

review and modify, if appropriate, their water quality standards at least once every three years.

States and authorized tribes must adopt water quality criteria that protect designated uses. Protective criteria are based on a sound scientific rationale and contain sufficient parameters or constituents to protect the designated uses. Criteria may be expressed in either narrative or numeric form. States and authorized tribes have four options when adopting water quality criteria for which EPA has published section 304(a) criteria. They can:

(1) Establish numerical values based on recommended section 304(a) criteria;

(2) Adopt section 304(a) criteria modified to reflect site-specific conditions;

(3) Adopt criteria derived using other scientifically defensible methods; or

(4) Establish narrative criteria where numeric criteria cannot be established or to supplement numerical criteria (40 CFR 131.11(b)).

EPA believes that it is important for states and authorized tribes to consider any new or updated section 304(a) criteria as part of their triennial review to ensure that state or tribal water quality standards reflect current science and protect applicable designated uses. The recommendations in the external peer review draft selenium criterion document may change based on scientific views shared in response to this notice and those of the external peer reviewers. Upon finalization, the updated selenium criterion would supersede EPA's previous 304(a) freshwater criteria for selenium.

Consistent with 40 CFR 131.21, new or revised water quality criteria adopted into law or regulation by states and authorized tribes on or after May 30, 2000 are in effect for CWA purposes only after EPA approval.

Dated: May 6, 2014.

**Nancy K. Stoner,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Chartered Science Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the Chartered Science Advisory Board Panel to discuss planned actions identified in the agency's regulatory agenda and the adequacy of their supporting science.

**DATES:** The public teleconference will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**Location:** The public teleconference will be conducted by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing to obtain information concerning the public meeting may contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-2218 or at [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov). General information about the SAB as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice may be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDDAA), codified at 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), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB will hold a public meeting to discuss and deliberate on the topics below.

The EPA has recently underscored the need to routinely inform the SAB about proposed and planned agency actions that have a scientific or technical basis. Accordingly, the agency provided notice to the SAB that the Fall 2013 Unified (Regulatory) Agenda and Regulatory Plan had been published on November 26, 2013. This semi-annual regulatory agenda is available at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/>. At the June 11, 2014 teleconference, the Chartered SAB will discuss whether it should provide advice and comment on the adequacy of the scientific and technical basis for EPA actions included in the Unified (Regulatory) Agenda.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** Agendas and materials in support of this meeting will be placed on the EPA 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. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for SAB panels to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the Designated Federal Officer directly. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a teleconference will be limited to three minutes. Each person making an oral statement should consider providing written comments as well as their oral statement so that the points presented orally can be expanded upon in writing. Interested parties should contact Dr. Angela Nugent, DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by June 4, 2014 for the teleconference, to be placed on the list of public speakers.

**Written Statements:** Written statements should be supplied to the DFO via email at the contact information noted above by June 4, 2014 for the teleconference so that the information may be made available to the Panel members for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied in one of the following electronic formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format. It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the Web page for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB Web site. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Angela Nugent at (202) 564-2218 or [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Dr. Nugent preferably at least ten days prior to the teleconference to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: May 7, 2014.

**Christopher Zarba,**

*Director, EPA Science Advisory Staff Office.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (“CAA” or the “Act”), notice is hereby given of a proposed consent decree to address a lawsuit filed by the Environmental Integrity Project and Benjamin Feldman in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia: *Environmental Integrity Project v. McCarthy*, Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-01783 (KBJ) (D.D.C.). On November 14, 2013, Plaintiff filed a complaint alleging that Gina McCarthy, in her official capacity as Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), failed to perform a non-discretionary duty to grant or deny within 60 days a petition submitted by Environmental Integrity Project and Benjamin Feldman on February 5, 2013 requesting that EPA object to a CAA Title V permit issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment to Mettiki Coal, LLC to operate a coal preparation/processing plant located in Oakland, Maryland. The proposed consent decree would establish a deadline for EPA to take such action.

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by *June 13, 2014*.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OGC-2014-0383, online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (EPA’s preferred method); by email to [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov); by mail to EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency,

Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; or by hand delivery or courier to EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Comments on a disk or CD-ROM should be formatted in Word or ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, and may be mailed to the mailing address above.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Bennett Bianco, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-3298; fax number: (202) 564-5603; email address: [bennett.karen@epa.gov](mailto:bennett.karen@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree

The proposed consent decree would resolve a lawsuit filed by the Environmental Integrity Project and Benjamin Feldman seeking to compel the Administrator to take actions under CAA section 505(b)(2). Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, EPA would agree to sign its response granting or denying the petition filed by the Environmental Integrity Project and Benjamin Feldman regarding Mettiki Coal LLC’s coal preparation/processing plant located in Oakland, Maryland, pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the CAA, on or before September 26, 2014.

Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, EPA would expeditiously deliver notice of EPA’s response to the Office of the Federal Register for review and publication following signature of such response. In addition, the proposed consent decree outlines the procedure for the Plaintiffs to request costs of litigation, including attorney fees.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree from persons who are not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines that consent to this consent

decree should be withdrawn, the terms of the consent decree will be affirmed.

##### II. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree

*A. How can I get a copy of the consent decree?*

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2014-0383) contains a copy of the proposed consent decree. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). You may use [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select “search”.

It is important to note that EPA’s policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute is not included in the official public docket or in the electronic public docket. EPA’s policy is that copyrighted material, including copyrighted material contained in a public comment, will not be placed in EPA’s electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the EPA Docket Center.

*B. How and to whom do I submit comments?*

You may submit comments as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please ensure that your comments are