

Dated: November 4, 2002.

**Michael F. Gearheard,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7410-2]

### Notice of the Ninth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Ninth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. The purpose of this Task Force, consisting of Federal, State, and Tribal members, is to lead efforts to coordinate and support nutrient management and hypoxia-related activities in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico watersheds. The major matter to be discussed at the meeting is implementation of the Action Plan for Reducing, Mitigating, and Controlling Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico. The Action Plan was developed in fulfillment of a requirement of section 604(b) of the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research Control Act (Pub. L. 105-383—Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998) to submit a scientific assessment of hypoxia and a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico. The Action Plan was submitted as a Report to Congress on January 18, 2001. Also, a summary will be provided of the Monitoring, Modeling, and Research subworkgroup meeting, held October 16-18, 2002 in St. Louis. The public will be afforded an opportunity to provide input to the Task Force during open discussion periods.

**DATES:** The one day meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2002 in Washington, DC.

**ADDRESSES:** Please see the Web site <http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/new.htm> for registration, specific meeting location, and hotel information. The meeting room accommodates approximately 125 people, therefore, registration is required. A registration form can be downloaded from the Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katie Flahive, U.S. EPA, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (AWPD), Mail Code 4503T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20460; Phone (202)-566-1206; E-mail:

[flahive.katie@epa.gov](mailto:flahive.katie@epa.gov). For additional information on logistics, registration, and accommodations, contact Ansu John, Tetra Tech, Inc., 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22030; Phone: (703) 385-6000; E-mail: [ansu.john@tetratech-ffx.com](mailto:ansu.john@tetratech-ffx.com).

Dated: November 13, 2002.

**Robert H. Wayland III,**

*Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.*

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION BOARD

### National Strategy To Secure Cyberspace

November 14, 2002.

**AGENCY:** President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board, Executive Office of the President, The White House.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for ongoing public comment regarding the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace for comment, notwithstanding the public comment deadline of September 18, 2002.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the President's charge in Executive Order 12321, the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board (the "Board") has been engaged in development of the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace. On September 18, 2002, the Board released to the public a draft of the Strategy "For Comment" (the "Strategy"). The Strategy was made available online at <http://www.securecyberspace.gov> for viewing and downloading. At the time of the release of the Strategy, the Board invited public comments and set a deadline of November 18, 2002 for such comments. On Oct 11, 2002, through a **Federal Register** Notice, the Board issued a formal public notice soliciting further comments and views from the public on the Strategy, and reiterated the public comment deadline of November 18, 2002. It was noted from the first that—due to the fact that cyberspace security operates in a dynamic landscape where the nature of the threats, solutions, technology, applications and other factors are subject to rapid and sometimes dramatic change "America's cyberstrategy must be dynamic and continually refreshed to adapt to the changing environment." Thus, because the development of the

National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace is an ongoing, iterative process, the Board has indicated all along that the Strategy will be a dynamic, evolutionary document, one that will include a formal official release and subsequent, periodic updated versions. As a result, the public dialogue will continue to be interactive, and additional public comments will be welcome and considered first not only following the November 18, 2002 date, but also after the release of the first official version of the Strategy. Comments will be considered in a timely manner and, as appropriate, will be reflected into the evolving Strategy at the earliest possible date. There is no guarantee, however, that comments submitted after the November 18, 2002 deadline will be considered for the current draft of the strategy. Comments not considered for this draft may be reflected in subsequent drafts.

**DATES:** Comments are invited on an ongoing basis.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically as provided at <http://www.securecyberspace.gov>. In addition, written comments may be sent to: PCIPB/ Strategy Public Comment; The White House; Washington, DC 20502. Individual hard copies of the draft Strategy may be obtained by calling 202-456-5420.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tommy Cabe 202-456-5420.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 16, 2001, the President created the Board by Executive Order 12321. The President noted that "[t]he information technology revolution has changed the way business is transacted, government operates, and national defense is conducted. Those three functions now depend on an interdependent network of critical information infrastructures." In the Executive Order, the President directed the Board to "recommend policies and coordinate programs for protecting information systems for critical infrastructure," and called for the Board to "coordinate outreach to and consultation with the private sector, \* \* \* State and local governments, [and] communities and representatives from academia and other relevant elements of society."

