engaged in farming.
- Occupies a senior position within their organization.
- Holds leadership positions in ag-related organizations, businesses and/or workgroups.
- Has broad experience outside of their current position.
- Has experience working on issues where building consensus is necessary.
- Has membership in professional societies, broad-based networks or the equivalent.
- Has extensive experience in the environmental field dealing with agricultural issues.
- Provides services to producers.
- Is involved in processing, retailing, manufacturing and distribution of agricultural products.

**DATES:** Establishment of this Committee will take place by the Fall of 2007. Any interested person or organization may submit the names of qualified persons, including themselves. Suggestions for the list of candidates should be identified by name, occupation, qualifications, organization, position, address, and telephone number. Submissions should include a resume or curriculum vita detailing the nominee's background, experience and qualifications and other relevant information, and a short biography should be included as well. Letters of support and recommendation will be accepted but are not mandatory.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit suggestions for candidates to: Marrietta Haggins, Staff Assistant, U.S. EPA (MC 1601M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, [haggins.marrietta@epa.gov](mailto:haggins.marrietta@epa.gov), 202-564-3692.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon Scholl, Counselor to the Administrator for Agricultural Policy, U.S. EPA (MC 1101A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, [scholl.jon@epa.gov](mailto:scholl.jon@epa.gov), 202-564-7719. The Agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the proposed Committee is to provide advice to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on environmental issues and programs that impact, or are of concern to, farms, ranches and rural communities. The Committee is a part of EPA's efforts to expand cooperative working relationships with the agriculture industry and to achieve greater progress in environmental protection. Topics covered may include issues relating to water, air and

radiation, solid waste and emergency response, pesticides and toxics, enforcement and compliance assistance, and research and development. In addition, tools and approaches that are cross media in nature and would help agricultural producers improve their environmental performance, and barriers to greater environmental protection and means to improve working relationships between the Agency and agricultural producers, may also be examined. The Committee may be asked to: prepare papers, reports, letters, memos or other forms of correspondence to convey their advice and recommendations on implementing the FTTA, Executive Order 12591, and other related or associated authorities; review periodic EPA reports describing the Agency's progress in implementing statutes, executive orders and regulations on issues potentially impacting the agricultural industry; and, assess alternative approaches for measuring the environmental benefits of these activities.

Dated: October 31, 2007.

**Jon Scholl,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Science Advisory Board Staff Office, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC); Notification of a Public Advisory Committee Meeting of the CASAC Sulfur Oxides (SOx) Primary NAAQS Review Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's (CASAC) Sulfur Oxides (SOx) Primary NAAQS Review Panel (Panel) to conduct a peer review of EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria (First External Review Draft)* (EPA/600/R-07/108, September 2007) and to conduct a consultation on the EPA's *Sulfur Oxides Health Assessment Plan: Scope and Methods for Exposure and Risk Assessment*.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, and 8:30

a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2007.

**Location:** The meeting will take place at the Marriott at Research Triangle Park, 4700 Guardian Drive, Durham, NC, 27703, *telephone:* (919) 941-6200.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to submit a written or brief oral statement (five minutes or less) or wants further information concerning this meeting must contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; *via telephone/voice mail:* (202) 343-9867; *fax:* (202) 233-0643; or *e-mail at:* [stallworth.holly@epa.gov](mailto:stallworth.holly@epa.gov). General information concerning the CASAC or the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** EPA is in the process of reviewing the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for sulfur oxides. Under the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to carry out a periodic review and revision, as appropriate, of the air quality criteria and the NAAQS for six criteria air pollutants, which include sulfur oxides. Primary standards set limits to protect public health, including the health of "sensitive" populations such as asthmatics, children, and the elderly.

As part of that process, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) has completed a draft document, *Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria (First External Review Draft)* (EPA/600/R-07/108, September 2007) and has requested that CASAC peer review the document. EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) will also release a document entitled *Sulfur Oxides Health Assessment Plan: Scope and Methods for Exposure and Risk Assessment* and has requested that the CASAC provide consultative advice to assist the Agency in developing human exposure and health risk assessments for sulfur oxides. EPA has released an integrated plan for all aspects of this review of the primary SO<sub>2</sub> standard, *Integrated Plan for Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides* (October 2007), which reflects advice provided by the CASAC panel through a consultation on a draft of that document, *Draft Integrated Plan for Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxides* (April 2007). Background information about the CASAC SOx

review activities and about formation of the CASAC Panel was published in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 2006 (71 FR 44695–44696).

