above the reporting thresholds specified in the regulations at 40 CFR part 370.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Mandatory (Section 312 of EPCRA).

Estimated number of respondents: 400,000 (total).

Frequency of response: Annual.

Total estimated burden: 100,000 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: $3,760,400 (per year), includes $0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 62,500 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is because the burden of reading the rule and modifying their software was only necessary at the onset of the rule.

Courtney Kerwin,
Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDAA) 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 Environmental Economics Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting to review the EPA’s proposed methodology for updating its mortality risk valuation estimates for policy analysis. Estimates of the value of mortality risk reductions play an important role in the EPA’s analysis of the benefits of regulatory actions. The committee will provide advice to the Administrator through the chartered SAB.

The EPA’s Office of Policy has requested advice on proposed improvements to the Agency’s methodology for estimating benefits associated with reduced risk of mortality. This methodology takes into account the amounts that individuals are willing to pay for reductions in mortality risk. The resulting values are combined into an estimate known as the value of statistical life (VSL) which is used in regulatory benefit-cost analysis. The EPA has also requested that the SAB review options for accounting for changes in the VSL over time as real income grows, known as income elasticity of willingness to pay. The EPA has submitted the following documents to the SAB for review: (1) Valuing Mortality Risk for Policy: a Meta-analytic Approach, a white paper prepared by the EPA Office of Policy to describe the Agency’s interpretation and application of SAB recommendations received in July 2011 regarding updates to the EPA’s estimates of mortality risk valuation; (2) The Effect of Income on the Value of Mortality and Morbidity Risk Reductions, a report prepared for the EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation on options for updating the Agency’s recommended SAB income elasticity of the value of statistical life; and (3) Recommended Income Elasticity and Income Growth Estimates: Technical Memorandum, an EPA memorandum providing supplementary information to the report. Additional information about this SAB advisory activity can be found at the following URL: http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/product.nsf/hedgrstr_activities/Meaning%20Mortality%20Risk?OpenDocument.

Technical Contacts: Any technical questions concerning the documents to be reviewed by the SAB should be directed to Dr. Nathalie Simon in the EPA’s National Center for Environmental Economics, by telephone at 202–566–2347 or by email at Simon.nathalie@epa.gov.

Availability of the meeting materials: Prior to the meeting, the review documents, agenda and other materials will be accessible on the meeting page on the SAB Web site at http://www.epa.gov/sab.

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 the EPA. Interested members of the public may submit relevant information on the topic of this advisory activity, including the charge to the panel and the EPA review documents, and/or the group conducting the activity, for the SAB to consider during the advisory process. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it consists of comments that provide specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB panel 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 DFO directly.

Written Statements: Written statements will be accepted throughout the advisory process; however, for timely consideration by Committee members, statements should be
supplied to the DFO (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by February 29, 2016. It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the Web page for advisory meetings. 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. Armitage at the contact information provided above. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Dr. Armitage preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

If you require reasonable accommodations for the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request, please contact Dr. Armitage at the contact information provided above. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Dr. Armitage preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: January 19, 2016.

Thomas H. Brennan,
Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

[FR Doc. 2016–01507 Filed 1–25–16; 8:45 am
BILLING CODE 6560–50–P]

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Board of Scientific Counselors Executive Committee; Notification of Public Teleconference and Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of public teleconference and public comment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby provides notice that the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee will host a public teleconference convening on February 8, 2016, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm Eastern Time. The primary discussion will focus on the consolidated report incorporating the five subcommittee reports, which addresses the research and future direction of the Office of Research and Development’s (ORD) National Research Programs. The five subcommittees are: Air; Climate and Energy; Chemical Safety for Sustainability and Human Health Risk Assessment; Homeland Security; Safe and Sustainable Water Resources; and Sustainable and Healthy Communities. The report also provides advice on two ORD Cross-Cutting Research Roadmaps: Environmental Justice and Climate Change. There will be a public comment period from 1:15 pm to 1:30 pm Eastern Time on February 8, 2016. For information on registering to participate on the teleconference or to provide public comment, please see the DATES and SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION sections below. Due to a limited number of telephone lines, attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance registration is required. Registration for participating via teleconference closes February 4, 2016. The deadline to sign up to speak during the public comment period or to submit written public comment is February 4, 2016.

DATES: The BOSC Executive Committee meeting will be held on February 8, 2016. All times noted are Eastern Time and are approximate. In order to participate on the teleconference you must register at the following site: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-bosc-executive-committee-teleconference-registration-20730008012. Once you have completed the online registration, you will be contacted and provided with the teleconference instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions or correspondence concerning the meeting should be directed to Tom Tracy, Designated Federal Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, by mail at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., MC 8104 R, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at 202–564–6518; fax at 202–565–2911; or via email at tracy.tom@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Charter of the BOSC states that the advisory committee shall provide independent advice to the Administrator on technical and management aspects of the ORD’s research program. Additional information about the BOSC is available at: http://www2.epa.gov/bosc. Oral Statements: Members of the public who wish to provide oral comment during the meeting must preregister. Individuals or groups making remarks during the public comment period will be limited to five (5) minutes. To accommodate the number of people who want to address the BOSC Executive Committee, only one representative of a particular community, organization, or group will be allowed to speak. Written Statements: Written comments for the public meeting must be received by February 4, 2016, and will be included in the materials distributed to the BOSC Executive Committee prior to the meeting. Written comments should be sent to Tom Tracy, Environmental Protection Agency, via email at tracy.tom@epa.gov or by mail to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., (MC 8104 R), Washington, DC 20460, or submitted through regulations.gov, Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2015–0765. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted online at regulations.gov.

Information about Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information about access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Tom Tracy, at 202–564–6518 or via email at tracy.tom@epa.gov. To request special accommodations, please contact Tom Tracy no later than February 4, 2016, to give the Environmental Protection Agency sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to the address, email, or phone number listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section above.

Dated: January 14, 2016.

Fred S. Hauchman,
Director, Office of Science Policy.

[FR Doc. 2016–01506 Filed 1–25–16; 8:45 am
BILLING CODE 6560–50–P]

FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD


AGENCY: Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board.

ACTION: Notice.

Board Action: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3511(d), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), as amended, and the FASAB Rules of Procedure, as amended in October 2010, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) has issued a technical release, Implementation Guidance for Internal Use Software.

The technical release is available on the FASAB Web site at http://www.fasab.gov/about/aapc/technical-releases/. Copies can be obtained by contacting FASAB at (202) 512–7350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy M. Payne, executive director, 441 G Street NW., Mailstop 6H19, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512–7350.