

engagement and economic issues related to environmental justice.”

Registration: Individual registration is required for the public meeting. No two individuals can share the same registration link. Information on how to register is located at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-meetings>. Registration to attend the meeting is available through the scheduled meeting days. The deadline to sign up to speak during the public comment period will close at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, November 28, 2023. When registering, please provide your name, organization, city and state, and email address. Please also indicate whether you would like to provide oral public comment during the meeting, or whether you are submitting written comments at time of registration.

A. Public Comment

The NEJAC is interested in receiving public comments relevant to the following charges:

- (1) Cumulative Impacts Framework Charge
- (2) Farmworker and Pesticides Charge

Individuals or groups making remarks during the oral public comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please be prepared to briefly describe your comments; including your recommendations on what you want the NEJAC to advise the 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 and (3.) by creating comments in the Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2023-0101 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Written comments can be submitted through December 19, 2023. More information about the NEJAC's current charges can be found here <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-current-charges>.

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. 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee; Notice To Establish Animal Agriculture and Water Quality Subcommittee and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership to the Animal Agriculture and Water Quality Subcommittee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to serve on a new subcommittee of the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee (FRRCC), entitled the Animal Agriculture and Water Quality (AAWQ) subcommittee. The goal of the AAWQ subcommittee will be to provide recommendations that will inform the Agency's decisions regarding how to improve the implementation of the Clean Water Act (CWA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permitting program to more effectively reduce nutrients and other types of water pollutants from Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs), including determining whether any revisions to the regulations are warranted, and whether EPA can otherwise support the efforts of AFO operators to protect water quality.

DATES: To be considered for membership appointment to the AAWQ subcommittee, nominations should be submitted no later than January 2, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Nominations must be submitted electronically with the subject line "AAWQ Membership 2023" to AAWQ@epa.gov. General information regarding the AAWQ can be found on the EPA website at: <https://www.epa.gov/faca/frcc>. General information about Federal Advisory

Committees at EPA is available at: www.epa.gov/faca.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. Venus Welch-White, (202) 566-2369, Designated Federal Officer for both the FRRCC and AAWQ at AAWQ@epa.gov. General information regarding the FRRCC can be found on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/faca/frcc>.

Dr. Venus Welch-White, Designated Federal Officer, AAWQ and Dr. Lauren Mosesso, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, AAWQ, can be reached at AAWQ@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

On August 15, 2023, EPA responded to two petitions sent by environmental and community groups requesting that EPA revise its Clean Water Act (CWA) regulations for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) program. Instead of initiating rulemaking at this time, as the petitions requested, EPA decided to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the CAFO program to consider the most effective and efficient ways to reduce pollutants generated from CAFOs. EPA will establish a Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) subcommittee, called the Animal Agriculture and Water Quality (AAWQ) subcommittee, under the existing Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee (FRRCC). After engaging with the AAWQ and reviewing their recommendations, EPA will consider whether to revise its regulations or whether the issues discussed in the petitions can be more effectively addressed through non-regulatory initiatives.

EPA is currently seeking nominations for members to serve on the AAWQ subcommittee, who will be appointed for an estimated term of 12 to 18 months. Balanced and diverse representation is being sought from the following stakeholders across the geographic regions of the United States:

- Agricultural industry
- Environmental, community, and public health groups
- Local governments
- Research institutions
- States and Tribes

The AAWQ expects to hold meetings approximately four times per year over the course of 12 to 18 months. The first subcommittee meeting is anticipated to be held in-person at or near EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC, in the spring of 2024. Subsequent meetings and/or listening sessions may be held in Washington, DC, other parts of the

country, or virtually. In addition to the meetings, the minimum expected workload for members is approximately 5–10 hours per month, and potentially more depending on the responsibilities members choose to take on. Members will serve on the subcommittee in a voluntary capacity; however, EPA may provide reimbursement for travel expenses associated with official government business.

II. Eligibility To Serve on Subcommittee

Because of the nature of the issues to be discussed, it is the intent of the Agency for subcommittee members to have significant experience with (1) CAFO production area practices, (2) CAFO land application practices, and (3) effective means to limit pollution from CAFOs.

Topics that the AAWQ will discuss include, but are not limited to:

- Agricultural technology adoption and economics (e.g., digesters, treat and discharge systems, nutrient management technologies).
- CWA NPDES program.
- Day-to-day operations of CAFOs, especially concerning land application, management, or off-site transport of manure, litter, and process wastewater.
- Development and implementation of agricultural conservation practices and technologies.
- Public health and environmental impacts of CAFOs.

EPA is seeking nominees for the AAWQ subcommittee who have demonstrated experience with the operations of animal agriculture practices and/or the impacts of animal feeding operations on public health and/or water quality. Nominations are sought from, but not limited to, AFO/CAFO operators; agricultural economists; agricultural producers, growers, and ranchers; nongovernmental organizations studying agricultural, public health, and environmental impacts; community members who reside adjacent to or near AFO/CAFO operations; academic researchers and/or extension agents; state, local, and tribal governments; and wastewater utilities. The membership of the AAWQ subcommittee will include a balanced representation of interested persons representing the geographic diversity of the United States. Individuals will be generally appointed to serve on the AAWQ subcommittee as “Representative” members and are thus expected to represent the points of view of a particular group (e.g., a community, organization, or industry), rather than provide independent judgment and expertise. Other Federal agencies, and members of other sectors, as warranted,

may be invited to attend, offer expertise, or provide presentations at committee meetings as non-members.

Nominees must be able to volunteer approximately 5–10 hours per month to the AAWQ subcommittee’s activities, including participation in virtual workgroup meetings and preparation of text for the subcommittee’s Final Report.

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 have a workforce that reflects the diversity of the American people.

III. Nominations To Serve on Subcommittee

Any interested person or organization may submit the names of qualified persons, including themselves. Nominations must be submitted electronically with the subject line “AAWQ Membership 2023” to AAWQ@epa.gov. To be considered, all nominations should include the information requested below:

- Current contact information for the nominee, including the nominee’s name, organization (and position within that organization), business address, email address, and daytime telephone number(s).
- A brief statement describing the nominee’s interest, relevant experience, and availability in serving on the AAWQ subcommittee, as well as: (1) The nominee’s ability to serve as a “Representative” member and represent the point of view of a group (e.g., a community, organization, or industry) rather than provide independent judgment and expertise; and (2) whether the nominee has any prior/current service on Federal advisory committees, and, if so, the number of years.
- Résumé or curriculum vitae detailing the nominee’s background, experience, and qualifications, and any other relevant materials.

Other sources, in addition to this **Federal Register** notice, may be utilized in the solicitation of nominees. EPA expressly values diversity, equity, and inclusion, and encourages the nominations of interested individuals from diverse backgrounds. Individuals may self-nominate.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Release of Achieving Health and Environmental Protection Through EPA’s Meaningful Involvement Policy

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Draft policy; notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of and soliciting comment on a draft policy that updates the EPA’s 2003 Public Involvement Policy. The revised draft policy promotes an EPA-wide approach to meaningful involvement that can be tailored for program and regional needs and outlines practices that EPA staff can use as they design and provide opportunities for meaningful involvement.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OEJECR–2023–0326, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Agency Website:* <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/epas-meaningful-involvement-policy>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• *Email:* MeaningfulInvolvementPolicy@epa.gov.

• *Mail:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this draft policy. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stacey Lobatos, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (Mail Code 2201A), Environmental Protection Agency, William Jefferson Clinton Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; phone number: 202–564–8579, email address: MeaningfulInvolvementPolicy@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: