

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Workshop on Interpretation of Epidemiologic Studies of Multipollutant Exposure and Health Effects****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of Workshop.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing that a workshop entitled, "Interpretation of Epidemiologic Studies of Multipollutant Exposure and Health Effects," is being organized by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment, Office of Research and Development, to be held on December 13 and 14, 2006, in Research Triangle Park, NC. The workshop will be open to attendance by interested public observers on a first-come, first-served basis up to the limits of available space.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on December 13 and 14, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Chapel Hill, NC. An EPA contractor, SAIC, is organizing the workshop. For further information on the workshop, contact Kristin Wheeler, SAIC Conference Coordinator, 11251 Roger Bacon Drive, Reston, VA 20190, telephone: 703-318-4535; facsimile: 703-318-4755; e-mail: [wheelerkr@saic.com](mailto:wheelerkr@saic.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding information, registration, and logistics for the workshop should be directed to Kristin Wheeler, SAIC Conference Coordinator, 11251 Roger Bacon Drive, Reston, VA 20190, telephone: 703-318-4535; facsimile: 703-318-4755; e-mail: [wheelerkr@saic.com](mailto:wheelerkr@saic.com). Questions regarding the workshop should be directed to Dr. Jee Young Kim, telephone: 919-541-4157; facsimile: 919-541-1818; e-mail: [kim.jee-young@epa.gov](mailto:kim.jee-young@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Summary of Information About the Project/Document**

The U.S. Clean Air Act requires that EPA carry out periodic reviews of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for major "criteria" air pollutants and to revise the NAAQS for a given pollutant, as appropriate. As part of these reviews, the National Center for Environmental Assessment, within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD), assesses the newly available scientific information in Science Assessment documents

(formerly known as Criteria Documents) that provide the scientific basis for the reviews of the NAAQS for particulate matter (PM), ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>), and lead (Pb).

NCEA is holding this workshop to inform the Agency's evaluation of the science in the review of the NAAQS for all criteria pollutants. The workshop will address various issues involved in the interpretation of epidemiologic study results that are based on ambient air monitoring data. These include issues related to exposure assessment, multipollutant confounding and effect modification, statistical modeling and biological plausibility. Cross-cutting issues pertaining to evaluation of all of the criteria air pollutants will be examined, with emphasis to be placed on studies involving evaluation of multipollutant health risks.

This workshop is planned to advance interpretation and understanding of criteria air pollutant health effects analyses in population-level epidemiologic studies, with a focus on multi-pollutant exposures. The principal goals of this workshop are to: (1) Assess issues related to the interpretation of the epidemiologic literature, particularly related to the use of centrally located air quality monitors; (2) discuss new methodology and approaches to advance future epidemiologic research in the areas of exposure error, confounding and effect modification by copollutants, and statistical modeling; and (3) evaluate the extent to which evidence from human clinical and animal toxicologic studies aids in interpretation of findings observed in the epidemiologic literature.

**II. Workshop Information**

Members of the public may attend the workshop as observers. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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**Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Meeting of the Science Advisory Board**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public face-to-face meeting of the chartered SAB to: (1) Discuss science use in disaster response programs; (2) conduct a quality review of the draft SAB Report on Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) Estimation Programs Interface Suite; and (3) continue planning for upcoming SAB meetings.

**DATE:** The meeting dates are Tuesday, December 12, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Thursday, December 14, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Washington, DC Downtown hotel, 1201 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, phone (202) 289-7600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Members of the public who wish to obtain further information about this meeting may contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by mail at EPA SAB Staff Office, (1400F), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 343-9982; by fax at (202) 233-0643; or by e-mail at: [miller.tom@epa.gov](mailto: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 on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 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 is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

**Background**

The SAB is considering advising the Agency on the use of science in environmental disaster response. The SAB has invited several non-EPA experts to discuss their experiences with disaster response situations to explore how science might be better applied to future disasters. The chartered SAB will also conduct a quality review of the draft SAB Report