SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Information About the Document

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act directs the Administrator to identify certain pollutants that, among other things, ''cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare'' and to issue air quality criteria for them. Further, section 108(a)(2) of the Act provides that these air quality criteria are to ''accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of [the] pollutant in the ambient air . . . .'' Under section 109 of the Act, the EPA is then to establish National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for each pollutant for which the EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d) of the Act subsequently requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. The EPA is also required to review and, if appropriate, revise the NAAQS, based on the revised air quality criteria (for more information on the NAAQS review process, see *http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/review.html*).

Oxides of nitrogen are one of six criteria pollutants for which EPA has established NAAQS. Periodically, EPA reviews the scientific basis for these standards by preparing an ISA (formerly called an Air Quality Criteria Document). The ISA, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, provides the scientific basis for decisions by EPA on the adequacy of the current NAAQS and the appropriateness of possible alternative standards. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), an independent science advisory committee with review and advisory functions mandated by section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act, is charged with, among other things, independent scientific review of the EPA's air quality criteria.

On February 10, 2012 (77 FR 7149), EPA formally initiated its current review of the air quality criteria for the health effects of oxides of nitrogen and the primary (health-based) nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) NAAQS, requesting the submission of recent scientific information on specified topics. EPA held a workshop on February 29 to March 1, 2012, to gather input from scientific experts, both internal and external to EPA, as well as from the public regarding key science and policy issues that will frame the review of the health effects of the oxides of nitrogen and the primary NO_2 NAAQS (77 FR 7149).

The discussions at this workshop guided the development of the EPA's ''Draft Plan for Development of the Integrated Science Assessment for Nitrogen of Oxides—Health Criteria,'' a draft ''Integrated Review Plan for the Primary NAAQS for Nitrogen Dioxide'' (EPA–452/R–14–003), and initial draft materials for the development of the ISA. The draft plan for the development of the ISA was made available for public comment on May 3, 2013 (78 FR 26026), and was discussed by the CASAC via a publicly accessible teleconference consultation on June 5, 2013 (78 FR 27234). On June 11, 2013, EPA held a workshop to discuss, with invited scientific experts, initial draft materials prepared for the development of the ISA (78 FR 27374). The draft Integrated Review Plan (IRP) was made available in February 2014 for comment by the public and review by the CASAC (79 FR 7184) and was reviewed by the CASAC at a public meeting on March 12, 2014 (79 FR 8701). The CASAC panel provided a consensus letter for their review of the draft IRP to the Administrator of the EPA on June 10, 2014 (*http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/264cb1227d55e02c85257402007446a4/89989229944F36B085257CF300692E2A/$File/EPA-CASAC-14-001+unsigned.pdf*). The final IRP was released in June 2014 (79 FR 36801), and is available at: *http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/nox/s_nox_2012_pd.html.*

Comments on the draft plan for the ISA and discussion at the June 11, 2013, workshop guided development of the ''First External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria,'' which was released on November 22, 2013 (78 FR 70040), and is available at: *http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/isa/recordisplay.cfm?deid=259167.* The CASAC review panel for the oxides of nitrogen met at a public meeting on March 12–13, 2014, to review the draft ISA along with the draft IRP (79 FR 8701). Subsequently, on June 10, 2014, the CASAC panel provided a consensus letter for their review to the Administrator of the EPA (*http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/264cb1227d55e02c85257402007446a4/15E4619D3CD3409A85257CF30069387D/$File/EPA-CASAC-14-002+unsigned.pdf*). The second external review draft ISA was developed with consideration of comments received from the CASAC and the public on the first external review draft ISA and evaluated scientific studies published through August 2014. The CASAC panel met at a public meeting on June 2–3, 2015, to review the second draft ISA (79 FR 22993). Subsequently, on September 9, 2015, the CASAC provided a consensus letter for their review to the Administrator of the EPA (*http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/6612DAF24438687B85257EBB0070369C/$File/EPA-CASAC-15-001+unsigned.pdf*). The letters from the CASAC, as well as public comments received on the ISA drafts, can be found in Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2013–0232.

EPA has considered comments by the CASAC panel and by the public in preparing this final ISA.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Request for Medicare Payment Advisory Commission Nominations

AGENCY: Government Accountability Office (GAO).

ACTION: Request for letters of nomination and resumes.

SUMMARY: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 established the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and gave the Comptroller General responsibility for appointing its members. For appointments to MedPAC that will be effective May 1, 2016, I am announcing the following: Letters of nomination and resumes will be accepted through March 9, 2016 to ensure adequate opportunity for review and consideration of nominees prior to appointment of new members. Acknowledgement of submissions will be provided within a week of submission. Please contact Mary Giffin at (202) 512–3710 if you do not receive an acknowledgment.

