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By direction of the Commission.

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Deputy Secretary.

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Meetings of the Local Government Advisory Committee and the Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS) will meet via teleconference on Friday, January 13, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (ET). The Subcommittee will discuss the LGAC Biannual Report, and other environmental and public health issues affecting small communities. This is an open meeting and all interested persons are invited to participate. The Subcommittee will hear comments from the public between 11:40 a.m.–11:55 a.m. on January 13, 2017. Individuals or organizations wishing to address the Subcommittee will be allowed a maximum of five minutes to present their point of view. Also, written comments should be submitted electronically to eargle.frances@epa.gov. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the number listed below to schedule a time on the agenda. Time will be allotted on a first-come first-serve basis, and the total period for comments may be extended if the number of requests for presentations requires it.

The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) will meet via teleconference on Friday, January 13, 2017, 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. (ET). The Committee will discuss

recommendations of the subcommittee and LGAC workgroups including a draft LGAC Biannual Report; and environmental and public health issues. This is an open meeting and all interested persons are invited to participate. The Committee will hear comments from the public between 12:45 p.m.–1:00 p.m. (ET) on Friday, January 13, 2017. Individuals or organizations wishing to address the Committee will be allowed a maximum of five minutes to present their point of view. Also, written comments should be submitted electronically to eargle.frances@epa.gov. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the number listed below to schedule a time on the agenda. Time will be allotted on a first-come first-serve basis, and the total period for comments may be extended if the number of requests for presentations requires it.

ADDRESSES: EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee meetings will be held via teleconference. Meeting summaries will be available after the meeting online at www.epa.gov/ocir/scas_lgac/lgac_index.htm and can be obtained by written request to the DFO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) contact Frances Eargle at (202) 564-3115 or email at eargle.frances@epa.gov.

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Dated: December 16, 2016.

Jack Bowles,

Director, State and Local Relations, EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.

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Draft Field-Based Methods for Developing Aquatic Life Criteria for Specific Conductivity

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of Draft Field-Based Methods for Developing Aquatic Life Criteria for Specific Conductivity for public comment. Elevated ionic concentration measured as specific conductivity has been shown to negatively impact aquatic life in a range of freshwater resources. Once finalized, states and authorized tribes located in any region of the country may use the methods to develop field-based conductivity criteria for flowing waters. This document does not impose binding water quality criteria on any state, but instead provides methods to assist states and tribes that seek to develop such criteria for adoption into their water quality standards. The draft document provides a scientific assessment of ecological effects and is not a regulation. Following closure of this 60-day public comment period, EPA will consider the comments, revise the document, as appropriate, and then publish a final document that will provide methods for states and authorized tribes that they may use to develop water quality standards.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2016-0353, to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Flaherty, Health and Ecological Criteria Division (Mail Code 4304T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington,