

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Request for Nominations of Experts for SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Review Panel****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is requesting public nominations of technical experts to serve on an Asbestos expert panel under the auspices of the SAB to conduct a peer review of EPA's Draft Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by June 17, 2011 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. Diana Wong, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-2049, or via e-mail at [wong.diana-M@epa.gov](mailto:wong.diana-M@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found at the EPA SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. For questions concerning the Libby Amphibole Asbestos Assessment, please contact Dr. Danielle DeVoney, of EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), by phone (703) 347-8558, or via e-mail at [devoney.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:devoney.daniel@epa.gov); or Dr. Bob Benson, of EPA Region 8, by phone (303) 312-7070, or via email at [benson.bob@epa.gov](mailto:benson.bob@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization (ERDDAA) Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. The EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within the Office of Research and Development (ORD) has requested the SAB to review EPA's draft Draft Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS). The draft assessment evaluates cancer and noncancer health hazards and exposure-response of Libby amphibole asbestos. Libby amphibole asbestos, found in vermiculite ore deposits near Libby,

MT, is comprised of a mixture of related mineral forms of amphibole asbestos: Primarily winchite, richtorite and tremolite with trace amounts of magnesioriebeckite, edenite, and magnesio-arfvedsonite. In response to ORD's request, the SAB Staff Office will form an expert panel to review the draft assessment. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.2) and related regulations. The SAB Panel will provide advice through the chartered SAB and comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

**Request For Nominations:** The SAB Staff Office is seeking public nominations of nationally and internationally recognized scientists with demonstrated expertise and experience in the following areas related to asbestos, including: Mineralogy, industrial hygiene, air sampling and detection methods, exposure assessment, occupational medicine, pulmonary medicine, radiology on asbestos related disease, pulmonary pathology, epidemiology, toxicology, statistical modeling, risk assessment, and uncertainty analysis.

**Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:** Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above for possible service on this expert Panel. 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 below.

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 grant and/or contract support; 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. Diana Wong, DFO, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than June 17, 2011. 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 bio-sketches of qualified nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice, and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff, will be posted in a List of Candidates on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Public comments on this List of Candidates will be accepted for 21 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 review panel includes candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. In forming this expert 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; and (e) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; and, (f) for the Panel as a whole, diversity of 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>.

Dated: May 23, 2011.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Information Collection Being Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Emergency Review and Approval

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. *Comments are requested concerning:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, and (e) ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with

a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before June 13, 2011. If you anticipate that you will be submitting PRA comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget, via fax at 202-395-5167 or via the Internet at [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov) and to the Federal Communications Commission via e-mail to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and [Paul.Laurenzano@fcc.gov](mailto:Paul.Laurenzano@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, contact Paul Laurenzano on (202) 418-1359.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission is requesting emergency OMB processing of the information collection requirement(s) contained in this notice and has requested OMB approval 30 days after the collection is received at OMB.

To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called "Currently Under Review," (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the right of the "Select Agency" box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the OMB control number of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-XXXX.  
*Title:* Sections 1.1420; 1.1422; and 1.1424 Pole Attachment Access Requirements.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* New Collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 1,278 respondents; 54,932 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1-600 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Occasional third party disclosure, recordkeeping, and reporting.

*Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained 47 U.S.C. section 224.

*Total Annual Burden:* 683,169 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No cost.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* No confidentiality regarding recordkeeping or reporting. No known confidentiality between third parties.

*Privacy Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Needs and Uses:* The new rules are needed to implement the statutory mandate that communications companies (attachers) should be able to place facilities on utility poles. The new rules set a series of deadlines or "timeline" to govern the process by which permission is sought by attachers and granted by utility pole owners. In practice, attachers must submit detailed applications that cause the utility to survey and perform an engineering analysis on the poles where access is requested.

The post-survey pole preparation work (make-ready) triggers further paperwork burdens. These include the pole owner notifying all known entities with existing attachments and the requesting attacher of the scheduled work. Other notification occurs if the make-ready period is interrupted, and if a pole owner asserts its right to one 15-day extension of time. Pole owners both perform make ready and coordinate with existing attachers over many weeks.

Also, the Order adopts rules intended to make the timeline deadlines largely self-enforcing. Utilities are required to post a list of approved contractors. If a deadline is not met, new attachers may hire a listed, utility-approved contractor to perform pole attachment surveys or preparation in lieu of the utility using its own workers. If an attacher uses a utility-approved contractor, it must notify the utility, and invite the utility to send a representative to oversee the work. This self-enforcing mechanism removes some of the burden from the complaint process, which is often too slow to provide meaningful relief when pole access is denied or unreasonably delayed.

Finally, the Order also broadens the existing enforcement process by permitting incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) to file complaints alleging that the attachment rates demanded by electric utilities are unreasonable. The Order also encourages incumbent LECs that benefit from lower pole attachment costs to file data at the Commission that demonstrate that the benefits are being passed on to consumers.