

EPA to do. Submitting written comments for the record are strongly encouraged. You can submit your written comments in three different ways, (1) by using the webform at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/forms/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-nejac-public-comment>, (2) by sending comments via email to [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov) and (3) by creating comments in the Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2023-0101 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Written comments can be submitted through April 13, 2023.

*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 Paula Flores-Gregg, at (214) 665-8123 or via email at [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov). To request special accommodations for a disability or other assistance, please submit your request at least fourteen (14) working days prior to the meeting, to give EPA sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to the email or phone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**Matthew Tejada,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-10602-01-R6]

**Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent Cashout Settlement for Ability To Pay Peripheral Parties**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given that a proposed CERCLA Section 122(h)(1) Cashout Settlement Agreement for Ability to Pay Peripheral Parties ("Proposed Agreement") associated with the Vermiculite Products Inc., Superfund Site in Houston, Harris County, Texas ("Site") was executed by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and is now subject to public

comment, after which EPA may modify or withdraw its consent if comments received disclose facts or considerations that indicate that the Proposed Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Proposed Agreement would resolve potential EPA claims under section 107(a) of CERCLA, against Greer Capital Corporation, James H. Greer, James H. Greer Interest Inc., Maxroy Property Company, Toledo Maxroy LL., and Vermiculite Products Inc., ("Settling Parties") for EPA response costs at the Vermiculite Products Inc., Superfund Site located in Houston, Texas. The settlement is estimated to be \$8,703,300 and was based on an Ability to Pay Analysis, which concluded the settling party shall make payment for EPA response costs.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive electronic comments relating to the Proposed Agreement. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection by request. Please see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice for special instructions in effect due to impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 12, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** As a result of impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, requests for documents and submission of comments must be via electronic mail except as provided below. The Proposed Agreement and additional background information relating to the Proposed Agreement are available for public inspection upon request by contacting EPA Assistant Regional Counsel Daniel Jaynes at [Jaynes.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:Jaynes.daniel@epa.gov). Comments must be submitted via electronic mail to this same email address and should reference the "Vermiculite Products Inc." Superfund Site, Proposed Settlement Agreement" and "EPA CERCLA Docket No. 06-02-21". Persons without access to electronic mail may call Mr. Jaynes at (214) 665-2162 to make alternative arrangements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel Jaynes at EPA by phone (214) 665-2162 or email at: [Jaynes.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:Jaynes.daniel@epa.gov).

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*Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**National Drinking Water Advisory Council: Request for Nominations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for three-year appointments to the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC or Council). The 15-member Council was established by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to provide independent advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on matters relating to activities, functions, policies, and regulations under the SDWA. This notice solicits nominations to fill anticipated vacancies in 2023 with three-year appointments from December 2023 through December 2026. EPA may also consider nominations received through this solicitation to fill anticipated vacancies in 2024 and in the event of unanticipated vacancies on the Council. To enable EPA to maintain the membership required by statute, the Agency is seeking nominees who are from the general public; appropriate state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; and representatives of private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply, including nominees associated with small, rural public water systems.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than April 12, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to [NDWAC@epa.gov](mailto:NDWAC@epa.gov). If you have concerns about submitting your nomination electronically, you may contact Elizabeth Corr, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the NDWAC, by email at [NDWAC@epa.gov](mailto:NDWAC@epa.gov), or by phone at (202) 564-3798, to discuss an alternative delivery method.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the nomination process may contact Elizabeth Corr at [NDWAC@epa.gov](mailto:NDWAC@epa.gov); or call (202) 564-3798. General information concerning the NDWAC can be found on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/ndwac>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*National Drinking Water Advisory Council:* The Council was created by Congress on December 16, 1974, as part of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, Public Law 93–523, 42 U.S.C. 300j–5, and is operated in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 10. The Council consists of 15 members, including the chairperson, all of whom are appointed by the EPA Administrator. Five members are from the general public; five are from appropriate state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; and five are from representatives of private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply, of which two such members shall be associated with small, rural public water systems. The current list of members is available on EPA’s NDWAC website at <https://www.epa.gov/ndwac> under “NDWAC roster.”

The Council will meet once each year and may hold additional meetings during the year. Meetings are typically one to two days and may be in person or virtual. Members also may be asked to participate in ad hoc working groups to develop policy recommendations, advice letters, and reports that address specific program issues for the Council’s consideration.

*Member Nominations:* Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to be considered for appointment to the NDWAC. Interested individuals may self-nominate. In accordance with Executive Order 14035 (June 25, 2021) and consistent with law, EPA values and welcomes opportunities to increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility on its federal advisory committees. EPA’s federal advisory committees strive to have a workforce that reflects the diversity of the American people.

All nominations will be fully considered, but nominees need to be aware of the specific membership requirements of the SDWA: Five members from the general public; five members from state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; and five members from representatives of private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply, of which two such members shall be associated with small, rural public water systems. EPA anticipates vacancies over the course of 2023 and 2024 in all of these categories. This

notice solicits nominations to fill anticipated vacancies in 2023, including for three new members of whom two will be from the general public and one will be from representatives of private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply. EPA may also consider nominations received through this solicitation to fill anticipated vacancies in 2024, including for two new members of whom one will be from state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply and one will be from representatives of private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply associated with small, rural public water systems. EPA may also consider nominations received through this solicitation in the event of unanticipated vacancies on the Council, which may occur in any category. Other criteria used to evaluate nominees will include:

- Demonstrated experience with drinking water issues at the national, state, or local level, which can include experience with drinking water regulations, funding programs, infrastructure operations, and cross-cutting issues such as environmental justice, climate resiliency, capacity development, and public health emergencies as relates to drinking water;
- Demonstrated ability to work constructively on committees and/or in consensus-building processes;
- Availability and willingness to serve a three-year term as an active and contributing member; and
- Background and experience that would help members contribute to the diversity of expertise on the Council—e.g., geographic, economic, social, cultural, educational backgrounds, professional affiliations, and other considerations.

Nominations must include (1) a resume or curriculum vitae, (2) a brief statement (one page or less) describing the nominee’s interest in serving on the Council and addressing the criteria previously described, and (3) a short biography describing the qualifications of the nominee. Nominations should include the nominee’s name, current business address or other mailing address, email address, and daytime telephone number. The DFO will use the email address provided for the nominee to acknowledge receipt of the nomination. If an email address is not available, the nomination should identify the nominee’s preferred alternative means of contact.

NDWAC members receive travel and per diem allowances, where appropriate and in accordance with Federal travel regulations, and receive compensation (if appropriate) for travel and while attending meetings. All NDWAC members serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs). Candidates invited to serve on the NDWAC will be asked to submit the “Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Environmental Protection Agency Special Government Employees” (EPA Form 3110–48). This confidential form provides information to EPA’s ethics officials, to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between a person’s public responsibilities as an SGE member and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a loss of impartiality, as defined by federal laws and regulations. The form may be viewed at the link under “Ethics requirements” on EPA’s NDWAC website at <https://www.epa.gov/ndwac>. *This form should not be submitted as part of a nomination.*

Other sources, in addition to this **Federal Register** announcement, may also be utilized in the solicitation of nominees. To help EPA evaluate the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, please tell us how you learned of this opportunity.

**Jennifer L. McLain,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.*

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### **Public Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Environmental Justice Screen (EJScreen) Review Panel**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Science Advisory Board Environmental Justice Screen (EJScreen) Review Panel. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a demonstration of the updated EPA’s EJScreen mapping and screening tool from EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, review and discuss the charge questions. The panel will schedule a future public meeting in late Spring 2023 to peer review the EJScreen methodology and updated calculations