

Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on July 17, 1997, from 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. EDT. The conference call is open to the public, but due to availability, conference lines will be limited and access will be granted on a first-come first-served basis.

The purpose of this call is to review progress on the development of the first Drinking Water Candidate List since the last conference call meeting of the Working Group on June 23 & 24, 1997. The Working Group members will review and discuss the analysis completed on the chemicals, and relevant issues and facts, and draft proposed position paper for deliberation by the advisory council. Therefore, statements will be taken from the public as time allows.

For more information, please contact, Evelyn Washington, Designated Federal Officer, Occurrence & Contaminant Selection Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4607), 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number is 202-260-3029, fax 202-260-3762, and e-mail address washington.evelyn@epamail.epa.gov. For conference call information, please contact Jennifer Wu at 202-260-0425 or e-mail wu.jennifer@epamail.epa.gov.

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings; July 1997

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come, first-served basis. All time noted are Eastern Daylight Time. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office

and are *not* available from the SAB Office.

1. Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual Review Subcommittee (MARSSIMRS) and the Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC)—Public Teleconference Meeting

The Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) and its Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) Review Subcommittee (MARSSIMRS) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet via teleconference to complete its review (reach closure) and edit its draft report on the technical basis of the MARSSIM. The teleconference will be held from 11 am to 1 pm on Monday, July 21, 1997. Please see 62 FR 28476, Friday, May 23, 1997; 61 FR 68743, Monday, December 30, 1996; and 61 FR 32796, Tuesday, June 25, 1996 for further information.

Copies of the Agency document (Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM)) are NOT available from the SAB, however, information concerning the availability of this document can be found in previous meeting notices concerning this review (see above). To discuss technical aspects of the Agency's draft Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) or any supporting or background information, please contact Mr. Mark Doehnert, Radiation Protection Division (6603J), Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, tel. (202) 233-9386; Fax (202) 233-9650; or Email: Doehnert.Mark@epamail.epa.gov.

Copies of the revised draft SAB report entitled "An SAB Report: Review of the Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) by the Radiation Advisory Committee," will be available approximately two weeks prior to this teleconference (the week of July 9). Copies of the draft SAB report are available from Ms. Diana Pozun (see below). Members of the public who wish to participate in the teleconference or who wish make a brief oral presentation at this meeting must contact Mrs. Diana L. Pozun, Staff Secretary, *in writing* via fax (202) 260-7118 or Email: Pozun.Diana@epamail.epa.gov no later than noon, Eastern Time on Tuesday, July 15, 1997, in order to have time reserved on the agenda. For a copy of the proposed teleconference agenda or the draft SAB report, please contact Ms. Pozun by phone (202-260-8432) or at the numbers given above. For questions regarding technical issues to be

discussed, please contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Official, Science Advisory Board (1400), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, by telephone at (202) 260-2560, fax at (202) 260-7118, or Email: Kooyoomjian.Jack@epamail.epa.gov.

2. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on July 21-22, 1997, in Room 17 of the Washington Information Center (WIC) at the EPA Waterside Mall Complex, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public, but seating will be limited and available on a first come, first served basis. The meeting will convene at 8:30 am on July 21, and at 8 am on July 22, and end no later than 5:30 pm on both days. The purpose of the meeting is to: (a) review the Agency's draft Ecological Research Strategy; and (b) conduct an advisory on the proposed development of ecological risk management guidelines.

Background

(a) *Draft Ecological Research Strategy:* The Agency has developed a draft Ecological Research Strategy to guide future ecological research philosophy, direction and priorities at EPA. Funding for research covered by the strategy totals approximately \$72 million and staff resources of 372 full-time equivalents in Fiscal Year 1997. The Charge to the SAB, in addition to requesting detailed comments on specific aspects of the strategy, asks for comments on the following broad areas: (1) the consistency of the concepts and terminology with the ecological risk paradigm; (2) the consistency of the research strategy and elements with the goals and objectives; (3) the appropriateness of the direction of the Office of Research and Development (ORD) portion of the research, considering the unique capabilities of the organization; (4) the appropriateness of the research areas and other that might be considered in lieu of, or in addition to, those identified; (5) the clarity of ORD's focus and the rationale behind the program direction and out-year emphasis; and (6) the utility of maintaining a core research focus as a planning and research implementation foundation.

