

implementation of its strategic research plans.

### Quality Review of a Draft SAB Report on Recommendations for the Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards

The EPA has established Science and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA) to honor and recognize EPA employees who have made outstanding contributions in the advancement of science and technology through their research and development activities, as exhibited in publication of their results in peer-reviewed journals. In response to a request from EPA's Office of Research and Development an SAB panel developed a draft report that makes recommendations concerning nominations to the Agency's FY 2013 STAA competition. Background information about this advisory activity can be found on the SAB Web site at [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr\\_activites/2013%20STAA%20Review?OpenDocument](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/2013%20STAA%20Review?OpenDocument).

At the December 4–5, 2013, meeting, the chartered SAB will conduct a quality review of the panel's draft report before it is transmitted to the EPA Administrator. The SAB quality review process ensures that all draft reports developed by SAB panels, committees or workgroups are reviewed and approved by the Chartered SAB before being finalized and transmitted to the EPA Administrator. These reviews are conducted in a public meeting as required by FACA.

### Briefings on EPA Climate Science and Research

The chartered SAB has requested an informational briefing from the EPA to inform the SAB about EPA's Climate Action Plan and how the agency plans to support its regulations, programs, and policies with needed science. The SAB has requested this briefing so that the Board can: Better understand upcoming EPA climate-related actions; so that it can be prepared to provide future advice regarding agency climate science and research.

### Discussion of Information Provided in the Agency's Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

As part of the EPA's effort to routinely inform the SAB about proposed and planned agency actions that have a scientific or technical basis, the agency provided notice to the SAB that the Office of Management and Budget published the "Unified (Regulatory) Agenda" on the Web on July 3, 2013 (<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/>

*eAgendaMain*). During the December 3–4, 2013 meeting, the SAB will discuss whether it should provide advice and comment on the adequacy of the scientific and technical basis for EPA actions included in the Agenda. This discussion will replace SAB teleconferences originally announced for October 25, 2013 and October 30, 2013 (78 FR 59678) and subsequently cancelled as a result of the federal government shut down.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** A meeting agenda and other materials for the meeting will be placed on the SAB Web site at <http://epa.gov/sab>.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to the EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments pertaining to the EPA's charge, meeting materials, or the group providing advice. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the DFO directly.

**Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes. Persons interested in providing oral statements at the December 4–5, 2013, meeting should contact Dr. Angela Nugent, DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by November 29, 2013.

**Written Statements:** Written statements for the December 4–5, 2013, meeting should be received in the SAB Staff Office by November 29, 2013, so that the information may be made available to the SAB for its consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: either an electronic copy (preferred) via email (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, WordPerfect, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format) or in hard copy with original signature. Submitters are asked to provide electronic versions of each document

submitted with *and* without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB Web site. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Nugent at the phone number or email address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: November 4, 2013.

**Thomas H. Brennan,**

*Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9902–84–ORD; Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2013–0680]

### Next Generation Risk Assessment: Incorporation of Recent Advances in Molecular, Computational, and Systems Biology [External Review Draft]

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of public comment period to January 13, 2014.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing an extension of the public comment period for 60 days for the draft document titled, "Next Generation Risk Assessment: Incorporation of Recent Advances in Molecular, Computational, and Systems Biology [External Review Draft]" (EPA/600/R–13/214A). The original **Federal Register** notice announcing the public comment period was published on September 30, 2013. At the request of the American Chemistry Council, the public comment deadline is extended to January 13, 2014. The draft document explores how new molecular, computational, and systems biology data can better inform risk assessment. This draft document is available for public review and comment and is undergoing independent external peer review. This draft document is not final as described in EPA's information quality guidelines, and it does not represent and should not be construed to represent Agency policy

or views. The public comment period and the external peer review are separate processes that provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the document. When finalizing the draft document, EPA intends to consider the external peer reviewers' comments and any public comments that EPA receives in accordance with this notice.

**DATES:** The public comment period began on September 30, 2013, and is being extended to end on January 13, 2014. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by January 13, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft "Next Generation Risk Assessment: Incorporation of Recent Advances in Molecular, Computational, and Systems Biology [External Review Draft]" is available primarily via the Internet on the NCEA home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at [www.epa.gov/ncea](http://www.epa.gov/ncea). A limited number of CD-ROM copies will be available from Ms. Marieka Boyd by phone: 919-541-0031; fax: 919-541-5078; or email: [boyd.marieka@epa.gov](mailto:boyd.marieka@epa.gov). If you are requesting a CD-ROM copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, "Next Generation Risk Assessment: Incorporation of Recent Advances in Molecular, Computational, and Systems Biology [External Review Draft]" (EPA/600/R-13/214A) to facilitate processing of your request.

