

of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is August 7, 2012.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD12-12-000]

#### Coordination Between Natural Gas and Electricity Markets; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

As announced in the Notices issued on July 5, 2012<sup>1</sup> and July 17, 2012,<sup>2</sup> the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) staff will hold a technical conference on Monday, August 6, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m. to discuss gas-electric coordination issues in the Central region. The agenda and list of roundtable participants for this conference is attached. This conference is free of charge and open to the public. Commission members may participate in the conference.

The Central region technical conference will be held at the following venue: St. Louis, MO, Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, 1 South Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102, USA, Tel (reservations and other information): 1-314-421-1776, 1-877-845-7354 (toll free).

If you have not already done so, those who plan to attend the Central region technical conference are strongly encouraged to complete the registration form located at: [www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/nat-gas-elec-mkts-form.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/nat-gas-elec-mkts-form.asp). There is no deadline to register to attend the conference. The dress code for the conference will be business casual. The agenda and roundtable participants for the remaining four technical conferences will be issued in supplemental notices at later dates.

The Central region technical conference will not be transcribed. However, there will be a free audiocast of the conference. The audiocast will allow persons to listen to the Central region technical conference, but not participate. Anyone with Internet access who desires to listen to the Central region conference can do so by navigating to [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)'s Calendar of Events and locating the Central region technical conference in the Calendar. The Central region technical conference

<sup>1</sup> Coordination between Natural Gas and Electricity Markets, Docket No. AD12-12-000 (July 5, 2012) (Notice of Technical Conferences) (<http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=13023450>); 77 FR 41184 (July 12, 2012) (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-07-12/pdf/2012-16997.pdf>).

<sup>2</sup> Coordination between Natural Gas and Electricity Markets, Docket No. AD12-12-000 (July 17, 2012) (Supplemental Notice of Technical Conferences) (<http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=13029403>).

will contain a link to its audiocast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for audiocasts and offers the option of listening to the meeting via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit [www.CapitolConnection.org](http://www.CapitolConnection.org) or call 703-993-3100.<sup>3</sup>

Information on this and the other regional technical conferences will also be posted on the Web site [www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/electric-coord.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/electric-coord.asp), as well as the Calendar of Events on the Commission's Web site [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). Changes to the agenda or list of roundtable participants for the Central region technical conference, if any, will be posted on the Web site [www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/electric-coord.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/electric-coord.asp) prior to the conference.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-502-8659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this and the other regional technical conferences, please contact:

Pamela Silberstein, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8938, [Pamela.Silberstein@ferc.gov](mailto:Pamela.Silberstein@ferc.gov)  
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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2012-0437; FRL-9354-4]

### Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires

<sup>3</sup> The audiocast will continue to be available on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's Web site [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) for three months after the conference.

any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Chemical Substances Inventory (TSCA Inventory)) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under TSCA sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3), EPA is required to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish in the **Federal Register** periodic status reports on the new chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement (NOC) to manufacture those chemicals. This document, which covers the period from May 29, 2011 to June 15, 2012, and provides the required notice and status report, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the NOC to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

**DATES:** Comments identified by the specific PMN number or TME number, must be received on or before August 31, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2012-0437, and the specific PMN number or TME number for the chemical related to your comment, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564-8930. Such deliveries are only accepted during the DCO's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you

consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) or email. The [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov), your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

*Docket:* All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPPT Docket. The OPPT Docket is located in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) at Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Docket visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector, and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor bags are processed through an X-ray machine and subject to search. Visitors will be provided an EPA/DC badge that must be visible at all times in the building and returned upon departure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For technical information contact:* Bernice Mudd, Information Management Division (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8951; fax

number: (202) 564-8955; email address: [mudd.bernice@epa.gov](mailto:mudd.bernice@epa.gov).

*For general information contact:* The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: *TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe the specific entities that this action may apply to. Although others may be affected, this action applies directly to the submitter of the PMNs addressed in this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at

your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

**II. Why is EPA taking this action?**

EPA classifies a chemical substance as either an “existing” chemical or a “new” chemical. Any chemical substance that is not on EPA’s TSCA Inventory is classified as a “new chemical,” while those that are on the TSCA Inventory are classified as an “existing chemical.” For more information about the TSCA Inventory go to: <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/newchems/pubs/inventory.htm>. Anyone

who plans to manufacture or import a new chemical substance for a non-exempt commercial purpose is required by TSCA section 5 to provide EPA with a PMN, before initiating the activity. Section 5(h)(1) of TSCA authorizes EPA to allow persons, upon application, to manufacture (includes import) or process a new chemical substance, or a chemical substance subject to a significant new use rule (SNUR) issued under TSCA section 5(a), for “test marketing” purposes, which is referred to as a test marketing exemption, or TME. For more information about the requirements applicable to a new chemical go to: <http://www.epa.gov/opt/newchems>.