(b) *Development of Ecological Risk Management Guidelines:* the Agency has asked the SAB to for advice on the issues and endpoints that should be included in future guidance on ecological risk management. The Committee has been asked to consider a

draft document, Priorities for Ecological Protection: An Initial List and Discussion Document for EPA, prepared by the EPA National Center for Environmental Assessment to determine whether it covers the important ecological risk management issues pertinent to the planning and problem formulation stages of ecological risk assessment.

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing to obtain copies of the materials provided to the SAB for the meeting should contact the individuals listed below (Review documents are NOT available from the SAB office): (a) draft Ecological Research Strategy—contact Ms. Marlene Alder, Executive Assistant, EPA National Exposure Research Laboratory, MD-75, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5031; (b) Priorities for Ecological Protection: An Initial List and Discussion Document for EPA—contact Ms. Anne Barton, EPA Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, at (202) 260-9280 or Email: Barton.Anne@epamail.epa.gov.

For a copy of the draft meeting agenda, please contact Ms. Wanda R. Fields, Secretary for EPEC, at (202) 260-8414, Fax at (202) 260-7118, or Email: Fields.Wanda@epamail.epa.gov. Any member of the public wishing to submit brief oral comments to the Committee must contact Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Official for EPEC, *in writing*, no later than 4:00 pm Eastern Time on July 16, 1997 at Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20460, tel. (202) 260-6557; fax (202) 260-7118; or Email: Sanzone.Stephanie@epamail.epa.gov. Written comments in any length may be provided to Ms. Sanzone any time up through the meeting at the above address. See below for details on providing comments to the SAB.

3. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 1997 and Thursday, July 24, 1997. The meeting will convene each day at 8:30 am in the Administrator's Conference Room 1103 West Tower of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, and will adjourn no later than 5:30 pm on each day (Eastern Daylight Time). The meeting is open to the public, however seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

At this meeting, the Executive Committee will receive updates from its committees and subcommittees

concerning their recent and planned activities. As part of these updates, some committees expect to present draft reports for Executive Committee review and approval. There is a possibility that all the expected drafts may not be presented. *Expected drafts include:*

(a) *Drinking Water Committee*—(1) Review of the Agency report: An Evaluation of the Statistical Performance of a Method for Monitoring Protozoan Cysts in US Source Waters.

(b) *Environmental Engineering Committee*—(1) Review of the National Risk Management Research Laboratory (NRMRL); (2) Review of the Sector Facility Indexing Project; and (3) Review of the Proposed National Guidance on Field Filtration of Ground Water Samples.

(c) *Environmental Health Committee*—(1) Review of the Cancer Risk Assessment Guidelines; and (2) Review of the Mercury Report to Congress.

(d) *Environmental Processes and Effects Committee*—(1) Advisory on the Problem Formulation Phase of EPA's Watershed Ecological Risk Assessment Case Studies; and (2) Evaluation of Superfund Ecotox Threshold Benchmark Values for Water and Sediment.

(e) *Executive Committee*—(1) Review of the ad hoc Subcommittee on Environmental Goals; and (2) Review of the ad hoc Subcommittee on the Agency's 1996 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA).

Among a number of other items, the EC currently plans to:

(a) Discuss the plans for completing the Integrated Risk Project.

(b) Discuss the respective roles of the SAB and the ORD Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC).

(c) Discuss the recent National Research Council report on Research Opportunities and Priorities for the Environment (ROPE).

(d) Meet with Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen to discuss matters of mutual interest.

(e) Discuss recent Agency actions to improve the functioning of Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) groups, such as the SAB.

(f) Discuss various administrative issues, such as the development of "Expectations" and the progress of SAB membership selection.

(g) Discuss plans for a fall retreat in which to examine strategic options for the Science Advisory Board over the next few years.

(h) Conduct another session of the Lookout Panel on the afternoon of the

second day, focusing on freshwater aquatic ecological issues.

For Further Information—Members of the public desiring additional information concerning the meeting or who wish to submit oral comment must contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Official for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-4126; fax (202) 260-9232; or Email: Barnes.Don@epamail.epa.gov. Requests to make oral comments must be submitted to Dr. Barnes *in writing*, no later than 4 pm, July 16, 1997. Copies of the draft meeting agenda and available draft reports listed above can be obtained from Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson on (202) 260-8414; fax (202) 260-7118; or Email: Tillery.Priscilla@epamail.epa.gov.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings—The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in The FY1996 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (CESS) by contacting US EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400), Attention: CESS, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 or via fax (202) 260-1889. Additional information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Home Page at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

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Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.
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