

above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than February 22, 2005. Any questions concerning either this process or any other aspects of this notice should be directed to the DFO.

To be considered, all nominations must include: (a) A current biography, *curriculum vitae* (C.V.) or resume, which provides the nominee's background, experience and qualifications for the Committee; and (b) a brief biographical sketch ("biosketch"). The biosketch should be no longer than one page and must contain the following information for the nominee:

(i) Current professional affiliations and positions held;

(ii) Area(s) of expertise, and research activities and interests;

(iii) Leadership positions in national associations or professional publications or other significant distinctions;

(iv) Educational background, especially advanced degrees, including when and from which institutions these were granted;

(v) Service on other advisory committees, professional societies, especially those associated with issues under discussion in this review; and

(vi) Sources of recent (*i.e.*, within the preceding two years) grant and/or other contract support, from government, industry, academia, etc., including the topic area of the funded activity. Please note that even if there is no responsive information (*e.g.*, no recent grant or contract funding), this must be indicated on the biosketch (by "N/A" or "None"). Incomplete biosketches will result in nomination packages not being accepted.

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of the nomination. After considering the nominees (termed the "Widecast"), the SAB Staff Office will identify a subset (known as the "Short List") for more detailed consideration. Criteria used by the Staff Office in developing this Short List are given at the end of the following paragraph. The Short List will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>, and will include the nominees' names and their biosketches. Public comments will be accepted for 21 calendar days on the Short List. During this comment period, the public may provide information, analysis or other documentation on nominees that the Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates for the Panel.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office, a balanced Panel is characterized by inclusion of candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which,

among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. Public responses to the Short List candidates will be considered in the selection of the Panel, along with information provided by candidates and information independently-gathered by the SAB Staff Office on the background of each candidate (*e.g.*, financial disclosure information and computer searches to evaluate a nominee's prior involvement with the topic under review). Specific criteria to be used in evaluating an individual Panel member include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) scientific credibility and impartiality; and (e) skills working in advisory committees, subcommittees and review panels.

Short List candidates must submit the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>.

In addition to reviewing background material, Panel members will be asked to attend one public face-to-face meeting over the anticipated course of the advisory activity.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Advisory Meetings of the Science Advisory Board Radiation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) will receive briefings from the Agency and discuss its advisory agenda for FY 2005.

DATES: February 28, 2005. The SAB RAC will meet on February 28, 2005, via teleconference from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. eastern standard time.

LOCATION: The public teleconference meeting will take place via teleconference only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wishes to obtain the teleconference call-in number and access codes; would like to submit written or brief oral comments (3 minutes or less); or who wants further information concerning this public meeting should contact Dr. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA SAB, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (MC 1400F), Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9984; fax: (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov. General information concerning the SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the SAB Staff Office hereby gives notice of a public meeting of the Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC). The EPA Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) requested the SAB to provide advice on the National Monitoring System (NMS) upgrade, formerly known as the Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System (ERAMS). The RAC will receive briefings from ORIA about this request and discuss its plan for the coming year.

Availability of Meeting Materials: Copies of the agenda for the SAB meetings described in this notice will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> prior to the meeting. Persons who wish to obtain background materials on the current ERAMS network may find them at the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/narel/erams/index.html>. For copies of the EPA/ORIA briefing materials on the NMS, please contact Dr. Mary E. Clark of the U.S. EPA, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (Mail Code 6601J), by telephone/voice mail at (202)-343-9348, by fax at (202)-343-2395; or via e-mail at clark.marye@epa.gov.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings: It is the policy of the SAB Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length, and to

accommodate oral public comments wherever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects the public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously-submitted oral or written statements.

Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a conference call meeting will be limited to a total time of three minutes (unless otherwise indicated). Requests to provide oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax, or mail) and received by the DFO no later than noon eastern time five business days prior to the meeting in order to reserve time on the meeting agenda. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting.

Written Comments: Although the SAB Staff Office accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office no later than noon eastern time five business days prior to the meeting so that the comments may be made available to the Panelists for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the DFO (preferably by e-mail) at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format)). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

Meeting Access: Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact the DFO at the phone number or e-mail address noted above at least five business days prior to the meeting, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Upcoming Science Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the EPA Science Advisory Board (the Board) to discuss the EPA science and research programs and budget, and to conduct other Board activities.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of the Science Advisory Board will be held in the Polaris Room of the Ronald Reagan Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

DATES: February 17-18, 2005. A public meeting of the Board will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on February 17 and 18, 2005 (eastern time).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public who wish to obtain further information regarding the SAB may contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9982; or via e-mail at miller.tom@epa.gov. The SAB Mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The 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. At this meeting, the SAB will focus on EPA's science and research programs included within the FY 2006 budget proposal. Evaluating and advising the EPA Administrator on the Agency science and research program budget is an annual activity of the Science Advisory Board. At this meeting, the SAB may also conduct a review of one or more draft committee or panel reports that are being sent to it for approval prior to delivery to the U.S. EPA Administrator. Any such reviews will be announced on the above mentioned SAB Web site at least one week prior to the meeting.

For the Science and Research Advisory, the SAB will receive briefings by representatives from various EPA organizations on the science and research programs that are to be conducted under the FY 2006 EPA budget request; members and EPA

representatives will discuss how these programs relate to and move forward from existing programs; and the members will then deliberate on the advice they will provide to the Administrator. The final agreed upon Charge to the Board will be placed onto the SAB Web site prior to this meeting.

Availability of Review Material for the Board Meeting: Documents that are the subject of this meeting are available from the SAB Staff Office Web site <http://www.epa.gov/sab/>.

Procedures for Providing Public

Comment: It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at Board meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes (unless otherwise indicated). For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Interested parties should contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) in writing via e-mail at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the participants and public at the meeting.

Written Comments: Although written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format)). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

Meeting Accommodations:

Individuals requiring special accommodation to access these meetings, should contact the relevant DFO at least five business days prior to