Pursuant to the President's charge, the Board has been engaged in development of the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace. On September 18, 2002, the Board released to the public a draft Strategy "For Comment," identifying 24 strategic goals and listing over 80 recommendations. The Strategy was made available online at <http://>

[www.securecyberspace.gov](http://www.securecyberspace.gov) for viewing and downloading.

The Strategy was developed based on input from a broad spectrum of individuals and groups that represent the owners and operators of cyberspace, as well as from the key sectors that rely on cyberspace, including Federal departments and agencies, private companies, State and local governments, educational institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and the general public. Town hall meetings to facilitate discussion and stimulate input were held during the spring in Denver, Chicago, Portland Oregon, and Atlanta and this month in Philadelphia. In addition, a list of 53 key questions was compiled, published, and publicized to spark public debate and facilitate informed input. The Board has convened additional town hall meetings around the country in recent weeks to raise awareness about cybersecurity issues, and to solicit and receive the views and input of concerned citizens regarding the Strategy. Town hall meetings were held in Boston, MA (October 14), Pittsburgh, PA (October 24), and New York, NY (November 7), and will be held in Phoenix, AZ (November 14). For further information about specific town hall meetings, see <http://www.securecyberspace.gov>.

At the time of the release of the Strategy and in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice, the Board invited public comments and set a deadline of November 18, 2002 for such comments. While the official comment period will end on November 18th, because the development of the Strategy is an iterative, ongoing process that will include a formal release and subsequent updates, this notice invites additional input because of a recognition that such input will be invaluable for making the strategy even more effective. This reflects recognition of the importance of an ongoing exchange of views, discussion, and input regarding the cyber strategy and the issues it addresses. At a minimum the Strategy must continue to evolve to address changing technologies and to respond appropriately as we better understand the effectiveness of the measures taken and other lessons learned.

By this Notice, the Board solicits further comments and views from the public on the draft Strategy and the first and subsequent official releases of the Strategy, notwithstanding the November 18, 2002 deadline. The Board will consider all comments and, as appropriate, reflect those comments as appropriate into the initial or subsequent versions of the official Strategy. There is no guarantee,

however, that comments submitted after the November 18, 2002 deadline will be considered for the current draft of the strategy. Comments not considered for this draft will be reflected in subsequent drafts.

The most efficient way to provide public comment is to do so online through the feedback link at <http://www.securecyberspace.gov>. In order to facilitate review and consideration of public comment, commenters are requested to use this electronic feedback link if at all possible. Comments will also be accepted if mailed to the postal address listed below, but it is requested that such commenters also provide an electronic version of their comments as well as the hard copy (e.g., CD or floppy disc) if possible. In addition, it is requested that all commenters, including those submitting their comments in hard copy form rather than online, make every effort to organize the comments by reference to specific sections of the Strategy and if applicable) the numbered recommendation or discussion topic commented upon.

Those preferring to submit their comments by hard copy (preferably with an accompanying electronic version of the comment) should send them to: PCIPB/ Strategy Public Comment; The White House; Washington, DC 20502. The Board will consider all relevant comments in the further development of the Strategy. However, there are no plans to respond individually to each comment.

Dated: November 14, 2002.

**Richard A. Clarke,**

*Chair, President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Media Security and Reliability Council

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons of a meeting of the Media Security and Reliability Council (Council). The meeting will be held at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC.

**DATES:** Wednesday, May 28, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St. SW Room TW-C305, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Kreisman at 202-418-1600 or TTY 202-418-7172.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council was established by the Federal Communications Commission to bring together leaders of the broadcast and multichannel video programming distribution industries and experts from consumer, public safety and other organizations to explore and recommend measures that would enhance the security and reliability of media facilities and services.

The Council will receive mid-term reports and potential initial recommendations from its working groups. The Council may also discuss such other matters as come before it at the meeting. Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. Admittance, however, will be limited to the seating available. The public may submit written comments before the meeting to Barbara Kreisman, the Commission's Designated Federal Officer for the Media Security and Reliability Council, by email ([bkreisma@fcc.gov](mailto:bkreisma@fcc.gov)) or U.S. mail (2-A666, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554). Real Audio and streaming video Access to the meeting will be available at <http://www.fcc.gov/> Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2582]

### Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

November 13, 2002.

Petition for Reconsideration has been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceeding listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International (202) 863-2893. Oppositions to this petition must be filed by December 4, 2002 See section 1.4(b) (1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b) (1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days