

applications with respect to the authorized programs listed above in a letter dated 04/16/2009.

Also, in today's notice, EPA is informing interested persons that they may request a public hearing on EPA's action to approve the State of Texas' request to revise their authorized public water system program under 40 CFR Part 142, in accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(f). Requests for a hearing must be submitted to EPA within 30 days of publication of today's **Federal Register** notice. Such requests should include the following information:

(1) The name, address and telephone number of the individual, organization or other entity requesting a hearing;

(2) A brief statement of the requesting person's interest in EPA's determination, a brief explanation as to why EPA should hold a hearing, and any other information that the requesting person wants EPA to consider when determining whether to grant the request;

(3) The signature of the individual making the request, or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

In the event a hearing is requested and granted, EPA will provide notice of the hearing in the **Federal Register** not less than 15 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for hearing may be denied by EPA. Following such a public hearing, EPA will review the record of the hearing and issue an order either affirming today's determination or rescinding such determination. If no timely request for a hearing is received and granted, EPA's approval of the State of Texas' request to revise their Part 142—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program to allow electronic reporting will become effective 30 days after today's notice is published, pursuant to CROMERR section 3.1000(f)(4).

Dated: April 16, 2009.

**Lisa Schlosser,**

*Director, Office of Information Collection.*  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Draft Toxicological Review of Halogenated Platinum Salts and Platinum Compounds: In Support of the Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Peer Review Workshop.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing that Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), an EPA contractor for external scientific peer review, will convene an independent panel of experts and organize and conduct an external peer review workshop to review the external review draft document titled, "Toxicological Review of Halogenated Platinum Salts and Platinum Compounds: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (EPA/635/R-08/018). EPA previously announced the 60-day public comment period (ending April 6, 2009) for the draft document in the **Federal Register** on February 5, 2009 (74 FR 6154). EPA will consider public comments and recommendations from the expert panel workshop as EPA finalizes the draft document.

The public comment period and the external peer review workshop are separate processes that provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the document. EPA intends to forward public comments submitted in accordance with the **Federal Register** notice (74 FR 6154) to ERG for consideration by the external peer review panel prior to the workshop.

EPA released this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination public review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination.

The public may attend this workshop as observers through a registration process, and time will be set aside for observers to give brief oral comments at the workshop regarding the draft document under review. The draft document and EPA's peer review charge are available via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's (NCEA) home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and

Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. When finalizing the draft document, EPA intends to consider the comments and recommendations from the external peer review workshop and any public comments that EPA receives in accordance with 74 FR 6154, February 5, 2009. Public comments submitted during the 60-day public comment period ending April 6, 2009 may be observed at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2009-0040.

**DATES:** The peer review workshop will begin on May 21, 2009, at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Observers must register by Thursday, May 14, 2009. At the time of registration, please indicate if you wish to make brief oral comments at the workshop.

**ADDRESSES:** The peer review workshop will be held at the Palomar Hotel, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037. ERG is organizing, convening, and conducting the peer review workshop. To attend the workshop as an observer, register by Thursday, May 14, 2009, via the Internet at <https://www2.ergweb.com/projects/conferences/peerreview/register-platworkshop.htm>. You may also register by e-mail at [meetings@erg.com](mailto:meetings@erg.com) (subject line: Halogenated Platinum Salts and Platinum Compounds Workshop), by phone: 781-674-7374 or toll free at 800-803-2833 (ask for the Halogenated Platinum Salts and Platinum Compounds peer review coordinator, Laurie Waite), or by faxing a registration request to 781-674-2906 (please reference the "Halogenated Platinum Salts and Platinum Compounds Workshop" and include your name, title, affiliation, full address, and contact information).

