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Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

**Christopher E. Kaczmarek,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OA-2021-0671; FRL-9122-01-OA]

### National Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification for a Virtual Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notification for a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby provides notice that the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) will meet on the date and time described below. The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments relevant to the specific issues being considered by the NEJAC. For additional information about registering to attend the meeting or to provide public comment, please see "REGISTRATION" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Pre-registration is required.

**DATES:** The NEJAC will hold a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time. A public comment period relevant to the specific issues will be considered by the NEJAC during the meeting (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). Members of the public who wish to participate during the public comment period must pre-register by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, one (1) week prior to the start of the meeting date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Jenkins, NEJAC Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA; please send via email to: [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov) or contact Fred Jenkins at (703) 308-7049. Additional information about the NEJAC is available at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting discussion will focus on providing information and receiving NEJAC feedback regarding the environmental justice and civil rights compliance elements of the draft of EPA's next multiyear strategic plan as well as other aligned efforts and plans of the agency. The meeting agenda and other meeting support materials including the public comments will be posted in the public docket (Docket no. EPA-HQ-OA-2021-0671) as they become available. The Charter of the NEJAC states that its purpose is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator about broad, crosscutting issues related to environmental justice. The NEJAC's efforts will include evaluation of a broad range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, community engagement, and economic issues related to environmental justice.

**Registration:** Individual registration is required for the virtual public meeting. Information on how to register is located <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-meetings>. Registration for the meetings is available through the scheduled end time of the meeting day. Registration to speak during the public comment will close at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, one (1) week prior to meeting date. When registering, please provide your name, organization, city and state, and email address for follow up. Please also indicate whether you would like to provide public comment during the meeting, and whether you are submitting written comments at time of registration.

## A. Public Comment

Every effort will be made to hear from as many registered public commenters during the time specified on the agenda. Individuals or groups making remarks during the oral public comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes. To accommodate the number of people who want to address the NEJAC, only one representative from each community, organization, or group will be allowed to speak. Submitting written comments for the record are strongly encouraged. Submit your written comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2021-0671 at <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. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (e.g., 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 <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>. The Agency's preferred method for public comment is through the docket system. Written comments can also be submitted by using the webform at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/forms/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-nejac-public-comment>. To submit comments with additional materials, please send via email to: [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov). Submitted written public comments to [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov) will be transferred into the public docket for this meeting by EPA staff. Written comments can be submitted up to two (2) weeks after the meeting date.

## B. Information About Services for Individuals With Disabilities or Requiring English Language Translation Assistance

For information about access or services for individuals requiring assistance, please contact Fred Jenkins, via email at: [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov) or contact at (703) 308-7049. To request special

accommodations for a disability or other assistance, please submit your request at least seven (7) working days prior to the meeting, to give EPA sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to the email, listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0765; FRL-9120-01-ORD]

### Request for Nominations of Experts to the EPA Office of Research and Development's Board of Scientific Counselors

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking nominations for technical experts to serve on its Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), a federal advisory committee to the Office of Research and Development (ORD). Submission of nominations will be made via the BOSC website at: <https://www.epa.gov/bosc>.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by November 12, 2021, per instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public needing additional information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Mr. Tom Tracy, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Mail Code B343-01, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; via phone/voice mail at: (919) 541-4334; or via email at: [tracy.tom@epa.gov](mailto:tracy.tom@epa.gov). General information concerning the BOSC can be found at the following website: <https://www.epa.gov/bosc>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The BOSC is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee established by the EPA to provide independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations about ORD. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the BOSC conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations.

The BOSC is comprised of an Executive Committee and one or more supporting subcommittee(s). Potential subcommittee focuses are: Social and Community Science, and Climate Change. Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-office-research-and-development-ord> to learn more about ORD's research programs.

Members of the BOSC constitute a distinguished body of non-EPA scientists, engineers, and economists who are experts in their respective fields. EPA will consider nominees from industry, business, public and private research institutes or organizations, academia, government (federal, state, local, and tribal) and non-government organizations, and other relevant interest areas. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator to serve as Special Government Employees and provide independent expert advice to the agency for a term of up to six years. EPA values and welcomes diversity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of gender, race, disability, or ethnicity.

#### Expertise Sought

The chartered BOSC provides scientific advice to the EPA Administrator on a variety of EPA science and research topics. All the work of BOSC standing committees and ad-hoc panels is conducted under the auspices of the chartered BOSC. The chartered BOSC members review all BOSC standing committee and ad-hoc panel draft reports and determine whether each meets the BOSC's criteria and high-quality standards required to deliver them to the EPA Administrator. The BOSC Staff Office invites nominations of individuals to serve on the chartered BOSC with expertise or extensive experience in the following scientific disciplines and topic areas as they relate to human health and the environment:

Agronomy, Soil Science  
Air Quality  
Atmospheric Sciences  
Biology and Microbiology  
Chemistry (including Environmental Chemistry)  
Climate Science and Change  
Community and Citizen Science  
Community Engagement  
Contaminated Site Remediation  
Ecology  
Ecosystem Services  
Emergency Management  
Energy and the Environment  
Environmental Economics  
Environmental Engineering  
Environmental Justice  
Environmental Life Cycle Assessment  
Environmental Modeling  
Epidemiology

Exposure Science and Assessment  
Forestry and Natural Resource Management  
Information and Data Science  
Materials/Waste Management Disaster Science  
New Approach Methods  
Novel Analytical Methods  
Physiologically based Pharmacokinetic (PBPK) Modeling  
Public Health  
Research Program Evaluation  
Risk Assessment (including Human Health, Ecological, Environmental)  
Science Policy/Public Policy  
Social, Behavioral and Decision Sciences  
Sustainability  
Systems Science  
Toxicology  
Water Quality (including Drinking Water, Surface Water, Groundwater)  
Water Quantity and Reuse  
Watershed Management

#### Selection Criteria

The BOSC is a balanced and diverse expert committee. The committee and each of its subcommittees strives to possess necessary domains of expertise, depth and breadth of knowledge, and diverse and balanced scientific perspectives. Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of several criteria including: (a) Demonstrated scientific and/or technical credentials and disciplinary expertise, knowledge, and experience in relevant fields; (b) availability to serve and willingness to commit time to the committee (approximately one to three meetings per year both by teleconferences and possibly face-to-face meetings); (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality; (e) demonstrated ability to work constructively and effectively on committees; and (f) background and experiences that would contribute to the diversity of viewpoints on the Executive Committee or Subcommittee, *e.g.*, workforce sector, geographical location, social, cultural, and educational backgrounds, and professional affiliations.

#### Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to be considered for appointment to the advisory committee. Nominations should be submitted via the BOSC website at: <https://www.epa.gov/bosc>. Nominations should be submitted no later than November 12, 2021. To receive full consideration, nominations should include all the information requested. EPA's nomination form requests: Contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of