Under TSCA sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3), EPA is required to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of receipt of a PMN or an application for a TME and to publish in the **Federal Register** periodic status reports on the new

chemicals under review and the receipt of NOCs to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from May 29, 2012 to June 15, 2012, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the NOCs to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

**III. Receipt and Status Reports**

In Table I. of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as CBI) on the PMNs received by EPA during this period: The EPA case number assigned to the PMN, the date the PMN was received by EPA, the projected end date for EPA’s review of the PMN, the submitting manufacturer/importer, the potential uses identified by the manufacturer/importer in the PMN, and the chemical identity.

TABLE I—31 PMNS RECEIVED FROM MAY 29, 2012 TO JUNE 15, 2012

Case No.	Received date	Projected notice end date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P-12-0373	05/25/2012	08/22/2012	CBI .....	(G) Abrasion resistant, formable dual-cure laquer for screen printing.	(G) 1,4-butanediol, polymer with substituted alkane and substituted methylene biscarbomonocycle 2-hydroxyalkyl acrylate-blocked.
P-12-0374	05/25/2012	08/22/2012	CBI .....	(G) A component in paints/coatings- function as a dispersing agent/stabilizer.	(G) Quaternary ammonium compound.
P-12-0375	05/29/2012	08/26/2012	CBI .....	(G) Water treatment product for cooling water.	(G) Alkenedioic acid (2Z)-, sodium salt (1:1), polymer with sodium phosphinate (1:1), hydrolyzed.
P-12-0376	05/29/2012	08/26/2012	CBI .....	(G) Lubricant additive .....	(G) 2,5-furandione, polymer with ethane and 1-propene, and substituted aryl amines.
P-12-0377	05/29/2012	08/26/2012	CBI .....	(G) Catalyst for chemical industry.	(G) Mixed metallic oxides.
P-12-0378	05/29/2012	08/26/2012	CBI .....	(G) The new substance is intended for use as a raw material for industrial waterborne coating applications.	(G) Diacrylate polymer with alkane esterdiol, alkane diol, alkane acid diol and diisocyanates.
P-12-0379	05/29/2012	08/26/2012	CBI .....	(G) Destructive use .....	(G) Alkyl zinc halide.
P-12-0380	06/01/2012	08/29/2012	CBI .....	(G) The PMN substance is used as plastic additive. It is imported in pigment formulation to be incorporated into plastic parts in concentration range 0.1–2%.	(G) Monoazo compound.
P-12-0381	05/30/2012	08/27/2012	3M Company ....	(G) Curative .....	(G) Amido amine polyether polymer.
P-12-0382	06/05/2012	09/02/2012	CBI .....	(G) Open, non-dispersive use in printing applications and a dispersive use in consumer products.	(G) Alkenes.
P-12-0383	06/05/2012	09/02/2012	CBI .....	(G) Open, non-dispersive use in printing applications and a dispersive use in consumer products.	(G) Alkanes.

