

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Charter of the NEJAC states that the advisory committee shall provide independent advice to the Administrator on areas that may include, among other things, "advice about EPA's progress, quality and adequacy in planning, developing and implementing environmental justice strategies, projects and programs" relating to environmental justice.

The meeting shall be used to receive comments, discuss, and provide recommendations regarding four major areas: (1) Nationally consistent environmental justice screening approaches; (2) strengthening strategic partnerships with State governments to addressing environmental justice concerns; (3) ways to enhance business opportunities and commitments to social and environmental responsibility through green business and sustainability; and (4) strategies to identify, mitigate, and/or otherwise address the disproportionate burden on communities of air pollution resulting from goods movement activities.

A. Public Comment: Individuals or groups making oral presentations during the public comment period will be limited to a total time of five minutes. Only one representative of a community, an organization, or a group will be allowed to speak. Any number of written comments can be submitted for the record. The suggested format for individuals making public comment should be as follows: Name of Speaker, Name of Organization/Community, Address/Telephone/E-mail, Description of Concern and its Relationship to the policy issue(s), and Recommendations or desired outcome. Written comments received by May 27, 2008 will be included in the materials distributed to the members of the NEJAC. Written comments received after that date will be provided to the NEJAC as logistics allow. All information should be sent to the address, e-mail, or fax number listed in the CONTACT section above.

B. Information about Services for the Handicapped: Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Ms. Julianne Pardi at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made to facilitate their participation. For information about facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact Ms. Pardi as soon as possible. All requests should be sent to the address, e-mail, or fax number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Dated: May 16, 2008.

Charles Lee,

Designated Federal Officer, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Upcoming Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Ecological Processes and Effects Committee Augmented for the Advisory on EPA's Ecological Research Program Multi-Year Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee Augmented for the Advisory on EPA's Ecological Research Program Multi-Year Plan (Plan). The teleconference is being held to discuss the Committee's draft advisory report.

DATES: The teleconference will be held on June 13, 2008 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public teleconference may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Dr. Armitage may be contacted at the EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or via *telephone/voice mail:* (202) 343-9995; fax (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: *armitage.thomas@epa.gov*. General information about the EPA SAB, as well as any updates concerning the teleconference announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: *http://www.epa.gov/sab*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee Augmented for the Advisory on EPA's Ecological Research Program Multi-Year Plan will hold a public teleconference to discuss a draft advisory report on the EPA Ecological Research Program Multi-Year Plan. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the

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

The EPA Office of Research and Development developed a draft Ecological Research Program Multi-Year Plan that establishes long-term and annual goals for the Agency's Ecological Research Program and discusses planned research. The Multi-Year Plan describes a new direction for the Ecological Research Program intended to fill the need for a better understanding of the implications of human impacts on ecosystems and the services they provide. The redirected Ecological Research Program builds on past research efforts in ecosystem monitoring, restoration, and functioning to develop operational methods for incorporating quantitative information on ecosystem services into decision making.

EPA's Office of Research and Development requested that the SAB provide advice on the program focus, research questions, and implementation approach articulated in the Agency's draft Ecological Research Program Multi-Year Plan. The SAB was asked to comment on:

(1) The utility of the program in offering meaningful contributions to ecological sciences and providing useful information for decision making, (2) the adequacy of the proposed goals, objectives, and research questions in meeting the overall purpose of the program, (3) the proposed implementation approach, (4) anticipated challenges to achieving the overall goal of the program, and (5) ways to measure the progress, productivity, efficiency, and effectiveness of the program.

In response to EPA's request, the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee is providing advice on the Plan. To augment the expertise on the Committee the SAB Staff Office selected several SAB committee members with expertise in valuing ecosystem services to participate in this advisory activity. The Committee has previously held one face-to-face meeting (73 FR 9327). Information about the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee Augmented for the Advisory on EPA's Ecological Research Program Multi-Year Plan is available on the SAB Web site at: *http://www.epa.gov/sab*.

Availability of Meeting Materials: The draft *Ecological Research Program Multi-Year Plan 2008–2014* reviewed by the SAB Committee is available on the following EPA Office of Research and Development Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/ord/npd/pdfs/ERP-MYP-complete-draft-v5.pdf>. The agenda and other material for the upcoming public teleconference will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> in advance of the teleconference.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB Committee to consider during the advisory process.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Armitage, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) at the contact information noted above, no later than June 6, 2008 to be placed on a list of public speakers for the teleconference.

Written Statements: Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by June 6, 2008 so that the information may be made available to the SAB Committee members for their consideration. 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. Armitage 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: May 19, 2008.

Vanessa T. Vu,

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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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 inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 20, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Todd Offenbacher, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. *Downing Partnership, L.P.*, Ellis, Kansas, to acquire 12.251 percent of the voting shares of Equity Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Equity Bank, N.A., both of Andover, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 20, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Re-Designation of Head Start Grantees

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice; FACA Committee Meetings Announcement.

Pursuant to Public Law 92–463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the second meeting of

the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Re-designation of Head Start Grantees, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The meeting will be held from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2008, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 1201 K Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public; however, seating is limited and preregistration is encouraged (see below).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Rathgeb, Office of Head Start, e-mail colleen.rathgeb@acf.hhs.gov or (202) 205–7378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 [Pub. L. 110–134, Section 641(c)(2) [42 U.S.C. 9836]] requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a system for designation renewal to determine if Head Start agencies are delivering high-quality and comprehensive Head Start programs that meet the educational, health, nutritional, and social needs of the children and families they serve, and meet program and financial management requirements and the program performance standards. The Advisory Committee on Re-Designation of Head Start Grantees will provide advice and recommendations on the development of a transparent, reliable and valid system for designation renewal as required under the statute.

The Advisory Committee will hear presentations on and discuss the grantee application and renewal process; recommendations on prospective criteria; data sources; and plans for future work of the Committee.

The meeting will be open to the public; however, seating is limited and preregistration is encouraged. To preregister, please e-mail AdvisoryCommittee@pal-tech.com with "Meeting Registration" in the subject line or call Tara Nordlander at 703–243–0495 by 5 p.m. EST, on June 2, 2008. Registration must include your name, affiliation, phone number, and days attending. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special assistance, please call Tara Nordlander at 703–243–0495 as soon as possible.

Written comments may be submitted electronically to AdvisoryCommittee@pal-tech.com with "Public Comment" in the subject line. HHS recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment, and it allows