Comments may be submitted electronically via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public comment period, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov). For technical information, contact Dr. Lyle Burgoon, NCEA; telephone: 919-541-7808; facsimile: 919-685-3473; or email: [burgoon.lyle@epa.gov](mailto:burgoon.lyle@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Information About the Project/Document**

The Next Generation (NexGen) Risk Assessment project was initiated in 2010 as a multi-year, multi-organization effort to consider new molecular, computational, and systems biology approaches for use in risk assessments. The specific aims of the NexGen effort, described in this draft document, are to:

(1) Demonstrate proof of concept that the data and methods from recent advances in biology can inform risk assessment; (2) identify which of the information resources and practices are most useful for particular purposes (value of information); (3) develop decision considerations for use of different types of NexGen data and methods to inform different types of assessments; and (4) identify priority research needs.

The "Next Generation Risk Assessment: Incorporation of Recent Advances in Molecular, Computational, and Systems Biology [External Review Draft]" presents the results and lessons learned from the prototypes/case studies for use of molecular, computational, and systems biology data in risk assessment. The prototype results demonstrated proof of concept for an integrated approach to incorporating molecular, computational, and systems biology data in risk assessment and considered various data types for specific assessment purposes. The lessons learned from this project suggested research needs and near- and longer-term implications of incorporating molecular, computational, and systems biology data in risk assessment.

##### **II. Extension of Comment Period**

The EPA is extending the deadline for submitting comments on the draft document "Next Generation Risk Assessment: Incorporation of Recent Advances in Molecular, Computational, and Systems Biology [External Review Draft]" to January 13, 2014. The original deadline for comments was November 14, 2013. EPA's decision responds to a request from the American Chemistry Council to extend the comment deadline. The EPA believes that this extension will assist in providing an adequate amount of additional time for the public to review the draft document and to provide written comments.

##### **III. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)**

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0680, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).
- Fax: 202-566-9744.
- Mail: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (ORD Docket), Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752. If you provide comments by mail, please submit one unbound

original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

• **Hand Delivery:** The ORD Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center's Public Reading Room is open from 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. Deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. If you provide comments by hand delivery, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0680. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your

comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center home page at [www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm).

**Docket:** Documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the ORD Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

Dated: November 5, 2013.

**Debra B. Walsh,**

*Acting Deputy Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9902-81—Region 4]

### Availability of FY 12 Grantee Performance Evaluation Reports for the Eight States of EPA Region 4 and 17 Local Agencies

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; Clean Air Act Section 105 grantee performance evaluation reports.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's grant regulations require the Agency to evaluate the performance of agencies which receive grants. EPA's regulations for regional consistency require that the Agency notify the public of the availability of the reports of such evaluations. EPA performed end-of-year evaluations of eight state air pollution control programs (Alabama Department of Environmental Management; Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Georgia Department of Natural Resources; Commonwealth of Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet; Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources; South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control; and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation) and 17 local programs (City of Huntsville Division of Natural Resources, AL;

Jefferson County Department of Health, AL; Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department, FL; City of Jacksonville Environmental Quality Division, FL; Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, FL; Miami-Dade County Air Quality Management Division, FL; Orange County Environmental Protection Division, FL; Palm Beach County Health Department, FL; Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources, FL; Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District, KY; Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department, NC; Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency, NC; Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency, NC; Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, TN; Shelby County Health Department, TN; Knox County Department of Air Quality Management, TN; and Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Public Health Department, TN). The 25 evaluations were conducted to assess the agencies' Fiscal Year 2012 performance under the grants awarded by EPA under authority of section 105 of the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 4 has prepared reports for each agency identified above and these reports are now available for public inspection.

**ADDRESSES:** The reports may be examined at the EPA's Region 4 office, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, excluding federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marie Persinger (404) 562-9048 for information concerning the state and local agencies of Alabama and Kentucky; Artra Cooper (404) 562-9047 for the state and local agencies of Florida; Mary Echols (404) 562-9053 for the state agency of Georgia; Shantel Shelmon (404) 562-9817 for the state and local agencies of North Carolina; Angela Isom (404) 562-9092 for the state agencies of Mississippi and South Carolina; and Gwendolyn Graf (404) 562-9289 for the state and local agencies of Tennessee. They may be contacted at the Region 4 address mentioned in the previous section of this notice.

Dated: October 29, 2013.

**Beverly H. Banister,**

*Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 4.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Information Collections Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before December 13, 2013. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB, via fax 202-395-5167, or via email [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov); and to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) or [mailto:PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and