

The primary responsibility of the ACSERAC is to conduct an expert peer review of the external review draft report entitled: "Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.4: Preliminary Review of Adaptation Options for Climate-Sensitive Ecosystems and Resources" (SAP 4.4). The ACSERAC will provide advice to the EPA Administrator on the conduct of this study, and within the context of the basic study plan, the ACSERAC will advise on: (1) The specific issues to be addressed; (2) appropriate technical approaches; (3) the usefulness of information provided to decision makers; (4) the quality of the content of the final report; (5) compliance with the Information Quality Act; and (6) other matters important to the successful achievement of the objectives of the study. Additionally, once the Agency completes its responses to the comments received from the ACSERAC and the public, the ACSERAC will review the Agency's responses.

EPA has already released the external draft SAP 4.4 report for public review. The **Federal Register** notice (FR72 46610) announcing a forty-five day public comment period was posted on the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Web site (www.climatechange.gov) on August 21, 2007. This report is accessible at www.epa.gov/ncea under *Recent Additions* and is linked to the CCSP Web site.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Human Impacts of Climate Change Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, HICCAC.

ACTION: Notice of a public conference call meeting of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Human Impacts of Climate Change Advisory Committee (HICCAC) on January 14, 2008, at 12 noon until 2 pm. (EST).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463 as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2), notification is hereby given that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development

(ORD) will hold a public conference call meeting of the HICCAC. This public conference call meeting is a follow-up to the public meeting that was held on October 15-16, 2007 (72 FR 52877, September 17, 2007).

The U.S. District Court for the District of Northern California has ordered the interagency U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) to produce the periodic scientific assessment of climate change required by the Global Change Research Act of 1990 by May 31, 2008 (*Center for Biological Diversity v. Brennan, et al.*, 2007 WL 2408901 [No. 06-7062, Aug. 21, 2007]). Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.6, which is being reviewed by the HICCAC, is an integral component of this assessment. The CCSP has directed EPA to complete and submit a final draft of Product 4.6 to the CCSP by January 31, 2008. To meet this deadline, the HICCAC is holding this conference call meeting to review its final report on this product. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the teleconference. Product 4.6 is a large document that has been developed under an unusually short time frame, with impacts on the authors' and committee members' schedules. January 14 is the only date that the Committee is available to hold this conference call meeting. Since EPA will likely have to make changes to the document following the teleconference, delaying this meeting would cause EPA to be late in submitting this product to the CCSP. Participants will discuss the revisions to the document that were a result of the public meeting in October. The CCSP expects to release the draft scientific assessment in April 2008. Interested parties will have an opportunity to review and comment on the entire scientific assessment, including Product 4.6, when it is released to the public.

Public Participation: Members of the public may submit written comments to Joanna Foellmer, Designated Federal Official, HICCAC (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below). In addition, members of the public may call into the conference call meeting as observers, and there will be a limited time for comments from the public. Please contact Joanna Foellmer no later than COB January 10, 2008, if you wish to make oral comments during the conference call meeting. Requests to make oral comments must be in writing (via e-mail, fax or ground mail). Please send a copy of your presentation to Joanna Foellmer by January 12, 2008. Information on services for the disabled may be obtained by contacting Joanna Foellmer.

Agenda: The proposed agenda for the conference call includes, but is not limited to, a review of the revised Synthesis and Assessment Product (SAP 4.6) that analyzes the impacts of global change on human health, human settlements, and human welfare. The HICCAC will respond to the changes made to the final report based on the review of an earlier draft of the report. There will be a discussion by the HICCAC panel with respect to their individual and collective assessment of the revised SAP 4.6 report. A draft agenda may be obtained from Joanna Foellmer (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below).

DATES: The conference call will take place on January 14, 2008, at 12 noon until 2 pm (EST).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding information and logistics for the HICCAC public conference call meeting should be directed to Joanna Foellmer by telephone: 703-347-8508, by e-mail: Foellmer.Joanna@epa.gov, by fax: 703-347-8694, or by regular mail: Joanna Foellmer, ORD/NCEA (Mail Code 8601P), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HICCAC supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in its participation in the interagency U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP), specifically in implementation of Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan for the CCSP. Goal 4 is to understand "the sensitivity and adaptability of different natural and managed ecosystems and human systems to climate and related global changes." EPA also helps the CCSP satisfy its requirement to conduct periodic assessments of climate change and variability, as set forth in the Global Change Research Act of 1990. The HICCAC serves in the public's interest and supports EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities.