TABLE I—31 PMNS RECEIVED FROM MAY 29, 2012 TO JUNE 15, 2012—Continued

Case No.	Received date	Projected notice end date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P-12-0384	06/07/2012	09/04/2012	Royal adhesives and sealants.	(S) Crosslinking agent for isocyanate-tipped resins used as adhesives and sealants.	(G) Secondary amine-terminated polyether triol.
P-12-0385	06/08/2012	09/05/2012	CBI .....	(G) Coating for plastics .....	(G) Lightly branched polyester resin salt.
P-12-0386	06/08/2012	09/05/2012	CBI .....	(G) Coating for plastics .....	(G) Lightly branched polyester resin salt.
P-12-0387	06/11/2012	09/08/2012	CBI .....	(G) Resin for composite manufacture.	(G) Modified polyester.
P-12-0388	06/11/2012	09/08/2012	CBI .....	(G) Resin for refinish automotive coatings.	(G) Methacrylate, acrylate, styrene, hydroxy & acid functional acrylic copolymer.
P-12-0389	06/11/2012	09/08/2012	CBI .....	(G) Resin for refinish automotive coatings.	(G) Methacrylate, acrylate, styrene, hydroxy & acid functional acrylic copolymer.
P-12-0390	06/11/2012	09/08/2012	CBI .....	(G) Resin for refinish automotive coatings.	(G) Methacrylate, acrylate, styrene, hydroxy & acid functional acrylic copolymer.
P-12-0391	06/11/2012	09/08/2012	CBI .....	(G) Resin for refinish automotive coatings.	(G) Methacrylate, acrylate, styrene, hydroxy & acid functional acrylic copolymer.
P-12-0392	06/11/2012	09/08/2012	CBI .....	(G) Fragrance material for highly dispersive use.	(G) Mix of isomers of substituted cyclohexyl carboxaldehyde.
P-12-0393	06/11/2012	09/08/2012	Lubrigreen Biosynthetics.	(G) Lubricant base oil .....	(S) Fatty acids, C <sub>8-18</sub> and C <sub>18</sub> -unsaturated., reaction products with isomerized oleic acid homopolymer 2-propylheptyl ester.
P-12-0394	06/11/2012	09/08/2012	Lubrigreen Biosynthetics.	(G) Lubricant base oil .....	(S) Fatty acids, coco, reaction products with isomerized oleic acid homopolymer 2-propylheptyl ester.
P-12-0395	06/11/2012	09/08/2012	Lubrigreen Biosynthetics.	(G) Lubricant base oil .....	(S) 9-octadecenoic acid (9Z)-, homopolymer, 2-propylheptyl ester, isomerized.
P-12-0396	06/11/2012	09/08/2012	CBI .....	(S) Polymer for flexographic and gravure lamination inks.	(G) Solvent-based urethane dispersion.
P-12-0397	06/12/2012	09/09/2012	Cray Valley USA, LLC.	(S) Reinforcing additive in polyolefins.	(S) 3-phenyl-2-propenoic acid, zinc salt (2:1).
P-12-0398	06/12/2012	09/09/2012	Sasol North America.	(S) Lubricant in special chain oils for conveyor belts.	(S) 1,2,4-benzenetricarboxylic acid, mixed lauryl and octyl triesters.
P-12-0399	06/12/2012	09/09/2012	CBI .....	(G) Paper treatment .....	(G) Perfluoroalkylethyl methacrylate copolymer, sodium salt.
P-12-0400	06/12/2012	09/09/2012	CBI .....	(G) Coating for beverage cans.	(G) Neutralized epoxy phosphate.
P-12-0401	06/12/2012	09/09/2012	CBI .....	(G) External can coating .....	(G) Water reducible polyester resin.
P-12-0402	06/13/2012	09/10/2012	CBI .....	(G) Pigment formulation additive.	(S) 2-oxepanone, polymer with aziridine, dodecanoate (ester).
P-12-0403	05/30/2012	08/27/2012	CBI .....	(G) Coating for plastics .....	(G) Aqueous polyester polyurethane dispersion.

In Table II. of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as

CBI) on the NOCs received by EPA during this period: The EPA case number assigned to the NOC, the date

the NOC was received by EPA, the projected end date for EPA's review of the NOC, and chemical identity.

TABLE II—26 NOCs RECEIVED FROM MAY 29, 2012 TO JUNE 15, 2012

Case No.	Received date	Commencement notice end date	Chemical
P-06-0726	06/15/2012	05/31/2012	(G) Cyclical acid, polymer with isocyanate, diols, diacids, alkanolamine, amine salt.
P-07-0721	06/07/2012	05/21/2012	(S) 1,3-cyclohexadiene-1-carboxylic acid, 4,6,6-trimethyl-, ethyl ester.
P-08-0355	05/30/2012	05/25/2012	(G) Polymer of alkanedioic acid and alkane diamine.
P-08-0638	05/31/2012	05/16/2012	(G) Mixed titanate.

