

To meet the Congressional request, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) developed a draft research plan. This plan described an approach to gather existing data and information including a stakeholder input process; to catalog potential risks to drinking water supplies from hydraulic fracturing; to identify data gaps; and to develop research questions, research needs, and research products. ORD requested SAB advice regarding the planned research. The SAB Environmental Engineering Committee discussed its advice on April 7–8, 2010 (75 FR 9205–9206). Background information about this advisory activity can be found on the SAB Web site at [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr\\_activites/Hydraulic%20Fracturing?OpenDocument](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Hydraulic%20Fracturing?OpenDocument).

(2) *Review of the Arsenic Cancer Assessment*: EPA is currently in the process of updating the 1988 IRIS cancer assessment for inorganic arsenic. The EPA evaluated and implemented the National Research Council recommendations in their report titled *Arsenic in Drinking Water: 2001 Update* and in 2005 requested the SAB review the Agency's draft cancer assessment for inorganic arsenic. The SAB review report (*Advisory on EPA's Assessments of Carcinogenic Effects of Organic and Inorganic Arsenic: A Report of the US EPA Science Advisory Board*, EPA–SAB–07–008) was finalized in 2007.

EPA's Office of Research Development has recently completed a 2010 draft titled: "Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic: In Support of the Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)". ORD requested that the SAB evaluate and comment on EPA's interpretation and implementation of the key SAB (2007) recommendations. ORD requested a review focusing in three areas of the draft cancer assessment of inorganic arsenic: Evaluation of epidemiological literature; dose-response modeling approaches; and the sensitivity analysis of the exposure assumptions used in the risk assessment.

A work group of the chartered SAB discussed its review on April 6–7, 2010 (75 FR 9205–9206). Background information about this advisory activity can be found on the SAB Web site at [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr\\_activites/Rev%20Tox%20Review%20Inorg%20Arsenic?OpenDocument](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Rev%20Tox%20Review%20Inorg%20Arsenic?OpenDocument).

(3) *Chartered SAB's draft report on strategic research directions and integrated transdisciplinary research*: Since 2007 EPA's ORD has requested SAB advice on strategic research

directions. ORD requested advice on the overall strategic direction of the program in relation to EPA's overall mission and components of EPA's research program. The draft report was developed after SAB discussions with ORD about strategic research directions on November 9–10, 2009 (74 FR 52805–52806) and April 5–6, 2010 (75 FR 11883–11884).

Background information about this advisory activity can be found on the SAB Web site at [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr\\_activites/Research%20Directions?OpenDocument](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Research%20Directions?OpenDocument).

*Availability of Meeting Materials*: The agenda and other materials in support of the teleconference will be placed on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> in advance of the teleconference.

*Procedures for Providing Public Input*: Public comment for consideration by EPA's Federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a Federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit comments for a Federal advisory committee to consider as it develops advice for EPA. They should send their comments directly to the Designated Federal Officer for the relevant advisory committee. *Oral Statements*: In general, individuals or groups requesting time to make an oral presentation at a public SAB teleconference will be limited to three minutes, with no more than one-half hour for all speakers. Those interested in being placed on the public speakers list should contact Dr. Nugent at the contact information provided above by June 9, 2010. *Written Statements*: Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by June 9, 2010. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO via e-mail to [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov) (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Submitters are asked to provide versions of each document submitted with and without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites.

*Accessibility*: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Angela Nugent at (202) 343–9981 or [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov). To request

accommodation of a disability, please contact her preferably at least 10 days prior to the teleconference, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9152–4]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Request for Nominations of Experts for the SAB Arsenic Review Panel

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

**ACTION**: Notice request for nominations.

**SUMMARY**: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is requesting public nominations of experts to form an SAB panel to review EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessment for inorganic arsenic (noncancer).

**DATES**: Nominations should be submitted by June 7, 2010 per instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Sue Shallal, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail (202) 343–9977; by fax at (202) 233–0643; or via e-mail at [shallal.suhair@epa.gov](mailto:shallal.suhair@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>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: EPA is revising an assessment for arsenic in support of EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS). The National Research Council (NRC) published reports on the health effects of arsenic in 1999 and 2001. Since 2001, information has been developed for dermal hyperpigmentation, keratosis, and epidemiology of inorganic arsenic that may impact EPA's 1988 values. The IRIS Program is preparing an assessment which will incorporate available noncancer health effects information for inorganic arsenic, as well as new risk assessment methods. ORD has requested that the SAB conduct the external peer review of its revised draft assessment.

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 Staff Office will form an expert panel to review ORD's draft IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic (noncancer). The Arsenic Review Panel is being asked to comment on the scientific soundness of the Agency's draft assessment. The SAB panel will comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and all appropriate SAB procedural policies. Upon completion, the panel's report will be submitted to the chartered SAB for final approval for transmittal to the EPA Administrator.

**Availability of the Review Materials:** The EPA draft IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic (noncancer) will be made available by ORD at the following URL <http://epa.gov/ncea> (under "Recent Additions"). Availability of the draft Toxicological Review will be announced in a separate **Federal Register** Notice. For questions concerning the review materials, please contact Dr. Janice S. Lee, at (919) 541-9458, or [lee.janices@epa.gov](mailto:lee.janices@epa.gov).

**Request for Nominations:** The SAB Staff Office is requesting nominations of nationally recognized experts with expertise and research experience with inorganic arsenic in one or more of the following areas: Epidemiology; clinical medicine; dermatology; toxicology and mechanisms of action; toxicokinetics; and risk assessment and biostatistics.

**Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:** Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for possible service on the Arsenic Review Panel in the areas of expertise described above. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (which is preferred over hard copy) following the instructions for "Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels and Ad Hoc Committees Being Formed" provided on the SAB Web site. The instructions can be accessed through the "Nomination of Experts" link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. To receive full consideration, nominations should include all of the information requested.

EPA's SAB Staff Office requests: Contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's curriculum vita; sources of recent grants and/or contracts; and a biographical

sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, research activities, and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations.

Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB Web site, should contact Dr. Shallal, DFO, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than June 7, 2010. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations. The names and biosketches of qualified nominees identified by respondents to the **Federal Register** notice and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff will be posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Public comments on this List of Candidates will be accepted for 21 calendar days. The public will be requested to provide relevant information or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office, a balanced subcommittee or review panel includes candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, may be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. In establishing the Inorganic Arsenic (noncancer) Review Panel, the SAB Staff Office will consider public comments on the list of candidates, information provided by the candidates themselves, and background information independently gathered by the SAB Staff Office. Selection criteria to be used for panel membership include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality; (e) skills working in advisory committees and panels for the Panel as a whole, and (f) diversity of and balance among scientific expertise and viewpoints.

The SAB Staff Office's evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows

Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>.

The approved policy under which the EPA SAB Office selects subcommittees and review panels is described in the following document: *Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board (EPA-SAB-EC-02-010)*, which is posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec02010.pdf>.

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE U.S.

[Public Notice 2010-0009]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Final Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Export-Import Bank of the U.S.  
**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review and comments request.

**Form Title:** Application for Issuing Bank Credit Limit (IBCL) Under Bank Letter of Credit Policy.

**SUMMARY:** The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The Application for Issuing Bank Credit Limit (IBCL) Under Bank Letter of Credit Policy will be used by entities involved in the export of US goods and services.

We have made the following changes to this application:

- a. Added the following questions:
  1. How many new FTEs in the U.S. do you export to hire this year to help obtain and fulfill your export sales covered by this letter of credit?
  2. How many existing FTEs in the U.S. do you currently have on staff to obtain and fulfill your export sales covered by this letter of credit?