ADDRESSES: *Email: MedPACappointments@qao.qov.*

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GAO: Office of Public Affairs, (202) 512–4800.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772–76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 80 FR 76493–76499, dated December 9, 2015) is amended to reflect the reorganization of the Division of Communication Services, Office of the Associate Director for Communication, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Section C–B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

Delete in its entirety the title and the mission and function statements for the *Division of Communication Services (CAUD)* and insert the following:

Division of Communication Services (CAUD). The Division of Communication Services (DCS) provides agency-wide CDC graphics, broadcast, photography, translation, interpretation, public information, and communication consultation/analysis leadership and support. To carry out its mission, the division performs the following functions: (1) Ensures broadcast functionality/broadcast engineering support including connectivity among physical assets such as the Global Communications Center, Emergency Operations Center, and continuity of operations for CDC; (2) develops and disseminates video and audio production; (3) manages CDC graphic design and production services including CDC branding and identity standards; (4) supports new broadcast communication mechanisms (*e.g.* HHS TV, CDC TV, radio/TV broadcast, podcast, webcast, and videos-on-demand) for CDC programs; (5) provides support for broadcast delivery press conferences and media interviews; (6) provides scientific and events photography; (7) provides multilingual translation and interpretation, and cross cultural communication assistance to Centers, Institute and Offices (CIOs) across CDC; (8) provides consultation and analysis of consumer research data to CIOs used for developing and evaluating health communication and marketing to specific audiences; (9) manages day-to-day operations of meeting space within CDC's meeting center, the Global Communications Center; and (10) manages CDC–INFO (CDC's telephone, email, and publications fulfillment services center); (11) oversees the agency-wide print management program; (12) manages CDC-wide information services including electronic and postal distribution lists, and electronic announcements; and (13) provides writer-editor services on behalf of CDC Office of the Director.

Office of the Director (CAUD1). (1) Develops the strategic priorities and manages the program activities of the division; (2) provides leadership for ensuring all DCS products are of the highest quality; (3) helps CIOs use existing or develop new mechanisms for communicating with the public and CDC partners; (4) coordinates support for meetings held in the Global Communications Center with internal and external customers; (5) coordinates the use of the CDC exhibit for public health conferences; (6) manages overall IT-related functions for the division, including Create-IT (DCS' online internal tracking and triage system), Trados SDL (translation memory application), and CDC–INFO IT applications; (7) provides and manages multi-year, multi-vendor CDC-wide communication contracts mechanism for use by CIO clients; (8) updates and manages Create-IT system for tracking and triage of work requests including associated customer satisfaction and other performance metrics for internal and external (CIO) use; (9) oversees the agency-wide print management program; (10) manages CDC-wide information services including electronic distribution lists, and electronic announcements; (11) administers CDC wide multi-year, multi-vendor communication contracts mechanism; (12) advises on methods for gaining public input on health issues and priorities (*e.g.,* advisory mechanisms, focus groups, polling, legislative, and media tracking); (13) manages contract resources and provides analysis relative to audience segmentation and behavior, and (14) provides agency-wide multi-lingual service (MLS) support to include direct Spanish language translation, facilitating and coordinating support for other languages, and cross-cultural communication assistance as well as MLS leadership (*e.g.* implementation of agency Language Access Plan).

Broadcast Services Branch (CAUDB). (1) Develops and produces audio, video, and multi-media health information products; (2) provides CDC with global communication capacity for high-definition broadcast, webcast and emerging social and health media delivery channels; (3) supports the CDC Emergency Operations Center to provide response capacity and capability for emergency broadcasts; (4) develops and delivers health information broadcast programs in coordination with HHS for the public, including podcasts, CDC–TV and other channels; (5) creates and produces communication using new forms of social and electronic media; (6) collaborates with other areas of CDC to review and recommend potential audio and video technology; and (7) develops distance education, health communication, and training products to reach public health partners and professionals.

Graphics Services Branch (CAUDC). (1) Leads and coordinates CDC visual information activities; (2) develops and produces graphic illustrations, including scientific posters, infographics, desktop published documents, visual presentations, conference materials, brochures and fact sheets, newsletters, and exhibits; (3) manages scientific and event photography; (4) provides creative direction and brand management guidance for graphics products and sets guidelines and standards for quality and consistency across the agency; (5) manages tracking and triage function within Create-IT system for management of work requests; and (6) provides technical assistance on large or multidisciplinary projects to provide a consistent approach across communication products.

CDC–INFO and Print Services Branch (CAUDD). (1) Provides the public with accessible, accurate, and credible health information in English and Spanish, 24/7, to include phone, email and U.S. mail; (2) ensures the CDC–INFO call center standards are kept for quality assurance, customer satisfaction, performance, and health impact when dealing with the public; (3) provides surge (to include 24/7) support through the 1–800 call center for public health emergencies and establishes policies and procedures with the CDC Emergency Operations Center, Joint Information Center; (4) manages CDC's ordering and distribution facility for health publications; (5) liaisons with contract suppliers, the Government