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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposed agenda is attached.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

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**Gulf of Mexico Program***Policy Review Board Meeting*

Embassy Suites Hotel, Bayou Jean Lafitte Rooms, 6th Floor, New Orleans, Louisiana, Thursday, December 12, 2002.

**Agenda**

- 7:30—Continental Breakfast (in meeting room).
- 8:30—Welcome and Introductions, Jimmy Palmer, EPA Regional Administrator, Region 4, Atlanta Hall Bohlinger, Acting Secretary, LA Department of Env. Quality.
- 8:40—Overview of Meeting Agenda & Objectives, Status Review of Follow-up Action Items, Bryon Griffith, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.
- 9:00—Harmful Algal Blooms Observing System Pilot Project Status, Dr. Bill Benson, Director, EPA ORD's Gulf Ecology Division Laboratory.  
Purpose: To receive an update on the progress of the Hazardous Algal Blooms Observing System (HABSOS) pilot.
- 9:45—Bacterial Source Tracking Research, Dr. R.D. Ellender, Assistant Dean for Research & Development, College of Science & Technology, University of Southern Mississippi.  
Purpose: To receive an overview of the current state of the research in this topic area and to solicit broad Gulf State involvement in a collaborative EPA Region 4 and University of Southern Mississippi initiative to provide Gulf State coordination and support for applied Bacterial Source Tracking research.
- 10:30—Break.
- 10:45—GMP Mercury Project Update—re: Gulf State Marine Fish Advisory Consistency Dr. Fred Kopfler, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.  
Purpose: To receive an update on the status of the GMP initiative to achieve consistent marine fish advisories re: Mercury in Gulf Seafood.
- 11:15—President's Interagency Work Group on Mercury Presentation, Gene Whitney, Policy Analyst, Office of Science & Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.  
Purpose: To receive an Executive Briefing on the development and status of President's Interagency Workgroup on Mercury and their future plans relative to the Gulf of Mexico region.
- 12:00—Catered Lunch—2002 Gulf Guardian Awards Video Presentation.

12:45—Presidential Executive Order Recommendations—Final Review, Bryon Griffith, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.

**Purpose:** (1) To conduct the final review of the Management Committee's recommendations regarding the proposed Presidential Executive Order establishing the Gulf of Mexico Program; (2) To discuss and finalize a supporting implementation strategy and schedule for submitting the Executive proposal to the EPA Administrator.

1:30—GMP's Assistance Role in the Advancing Development and Deployment of NASA's Space-based Earth Sciences Support, Dr. David Powe, Director, Earth Science Applications Directorate, NASA, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

**Purpose:** To explore stronger partnership opportunities through NASA's Space-based Earth Science Applications Development Program.

2:00—Hypoxia Action Plan Status: Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Team Development Report (Agricultural Sector)—Lower Mississippi Valley Initiative's (LMVI) Watershed Approach, Invited speaker.

**Purpose:** To receive an update on the status of the Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Team's development re: Agriculture's organization (e.g., LMVI) and process (i.e., Watershed Approach) approach to addressing many of the sub-basin's industry led solutions.

2:30—Wrap-up and next steps, Jimmy Palmer and Hall Bohlinger.

2:35—Adjourn .

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**EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES****Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank)**

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee was established Pub. L. 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress.

**TIME AND PLACE:** Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at 10 am to 1 pm. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571.

**AGENDA:** Agenda items include reports and discussion on proposed revisions to Ex-Im Bank's Economic Impact Procedures, discussion on the Advisory Committee's Sub-Committees, and the presentation of the Advisory Committee's recommendations to Ex-Im Bank.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to December 3, 2002, Nichole Westin, Room 1257, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3542 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

[Notice 2002-23]

**Filing Dates for the Hawaii Special Election in the 2nd Congressional District**

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing dates for special election.

**SUMMARY:** Hawaii has scheduled a special election on January 4, 2003, to fill the U.S. House of Representatives seat in the Second Congressional District to which the late Representative Patsy T. Mink was reelected on November 5, 2002.

Committees participating in the Hawaii special election are required to file pre- and post-election reports.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kevin R. Salley, Information Division, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463; Telephone: (202) 694-1100; Toll Free (800) 424-9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Principal Campaign Committees**

All principal campaign committees of candidates participating in the Hawaii Special General shall file a 12-day Pre-General Report on December 23, 2002; and a 30-day Post-General Report on February 3, 2003. (See chart below for the closing date for each report).

**Unauthorized Committees (PACs and Party Committees)**

Political Committees that file on a quarterly basis in 2002 are subject to special election reporting if they make previously undisclosed contributions or