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Richard B. Ossias,

Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0239; FRL-8293-7]

A Screening Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Climate Change on Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Mitigation in the Great Lakes and New England Regions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a 30-day public comment period for the draft document titled, “A Screening Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Climate Change on Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Mitigation in the Great Lakes and New England Regions” (EPA/600/R-07/033A). The document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA’s Office of Research and Development.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice when revising the document.

DATES: The 30-day public comment period begins March 29, 2007, and ends April 28, 2007. Technical comments

should be in writing and must be received by EPA by April 28, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The draft “A Screening Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Climate Change on Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Mitigation in the Great Lakes and New England Regions” is available primarily via the Internet on NCEA’s home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from NCEA’s Technical Information Staff (telephone: 202-564-3261, facsimile: 202-565-0050). If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title.

Comments may be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-1753; or e-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

For technical information, contact Thomas Johnson, NCEA; telephone: 202-564-3406; facsimile: 202-564-2018; or e-mail: Johnson.thomas@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Project/ Document

This report describes the potential scope and magnitude of climate change impacts on combined sewer overflow (CSO) events mitigation efforts in the Great Lakes Region and New England Region. The report describes the extent to which CSO long-term control plans may be under-designed if planners assume that past precipitation conditions are representative of future conditions. Combined sewer systems (CSSs) collect and co-treat stormwater and municipal wastewater. During high-intensity rainfall events, the capacity of CSSs can be exceeded resulting in the discharge of untreated storm water and wastewater directly into receiving streams. These CSO events can result in high concentrations of microbial pathogens, biochemical oxygen demand, suspended solids, and other pollutants in receiving waters. Climate change in many parts of the country is expected to increase the proportion of rainfall occurring in high-intensity events, resulting in increased stormwater runoff. Climate change could thus

present a risk of increased CSO frequency and resulting water quality impairment.

II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0239 by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

- *Fax:* 202-566-1753.

- *Mail:* Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.

- *Hand Delivery:* The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202-566-1744. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket’s normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0239. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked “late,” and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA’s policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your

comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: Documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

Dated: March 26, 2007.

David Bussard,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8293-3]

EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Request for Nominations of Experts for the Acrylamide Review Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Requesting the nomination of experts for the Science Advisory Board (SAB) Acrylamide Review Panel.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by April 19, 2007, per instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Suhair

Shallal, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9977; by fax at (202) 233-0643; or via e-mail at shallal.suhair@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Acrylamide polymer is primarily used in waste water treatment, paper and pulp processing, and mineral processing. Other uses include as a water soluble polymer in crude oil production, as a cosmetic additive, for soil and sand stabilization, grouting agents for sewer line sealing and manhole sealing, and in electrophoresis gels used in research. Acrylamide has been detected in a wide range of baked and fried foods. The detection of acrylamide in food prompted intense international interest and on-going research to better characterize its hazard effects, and to modify cooking practices to minimize levels in processed foods. EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment, within the Office of Research and Development, has been updating the human health hazard and dose-response assessment for Acrylamide. EPA previously developed an oral reference dose (RfD) for non-cancer effects and a cancer oral slope factor for Acrylamide which are described in EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessment (1988). An inhalation reference concentration (RfC) was added to IRIS in 1990. The current EPA draft assessment incorporates more recent studies and methods to derive an oral RfD and inhalation RfC for non-cancer effects, and an oral slope factor and inhalation unit risk for carcinogenic effects. ORD has requested that the Science Advisory Board (SAB) review its draft assessment entitled "Toxicological Review of Acrylamide".

The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB Acrylamide Review Panel, conducting the review of the Agency's draft assessment of acrylamide, will consist of members of the chartered SAB, SAB Committee members and additional external experts. This panel will comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and all appropriate SAB procedural policies. Upon completion, the panel's report will be submitted to

the chartered SAB for final approval for transmittal to the EPA Administrator. The SAB Acrylamide Review Panel is being asked to comment on the scientific soundness of this draft assessment.

Availability of the Review Materials: The EPA draft document to be reviewed by the SAB Panel will be made available by the Office of Research and Development. For questions and information concerning the review materials, please contact Dr. Rob Dewoskin, at (919) 541-1089, or dewoskin.rob@epa.gov.

Request for Nominations: The SAB Staff Office is requesting nominations of nationally recognized experts with expertise in one or more of the following areas, especially with respect to the health effects of Acrylamide: neurotoxicology; epidemiology; toxicology, including reproductive/developmental toxicology, genetic toxicology and mechanisms of action for carcinogenicity; metabolism; pharmacokinetics and modeling; dose-response assessment; and exposure and risk assessment.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for possible service on the Acrylamide Review Panel in the areas of expertise described above. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format through the SAB Web site at the following URL: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>; or directly via the Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the EPA Science Advisory Board link found at URL: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/paneltopics.html>. Please follow the instructions for submitting nominations carefully. To be considered, nominations should include all of the information required on the associated forms. Anyone unable to submit nominations using the electronic form and who has any questions concerning the nomination process may contact Dr. Suhair Shallal, DFO, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than April 19, 2007.

For nominees to be considered, please include: contact information; a curriculum vitae; a biosketch of no more than two paragraphs (containing information on the nominee's current position, educational background, areas of expertise and research activities, service on other advisory committees and professional societies; the candidate's special expertise related to the panel being formed; and sources of recent grant and/or contract support).

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations.