

stewardship of used electronics. By May 6, 2011, the Task Force will deliver to CEQ a national framework for:

1. Directing Federal agencies to exercise all appropriate authorities to achieve the electronic stewardship goals, consistent with domestic and international law;
2. Developing a system-based approach to the long-term design, management and disposal of Federal used electronics;
3. Information gathering and tracking, regulatory options, and best management practices for used electronics that can be used by the Federal agencies and leveraged to the private sector;
4. Building partnerships in the public and private sector for sustainable electronics management nationwide;
5. Reducing exports of used electronics to developing countries that lack the capacity to properly manage them, and assess how federal agencies can improve their ability to deter these exports; and,
6. Building capacity within and share best practices with developing countries, so they can improve their ability to safely handle used electronics, while promoting economic development.

#### A. What action is the Agency taking?

EPA and the Interagency Task Force are soliciting input from individuals and organizations to inform the electronics stewardship national framework. More specifically, EPA and the Interagency Task Force would appreciate your individual views regarding the following questions:

1. What actions should the federal government take to further encourage the design, manufacture, procurement, and use of greener electronics?
2. What are the challenges to designing and manufacturing products in which rare and valuable materials are 100% recyclable, and are recycled at end of product life? What can the federal government do to help address those challenges?
3. What are best practices for used electronics management that the federal government should adopt? What examples of best management practices of used electronics have been implemented in your community, organization or institution?
4. How can the amount of electronics that are recycled in the United States be increased, while ensuring that they are managed safely and properly?
5. What additional infrastructure is needed, and what can be done to encourage its development, in the United States to responsibly reuse and

recycle used electronics from governments, businesses and private consumers?

6. What innovations in electronic design exist that would enable electronics to be tracked until disposal?
7. What information would be most helpful to you when deciding how to dispose of used electronics?
8. What projects, practices or efforts, are you aware of that addresses the problem of used electronics from the United States being exported and being handled in a way that causes harm to health and the environment?
9. How could public-private partnerships help resolve any or all the questions above?

The framework that is released on May 6, 2011 will include additional follow on steps to engage all stakeholders.

For your convenience the questions above are also available for viewing at <http://www.epa.gov/wastes/conservation/materials/ecycling/taskforce/>.

#### B. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?

Executive Order (E.O.) 13514 specifies Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance. An overall goal of EO 13514 is "to establish an integrated strategy towards sustainability in the Federal Government." Section 2(i) of E.O. 13514 establishes electronics stewardship goals. In the spirit of E.O. 13514, the government will lead by example in this effort by ensuring that the departments and agencies of the federal government, some of the largest consumers of electronics in the country, are also the most responsible consumers.

#### Comments Consideration

The EPA and the Interagency Task Force on Electronics Stewardship will consider stakeholder input received from written comments in developing the Framework. There will be another opportunity to comment on the Framework developed by the Task Force after it is delivered to the Council on Environmental Quality.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Electronics stewardship, Sustainability, E-waste.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Two Public Teleconferences of the Science Advisory Board Ecological Processes and Effects Committee Augmented for Ballast Water

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC). The SAB EPEC, augmented with other experts, will discuss their draft advisory report about the effectiveness of shipboard ballast water treatment processes and ways to improve future assessments of ballast water treatment systems to minimize the impacts of invasive species in vessel ballast water discharge.

**DATES:** The teleconference dates are Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday, March 16, 2011 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The public teleconferences will be conducted by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who wish to obtain further information about this meeting may contact Ms. Iris Goodman, Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Ms. Goodman 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) 564-2164 fax, (202) 265-2098; or e-mail at [goodman.iris@epa.gov](mailto:goodman.iris@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA 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 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. 2. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the SAB EPEC augmented with other experts will hold a public meeting to discuss their

draft advisory report that responds to charge questions about the effectiveness and reliability of ballast water treatment technologies and ways to improve future assessments of ballast water treatment systems in order to protect waters from the risk of invasive species and to be protective of Clean Water Act standards. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

**Background:** Vessel ballast water discharges are a major source of nonindigenous species introductions to marine, estuarine, and freshwater ecosystems of the United States. Ballast water discharges are regulated by EPA under authority of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the U.S. Coast Guard under authority of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act, as amended (NANPCA).

EPA's Office of Water (OW) requested that the SAB review technical documents and available data on the effectiveness of ballast water treatment systems and provide advice on improving the performance of such systems. The SAB EPEC previously met on July 29–30, 2010; held public teleconferences on October 26, and November 4, 2010; and met on Jan. 25–26, 2011. Additional information about this advisory activity may be found on the SAB Web site at [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr\\_activites/BW%20discharge?OpenDocument](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/BW%20discharge?OpenDocument). The purpose of the two teleconferences on March 15, 2011 and March 16, 2011 is for the Committee to discuss their draft advisory report.

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

**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 an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Interested parties should contact Ms. Goodman, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) at the contact information noted above by March 7, 2011, to be placed on a list of public speakers for the meeting. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office no later than March 7, 2011 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). Submitters are requested to provide two 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 Ms. Goodman 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: February 16, 2011.

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## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

### Public Availability of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) FY 2010 Service Contract Inventory

**AGENCY:** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Availability of FY 2010 Service Contract Inventories.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117), Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of the FY 2010 Service Contract inventory. This inventory provides information on service contract actions over \$25,000 that were made in FY 2010. The information is organized

by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. The inventory has been developed in accordance with guidance issued on November 5, 2010 by the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP's guidance is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/procurement/memo/service-contract-inventories-guidance-11052010.pdf>. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has posted its inventory and a summary of the inventory on the EEOC homepage at the following link: Doing Business with EEOC.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the service contract inventory should be directed to Doreen Starkes in the Acquisition Services Division at (202) 663-4240 or [DOREEN.STARKES@EEOC.GOV](mailto:DOREEN.STARKES@EEOC.GOV).

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**SUMMARY:** *Background.* On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), as per 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission, supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.