TABLE II—26 NOCs RECEIVED FROM MAY 29, 2012 TO JUNE 15, 2012—Continued

Case No.	Received date	Commencement notice end date	Chemical
P-08-0639	05/31/2012	05/16/2012	(G) Mixed titanate.
P-09-0398	06/01/2012	05/14/2012	(G) Polyitaconic acid.
P-10-0135	05/25/2012	05/23/2012	(G) Fluoroketone.
P-10-0462	06/14/2012	06/07/2012	(G) Isocyanate functional polyester urethane polymer.
P-11-0435	06/14/2012	06/08/2012	(G) Alkoxyated amine derivative.
P-11-0436	06/15/2012	06/11/2012	(G) Polyether sulfate salt derivative.
P-11-0456	06/06/2012	05/15/2012	(G) Thermoset acrylic polymer.
P-11-0466	06/15/2012	06/06/2012	(G) Alkoxyated amine derivative.
P-11-0508	06/05/2012	05/07/2012	(G) Acrylic polymer.
P-11-0561	06/06/2012	05/18/2012	(G) Tetrafluoroethylene chlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer.
P-11-0623	06/01/2012	05/31/2012	(G) Heteromonocycle, homopolymer, disubstituted carbomonocycle, substituted alkyl ester.
P-11-0629	06/11/2012	04/19/2012	(G) Carbodiimide crosslinker.
P-11-0646	05/30/2012	04/30/2012	(G) Perfluoroalkylethyl methacrylate copolymer.
P-11-0655	06/13/2012	06/11/2012	(G) Aliphatic epoxy acrylate.
P-12-0019	06/08/2012	06/05/2012	(S) Starch carboxymethyl 2-hydroxypropyl ether.
P-12-0072	06/12/2012	05/19/2012	(G) Quaternary ammonium compound.
P-12-0103	05/25/2012	04/30/2012	(G) Alkene-substituted fatty acid methyl ester polymer.
P-12-0135	06/04/2012	05/05/2012	(G) Epoxy amine polymer.
P-12-0151	06/01/2012	05/04/2012	(G) Glycol substituted bicyclic olefin.
P-12-0157	06/12/2012	05/31/2012	(G) Acrylic copolymer.
P-12-0221	06/06/2012	06/04/2012	(G) Acrylic polymer.
P-96-0550	06/14/2012	06/12/2012	(G) Metallo, dihydro hydroxy, hydroxyethylsulfonyl, alkylether, azo, sulfo, polycarbocycle, substituted heterocycle, carboxylate, salt.

If you are interested in information that is not included in these tables, you may contact EPA as described in Unit II. to access additional non-CBI information that may be available.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Imports, Notice of commencement, Premanufacturer, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Test marketing exemptions.

Dated: July 10, 2012.

#### Chandler Sirmons,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9707-9]

#### Notification of Two Public Teleconferences of the Science Advisory Board; Environmental Economics Advisory Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory

Committee to discuss its draft review of EPA's White Paper "Retrospective Study of the Costs of EPA Regulations: An Interim Report" (March 2012 draft).

**DATES:** The public teleconferences will be held on Friday, September 7, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) and Friday, November 2, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the meeting may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail (202) 564-2073; fax (202) 565-2098; or email at [stallworth.holly@epa.gov](mailto:stallworth.holly@epa.gov). General information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App., notice is hereby given that the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) will hold public teleconference to discuss its draft report reviewing the EPA report "Retrospective Study of the Costs of EPA Regulations: An Interim Report" (March 2012 draft). The SAB was established pursuant to 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 FACA. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

EPA's white paper "Retrospective Study of the Costs of EPA Regulations: An Interim Report" (March 2012 draft) summarizes EPA's initial findings from a small number of pilot case studies that attempt to evaluate the costs of EPA's regulations after they were implemented (ex post). To improve future benefit-cost analyses, EPA is seeking to compare its predictions of costs (ex ante costs) with actual (ex post) costs and, if they differ substantially, to understand why. EPA has requested the SAB's review of its approach to assessing ex post costs as detailed in its draft paper. Additional background on this SAB EEAC review and announcement of two previous teleconferences is provided in 77 FR 17475-17476. The most current SAB EEAC draft report will be posted on the SAB Web site prior to each teleconference. These draft reports, meeting agendas and any other meeting materials may be found at [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr\\_activites/Retrospective%20Cost%20Study?OpenDocument](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Retrospective%20Cost%20Study?OpenDocument).

**Technical Contacts:** Any questions concerning EPA's White Paper should be directed to Dr. Nathalie Simon, NCEE at (202) 566-2347 or [simon.nathalie@epa.gov](mailto:simon.nathalie@epa.gov).