**Technical Contact:** Any questions concerning EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria (First External Review Draft)* should be directed to Dr. Jee Young Kim in EPA's Office of Research and Development at (919) 541–4157 or [kim.jee-young@epa.gov](mailto:kim.jee-young@epa.gov). Any questions concerning EPA's *Sulfur Oxides Health Assessment Plan: Scope and Methods for Exposure and Risk Assessment* should be directed to Dr. Stephen Graham in EPA's Office of Air and Radiation at (919) 541–4344 or [graham.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:graham.stephen@epa.gov).

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** EPA–ORD's *Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria (First External Review Draft)* can be accessed at: [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/so2/s\\_so2\\_cr\\_isa.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/so2/s_so2_cr_isa.html). EPA–OAR's *Sulfur Oxides Health Assessment Plan: Scope and Methods for Exposure and Risk Assessment* will be accessible at: [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/so2/s\\_so2\\_index.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/so2/s_so2_index.html). Agendas and materials in support of meeting will be placed on the SAB Web site at: <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 CASAC Panel 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, in writing (preferably via e-mail) by November 30, 2007 at the contact information noted above, to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by November 30, 2007, so that the information may be made available to the Panel 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 (optional), 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. Stallworth at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at

least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: November 8, 2007.

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8494–9]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Meeting of the Science Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public face-to-face meeting of the chartered SAB to: continue its discussions of the strategic research directions for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; complete its discussions of science use in disaster response programs; complete its quality review of the draft SAB report *Advisory on Hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico*; and to continue its planning activities for future SAB meetings.

**DATES:** The meeting dates are Thursday, December 6, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, December 7, 2007, from 8:30 a.m., no later than 12 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the SAB Conference Center, located at 1025 F Street, NW., Room 3705, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who wish to obtain additional information about this meeting may contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by mail at the address given below; by telephone at (202) 343–9982; by fax at (202) 233–0643; or by e-mail at: [miller.tom@epa.gov](mailto:miller.tom@epa.gov). The SAB mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The messenger address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), Room 3600, 1025 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004, Phone (202) 343–9999. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found on 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:** (a) SAB Quality Review of the Draft SAB Report Advisory on Hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico. The Chartered Science Advisory Board will conduct a second quality review of the draft report of its Hypoxia Advisory Panel (HAP) which was begun at the SAB meeting on October 3, 2007 (see 72 FR 50105–50107; August 30, 2007). The draft report will be placed on the SAB Web site prior to the meeting. Specific times for this activity will be provided in the meeting agenda that will be placed on the SAB Web site prior to the meeting (see <http://www.epa.gov/sab/>). Background on the Panel and this review is available on the SAB Web site at: [http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/hypoxia\\_adv\\_panel.htm](http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/hypoxia_adv_panel.htm).

(b) **EPA Strategic Research Directions:** The Agency asked the Science Advisory Board for advice on the strategic directions for its research program for the next five to fifteen years. This activity complements the annual SAB review of EPA's research budget, and permits a more critical evaluation of research programs than is possible during the research budget review. The SAB will continue to discuss EPA's research program directions which were initiated at its October 3–5, 2007 meeting (see 72 FR 50105–50107; August 30, 2007). Specific information time for this discussion will be provided in the meeting agenda that will be available on the SAB Web site prior to the meeting (see <http://www.epa.gov/sab/>).

(c) **Science in Emergency Response:** The SAB is exploring the use of science in preparing for and responding to environmental disasters. The SAB previously discussed this topic at its meetings on December 12–14, 2006 (see 71 FR 67566), June 19–20, 2007 (see 72 FR 27308) and October 3–5, 2007 (see 72 FR 50105–50107; August 30, 2007). The SAB is currently drafting advisory comments to the Administrator as a result of these discussions. Final discussions of those comments will be held during the SAB meeting on December 6–7, 2007. Specific times will be provided in the meeting agenda that