EPA welcomes the attendance of the public at the Halogenated Platinum Salts and Compounds peer review workshop and will make every effort to accommodate persons with disabilities. For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact ERG, 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421-3136; *telephone:* 781-674-7374; *facsimile:* 781-674-2906; or *e-mail:* [meetings@erg.com](mailto:meetings@erg.com) (subject line: Halogenated Platinum Salts and Platinum Compounds Workshop). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact ERG, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

The draft "Toxicological Review of Halogenated Platinum Salts and

Platinum Compounds: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" and EPA's peer-review charge are available via the Internet on NCEA's home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from NCEA's Technical Information Staff, telephone: 703-347-8561; facsimile: 703-347-8691. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title. Copies are not available from ERG.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the peer review workshop, contact ERG, 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421-3136; telephone: 781-674-7374; facsimile: 781-674-2906; or e-mail: [meetings@erg.com](mailto:meetings@erg.com) (subject line: Halogenated Platinum Salts and Platinum Compounds Workshop).

If you have questions about the document, contact Andrew A. Rooney, IRIS Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment, (B243-01), U.S. EPA, 109 T.W. Alexander Dr., Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919-541-1492; facsimile: 919-541-0245; or e-mail: [rooney.andrew@epa.gov](mailto:rooney.andrew@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Summary of Information About the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

IRIS is a database that contains potential adverse human health effects information that may result from chronic (or lifetime) exposure to specific chemical substances found in the environment. The database (available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/iris>) contains qualitative and quantitative health effects information for more than 540 chemical substances that may be used to support the first two steps (hazard identification and dose-response evaluation) of a risk assessment process. When supported by available data, the database provides oral reference doses (RfDs) and inhalation reference concentrations (RfCs) for chronic health effects, and oral slope factors and inhalation unit risks for carcinogenic effects. Combined with specific exposure information, government and private entities can use IRIS data to help characterize public health risks of chemical substances in a site-specific situation and thereby support risk management decisions designed to protect public health.

#### II. Workshop Information

Members of the public may attend the workshop as observers, and there will be a limited time for oral comments from the public. Pre-registration is strongly recommended as space is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for pre-registration is May 14, 2009. If space allows, registrations will continue to be accepted after this date, including on-site registrations. Time will be set aside to hear comments from observers, and individuals will be limited to a maximum of five minutes during the morning session of peer review workshop. Please let ERG know if you wish to make comments during the workshop by registering on the Web site at <https://www2.ergweb.com/projects/conferences/peerreview/register-platworkshop.htm> and indicating your intent to make oral comments.

Dated: April 21, 2009.

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*Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8897-8]

#### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Request for Nominations of Experts for the Review of Technical Guidance on Nutrient Criteria Development

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is requesting nominations of non-EPA experts to augment the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) for the review of EPA's draft Technical Guidance on Empirical Approaches for Numeric Nutrient Criteria Development.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by May 18, 2009 per instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9995; by fax at (202) 233-0643 or via e-mail at [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov).

General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA SAB Web site at

<http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Any inquiry concerning EPA's Technical Guidance on Empirical Approaches for Numeric Nutrient Criteria Development should be directed to Ms. Ifeyinwa Davis of EPA's Office of Water (OW) at [davis.ifeyinwa@epa.gov](mailto:davis.ifeyinwa@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1096.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The SAB (42 U.S.C. 4365) is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. C) and related regulations. Generally, SAB meetings are announced in the **Federal Register**, conducted in public view, and provide opportunities for public input during deliberations. The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee is a standing committee of the chartered SAB. Additional information about the SAB and its committees can be obtained on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

Nutrient enrichment is one of the leading causes of surface water quality impairment in the U.S. The adoption of numeric nutrient criteria in state water quality standards for the protection of aquatic life is a high priority for EPA's Office of Water (OW). EPA published technical guidance for developing numeric nutrient water quality criteria in early 2000. The EPA guidance focused on the use of reference condition approaches for deriving nutrient criteria. Because many states are currently pursuing the use of empirically-derived stressor-response relationships as the basis for developing numeric nutrient endpoints for water quality standards, OW is developing recommendations for using a set of analytical methods and tools to augment EPA's published guidance manuals. EPA has requested that the SAB review the Agency's draft Technical Guidance on Empirical Approaches for Numerical Nutrient Criteria Development. In this regard, EPA has specifically requested advice on: the practical use of field data; addressing confounding variables and uncertainty; addressing indirect pathways of adverse effects; and the strengths and limitations of proposed approaches for deriving numeric values for nutrient endpoints. This advice will be provided by the SAB EPEC augmented with experts who have specialized knowledge of the effects of