The primary responsibility of the HICCAC is to conduct an expert peer review of the external review draft report entitled: "Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.6: Analyses of the effects of global change on human health and welfare and human systems" (SAP 4.6). The HICCAC will provide advice to the EPA Administrator on the results of this study, and within the context of the basic study plan, the HICCAC will advise on: (1) The specific issues to be addressed; (2) appropriate technical approaches; (3) the usefulness of information provided to decision makers; (4) the quality of the content of the final report; (5) compliance with the

Information Quality Act; and (6) other matters important to the successful achievement of the objectives of the study. Additionally, once the Agency completes its responses to the comments received from the HICCAC and the public, the HICCAC will review the Agency's responses.

EPA has already released the external draft SAP 4.6 report for public review. The **Federal Register** notice (FR 72 39798) announcing a forty-five day public comment period was posted on the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Web site (www.climate-science.gov) on July 20, 2007. This report is accessible at www.epa.gov/ncea under *Recent Additions* and is linked to the CCSP Web site.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

GSA BULLETIN FMR 2008-B3

Use of Segways® and Similar Devices by Individuals with a Mobility Impairment in GSA-Controlled Federal Facilities

AGENCY: General Services Administration

ACTION: Notice of Interim Policy

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) recognizes that some persons with mobility impairments are utilizing the Segway® Personal Transporter (Segway) and similar devices as their preferred means of locomotion. GSA is committed to making all reasonable efforts to make its facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. To that end, on December 3, 2007, GSA's Public Buildings Service issued the following interim policy to permit individuals with a mobility impairment to use these devices in Federal buildings under GSA's jurisdiction, custody or control, including those buildings delegated to other Federal agencies by the Administrator of General Services. This interim policy does not cover privately-owned leased buildings. GSA will issue a final policy once the effectiveness of the interim policy has been thoroughly reviewed and assessed.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[GSA Bulletin FMR 2008-B3]

TO: Heads of Federal Agencies

SUBJECT: Use of Segways® and Similar Devices by Individuals with a Mobility Impairment in GSA-Controlled Federal Facilities

Interim Segway® Personal Transporter Policy

The General Services Administration (GSA) recognizes that some persons with mobility impairments are utilizing the Segway® Personal Transporter (Segway) and similar devices as their preferred means of locomotion. GSA is committed to making all reasonable efforts to make its facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. To that end, GSA's Public Buildings Service is issuing this interim policy to permit individuals with a mobility impairment to use these devices in Federal buildings under GSA's jurisdiction, custody or control, including those buildings delegated to other Federal agencies by the Administrator of General Services. This interim policy does not cover privately-owned leased buildings. The use of Segways and other similar devices in leased locations should be negotiated with the building lessor. No alterations or modifications should be required for Segways or similar devices to enter GSA-controlled buildings. GSA will continue to comply with the building accessibility standards identified in 41 C.F.R. § 102-76.65.

GSA will issue a final policy once the effectiveness of the interim policy has been thoroughly reviewed and assessed. The following interim policy is designed to facilitate the safe integration of these mobility devices into the Federal workplace.

Definition of Segway and Scope of Interim Policy

A Segway is a two-wheeled, gyroscopically stabilized, battery-powered personal transportation device. Additional information on this device is available at the following link: <http://www.segway.com>. This policy applies not only to the brand name Segway®, but also to any similar device that is being used as a mobility aid by an individual with a mobility impairment.

This policy does not cover motorcycles, mopeds, tricycles, bicycles (whether or not motor-powered), or other similar devices not permitted to be operated in Federal buildings.

For purposes of this policy, an "individual with a mobility impairment" means any person who is subject to any physical impairment or condition regardless of its cause, nature or extent that renders the person unable to move about without the aid of crutches, a wheelchair or any other form of support, or that limits the person's functional ability to ambulate, climb, descend, sit, or rise, or to perform any related function.

Applicability

Individual with a Mobility Impairment - An individual with a mobility impairment is permitted to operate a Segway in a Federal building under the jurisdiction, custody or control of GSA in any areas open to pedestrian use.

Individual without a Mobility Impairment - An individual without a mobility impairment is not permitted to operate a Segway within a Federal building under the jurisdiction, custody or control of GSA. An individual may bring a Segway into a Federal building, provided the "power assist" mode, or any other mode that engages the battery, is not used when walking the Segway, unless the on-site security personnel or building manager determines that bringing the device into the building is not reasonable in the specific circumstances. Requests for waivers to the policy prohibiting an individual without a mobility impairment from operating a Segway in a Federal building under the jurisdiction, custody or control of GSA will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require the approval of the appropriate GSA Assistant Regional Administrator, Public Buildings Service, where such specific authorization may facilitate improvements in the efficiency in performing work assignments. One example of a circumstance in which a waiver could be appropriate is an individual without a mobility impairment who performs work in areas that are spacious, such as a warehouse, where four-wheeled, battery-operated devices are currently in use.

Safety

The Segway must be operated in a manner that does not compromise the safety of the user, the building occupants or the building infrastructure. Those individuals operating a Segway within a Federal building must remain in control at all times and must exercise caution when turning corners and