

information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's resume; and a general biosketch of the nominee indicating education, expertise, past research, recent service on other advisory committees or with professional associations, and recent grant and/or contract support.

Anyone who is unable to submit nominations through the SAB website, or has questions concerning any aspect of the nomination process, may contact Dr. Angela Nugent as indicated above in this FR notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than September 19, 2003.

The EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of any nominations received. From the nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice and through other sources (termed the "Widecast"), SAB Staff Office will determine whether individuals will need to be added to the existing "Short List" of candidates to be considered for the EES. Criteria used by the SAB Staff Office in developing this "Short List" are given at the end of the following paragraph. The SAB Staff Office will contact individuals who are considered for inclusion in the "Short List" to determine whether they are willing to serve on the Subcommittee. Any revisions to the "Short List" will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>, and will include, for each candidate, the nominee's name and their biosketch. The revised "Short List" also will be available from Dr. Nugent at the address listed above.

The public is requested to provide to the DFO information, documentation, or analysis about individuals listed on the "Short List" of candidates for the EES posted on the SAB Web site. The SAB Staff Office will consider this information in making the selection of subcommittee members. The public is requested also to provide additional nominations for the Subcommittee following the procedures identified below.

For the EPA SAB, a balanced committee, subcommittee, or 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 Subcommittee members, along with information provided by candidates and

information gathered by EPA SAB Staff Office independently 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 individual nominees include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (c) scientific credibility and impartiality; (d) availability and willingness to serve; and (e) ability to work constructively and effectively in committees.

Those "Short List" candidates ultimately chosen to serve on the Subcommittee will be appointed as Special Government Employees. Therefore, all "Short List" candidates will be required to fill out 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 as a Special Government Employee 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>.

Dated: August 27, 2003.

Vanessa T. Vu,

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7555-4]

National Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. II

section 9(c). The purpose of the NEJAC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator on issues associated with integrating environmental justice concerns into EPA's outreach activities, public policies, science, regulatory, enforcement, and compliance decisions.

It is determined that NEJAC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

Inquiries may be directed to Charles Lee, NEJAC Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA, (mail code 2201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Dated: August 27, 2003.

Barry E. Hill,

Director, Office of Environmental Justice, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7556-9]

Science Advisory Board Staff Office Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis; Special Council Panel for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis; Notification of Two Upcoming Public Teleconferences

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office is announcing two public teleconference meetings of the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis Special Council Panel for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis (Panel).

DATES: *September 23, 2003.* A public teleconference meeting for the Council Panel will be held from 12 p.m. on September 23, 2003 to 1:30 p.m.

September 24, 2003. A public teleconference meeting for the Council Panel will be held from 12 p.m. on September 23, 2003 to 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Participation in the teleconference meeting will be by teleconference only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number and access code to participate in the teleconference meeting may contact Ms. Sandra Friedman, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff, at telephone/voice mail: (202) 564-2526; or via e-mail at: friedman.sandra@epa.gov, or Ms.

Delores Darden, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff at telephone/voice mail: (202) 564-2282; or via e-mail at darden.delores@epa.gov. Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the Council Special Panel may contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4562; or via e-mail at nugent.angela@epa.gov. General information about the SAB can be found in the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, Notice is given that the Council Special Panel will hold two public teleconference meetings, as described above, to advise the Agency on its plan to develop the third in a series of statutorily mandated comprehensive analyses of the total costs and benefits of programs implemented pursuant to the Clean Air Act.

Background on the Council Special Panel and this advisory project was provided in a **Federal Register** notice published on February 14, 2003 (68 FR 7531-7534).

The Council Special Panel will be providing advice on the review document, "Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act 1990-2020: Revised Analytical Plan for EPA's Second Prospective Analysis" currently found at the following website, maintained by EPA's Office of Air and Radiation at: <http://www.epa.gov/oar/sect812/> under the link "Study Blueprint and Charge Questions Electronic Copy." This link provides electronic access to the Revised Analytical Plan, the "change pages" given to the Council in July 2003, and the detailed review charge questions.

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 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 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) 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 DFO 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, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 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 Dr. Nugent at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: September 5, 2003.

A. Robert Flaak,

Acting Deputy Director for Management, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket No. OW-2003-0071; FRL-7555-6]

Availability of Decision on Petition for Rulemaking To Repeal Regulation Related to Ballast Water

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of EPA decision document.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's Decision Document on a petition for rulemaking seeking repeal of a regulation that excludes vessel ballast water discharges from Clean Water Act permit requirements. Today's notice makes that Decision Document publicly

available and announces EPA's denial of the petition.

DATES: EPA's Acting Administrator signed the Decision Document on September 2, 2003. For judicial review purposes, this action is final as of 1 p.m. (eastern time) on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, as provided at 40 CFR 23.2.

ADDRESSES: The administrative record is available for inspection and copying at the Water Docket, located at the EPA Docket Center in the basement of the EPA West Building, Room B-102, at 1301 Constitution Avenue., NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruby Cooper, U.S. EPA, Office Of Water, by phone at 202-564-0757 or by e-mail at cooper.ruby@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. How Can I Get Copies of the Document and other Related Information?

1. Electronic Copies : EPA's decision on the petition for rulemaking can be downloaded at <http://www.epa.gov/npdes>; once at this location, click on "Recent Additions".

2. Docket: EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OW-00-16. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received and other information related to this action. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is (202) 566-2426.

3. Electronic Access: You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov.edocket/> to view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search", then key in the appropriate docket identification number, which for this record is OW-2003-0071.