DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

STATE ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (STEAB)


ACTION: Notice of open teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a teleconference call of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: Thursday, November 21, 2013, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). To receive the call-in number and passcode, please contact the Board’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the address or phone number listed below.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board’s responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101–440).

Tentative Agenda: Receive an update on the activities of the STEAB’s Taskforces and discuss the formation of new Task Forces to assist EERE with the Clean Energy Manufacturing Initiative and other proposed programs, provide an update to the Board on routine business matters and EERE areas of interest, and work on agenda items and details for the December 2013 meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting.

Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Julie Hughes at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days on the STEAB Web site at: www.steab.org.

Issued at Washington, DC, on October 24, 2013.

LaTanya R. Butler,
Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: DRAFT EPA CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Scientific evidence demonstrates that the climate is changing at an increasingly rapid rate, outside the range to which society has adapted in the past. Climate change can pose significant challenges to the EPA’s ability to fulfill its mission. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is committed to identifying and responding to the challenges that a changing climate poses to human health and the environment. It is essential therefor, that the EPA adapt to climate change in order to continue fulfilling its statutory, regulatory and programmatic requirements, chief among these protection of human health and the environment. Adaptation will involve anticipating and planning for changes in climate and incorporating considerations of climate change into many of the Agency’s programs, policies, rules and operations to ensure they are effective under changing climatic conditions. Adaptation also necessitates close coordination between EPA and its many partners and stakeholders.

Today, EPA announces the availability of public review drafts of its draft Implementation Plans; one for each of its ten Regions and seven National Programs. The draft Implementation Plans will be available for a 60-day public review and comment period.

The public review drafts of EPA’s draft Implementation Plans have been posted to a public docket and they are available on the Agency Web site at this URL address: http://epa.gov/climatechange/impacts-adaptation/fed-programs/EPA-impl-plans.html. The Docket for public comment can be found on the Federal Government Regulations Web site (http://www.regulations.gov/#/home). It is Docket Number EPA–HQ–OA–2013–0568.

DATES: The public should respond to the EPA with comment via the public docket no later than January 3, 2014. Only comments received by the deadline will be considered by the Agency in finalizing its plan.

ADDRESSES: If you have questions about responding to this notice, please contact Gerald Filbin by phone (202–566–2182), or by mail (1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is working to fulfill its mission to protect human health and the environment. As EPA articulated in its draft Agency Climate Change Adaptation Plan, many of the goals EPA is working to attain (e.g., clean air, safe drinking water) are sensitive to changes in weather and climate. Until now, EPA has been able to assume that climate is relatively stable and future climate would mirror past climate. However, with climate changing at an increasingly rapid rate and outside the range to which society has adapted in the past, climate change is posing new challenges to EPA’s ability to fulfill its mission. The Agency’s draft Implementation Plans provide a road map for the Agency to