

reporting chemical pollutants under the Clean Water Act. We have determined that completing the work of this committee is in the public interest, and will assist the Agency in performing its duties under the Clean Water Act, as amended.

Copies of the Committee Charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Water Security Initiative: Preliminary Notice of a Request for Applications for Contamination Warning System Pilots**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing preliminary notice of its intention to solicit competitive applications for cooperative agreements to support contamination warning system demonstration pilots. These pilots will be part of the Agency's Water Security (WS) initiative (formerly WaterSentinel), which addresses the risk of contamination of drinking water distribution systems. Local governments or institutions (either public or private nonprofit organizations) that operate community water systems serving at least 750,000 people will be eligible to compete for these cooperative agreements. The purpose of this notice is to alert potential applicants to this future opportunity.

**DATES:** EPA intends to issue the Request for Applications (RFA) for contamination warning system cooperative agreements in June 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information, contact Dan Schmelling, Water Security Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (MC 4601M),

Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number (202) 564-5281; fax number: (202) 564-3753; e-mail address: [schmelling.dan@epa.gov](mailto:schmelling.dan@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WS initiative is an EPA program that includes piloting contamination warning systems at drinking water utilities. This initiative is responsive to Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9, under which the Agency must "develop robust, comprehensive, and fully coordinated surveillance and monitoring systems \* \* \* for \* \* \* water quality that provides early detection and awareness of disease, pest, or poisonous agents." The purpose of these pilots is to demonstrate warning systems that achieve timely detection and appropriate response to drinking water contamination incidents.

Under the WS initiative, EPA anticipates awarding four cooperative agreements for contamination warning system demonstration pilots, with individual award amounts between \$3 and \$12 million. A minimum 20 percent cost-share, which may include in-kind services, would be required.

Contamination warning systems must address five monitoring and surveillance components, (1) online water quality monitoring, (2) contaminant sampling and analysis, (3) enhanced security monitoring, (4) consumer complaint surveillance, and (5) public health surveillance, along with a consequence management plan.

EPA has developed a document, Water Security Initiative: Interim Guidance on Planning for Contamination Warning System Deployment, to assist utilities with demonstrating these components. It is available at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/safewater/watersecurity/initiative.cfm>. EPA encourages utilities that may be interested in the upcoming RFA to review this document. When issued, the RFA will be available at this same Web address and may also be viewed through <http://www.grants.gov>.

Funding may be used by recipients to acquire services and fund contracts or to fund partnerships through subgrants, provided recipients follow applicable contracting and subgrants procedures. Please note that recipients may not award sole source contracts to consulting, engineering or other firms assisting applicants with the proposal based on the firm's role in preparing the proposal.

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**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Science Advisory Board Panel for the Review of EPA's 2007 Report on the Environment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference and a public meeting of the SAB Panel for the Review of EPA's 2007 Report on the Environment. The teleconference and meeting are being held to conduct a peer review of the EPA's draft Report on the Environment 2007: Science Report.

**DATES:** The public teleconference will be held on June 22, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). The public meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on July 10, 2007; 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on July 11, 2007; and 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on July 12, 2007 (Eastern Daylight Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting of the Panel will be held in the Washington, DC metropolitan area at a location that will be announced on the SAB Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to obtain the teleconference call-in number and access code; submit a written or brief oral statement; or receive further information concerning the teleconference or meeting must contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Dr. Armitage may be contacted at the EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or via telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9995; fax

(202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov). General information about the EPA SAB, as well as any updates concerning the teleconference and meeting announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.