

(EPCRA), certain facilities that manufacture, process, or otherwise use specified toxic chemicals in amounts above reporting threshold levels must submit annually to EPA and to designated State or Tribal officials toxic chemical release forms containing information specified by EPA. In addition, pursuant to section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA), facilities reporting under section 313 of EPCRA must also report pollution prevention and waste management data, including recycling information, for such chemicals. EPA compiles and stores these reports in a publicly accessible database known as the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI).

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:*

Facilities that submit annual reports under section 313 of EPCRA and section 6607 of PPA.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (EPCRA Section 313).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 21,856.

*Frequency of response:* Annual.

*Total estimated burden:* 3,597,275 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$199,217,089 (per year), includes \$0 in annualized capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

*Changes in the estimates:* There is an increase of 41,277 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase reflects a slight increase in the number of facilities reporting to TRI.

**Courtney Kerwin,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9970-44-OARM]

### National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

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

**ACTION:** Request for Nominations to the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology.

\* Nomination Deadline: January 3, 2018.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates representing the following sectors: Academia; state,

local, and tribal governments; business and industry; and, non-governmental organizations.

Potential vacancies are anticipated to be filled in April, 2018. Sources in addition to this **Federal Register** Notice may be utilized in the solicitation of nominees.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eugene Green, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA; telephone (202) 564-2432; fax (202) 564-8129; email [green.eugene@epa.gov](mailto:green.eugene@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* The National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. EPA established NACEPT in 1988 to provide advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental policy, management and technology issues. Members serve as representatives from academia, industry, non-governmental organizations, and state, local, and tribal governments. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for two year terms. The Council usually meets 2-3 times annually face-to-face or via video/teleconference and the average workload for the members is approximately 10 to 15 hours per month. Members serve on the Council in a voluntary capacity. However, EPA provides reimbursement for travel and incidental expenses associated with official government business. EPA is seeking nominations from candidates representing all sectors noted above. Within these sectors, EPA encourages nominees with a strong background in the following areas to apply: Data management/monitoring, social science, economic initiatives, public health, biodiversity, community sustainability, environmental policy/management, and environmental justice. Nominees will be considered according to the mandates of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires committees to maintain diversity across a broad range of constituencies, sectors, groups, and geographical locations. EPA values and embraces diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA welcomes nominations from women and men of all racial and ethnic groups, as well as persons with disabilities. Please note that interested candidates may self-nominate.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

—Professional knowledge of environmental policy, management, and technology related issues.

- Demonstrated ability to assess and analyze environmental challenges with objectivity and integrity.
- Middle/Senior-level leadership experience that fills a current need on the Council.
- Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills, and consensus-building skills.
- Ability to volunteer approximately 10 to 15 hours per month to the Council's activities, including participation in face-to-face meetings, video/teleconference meetings and preparation of documents for the Council's reports and advice letters.

EPA's policy is that, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, members generally are appointed to two year terms.

Prospective candidates interested in being considered for an appointment to serve on the Council, should submit the following items to process your nomination package: Nomination packages must include a brief statement of interest, resume, or curriculum vitae (CV), and a short biography (no more than two paragraphs) describing your professional and educational qualifications, including a list of relevant activities and any current or previous service on advisory committees. The statement of interest, resume or CV, and short biography should include the candidate's full name, name and address of current organization, position title, email address, and daytime telephone number(s).

In preparing your statement of interest, please describe how your background, knowledge, and experience will bring value to the work of the committee, and how these qualifications would contribute to the overall diversity of the Council. Also, be sure to describe any previous involvement with the Agency through employment, grant funding and/or contracting sources.

To help the Agency in evaluating the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, also tell us how you learned of this opportunity in your statement of interest (cover letter).

Anyone interested in being considered for nomination is encouraged to submit a nomination (application) package by the submission deadline on January 3, 2018. To expedite the process, it is preferable to submit the nomination package with the required information/documents electronically (Word/PDF) to [green.eugene@epa.gov](mailto:green.eugene@epa.gov). Please reference: "NACEPT 2018 Membership Nomination Package for (insert candidate's name)" in the subject heading.

Dated: October 20, 2017.

**Eugene Green,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Good Neighbor Environmental Board

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

**ACTION:** Request for nominations to the Good Neighbor Environmental Board.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to its Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB). Vacancies are expected to be filled by April 1, 2018, but nominees are strongly encouraged to submit their nomination information as soon as possible. Sources in addition to this **Federal Register** Notice may also be utilized in the solicitation of nominees.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* GNEB is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. GNEB was created in 1992 by the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act, Public Law 102-532, 7 U.S.C. Section 5404. Implementing authority was delegated to the Administrator of EPA under Executive Order 12916. The GNEB is charged by statute with submitting an annual report to the President on environmental and infrastructure issues in the U.S.-Mexico border region. The statute creating the GNEB calls for it to include representatives from U.S. Government agencies; the governments of the states of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas; and private organizations with experience in environmental and infrastructure issues along the U.S.-Mexico border. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for two year terms with the possibility of reappointment. The GNEB meets approximately three times annually either in person or via video/teleconference. The average workload for committee members is approximately 10 to 15 hours per month. Members serve on the committees in a voluntary capacity. Although EPA is unable to offer compensation or an honorarium, members may receive travel and per diem allowances, according to

applicable federal travel regulations. The EPA is seeking nominations from a variety of nongovernmental organizations in the U.S.-Mexico border region, including representatives from business and industry, academia, environmental groups, public health organizations, and other sectors. EPA is also seeking representatives from state, local, and tribal governments. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

- Background and experience that would help members contribute to the diversity of perspectives on the committee (*e.g.*, geographic, economic, social, cultural, educational, and other considerations).
- Representative of a sector or group that helps to shape border region environmental policy, or representatives of a group that is affected by border region environmental policy.
- Extensive professional knowledge and experience with the particular issues that the GNEB examines (*i.e.* environmental and infrastructure issues along the U.S.-Mexico border), including the bi-national dimension of these issues.
- Senior level experience dealing with environmental and infrastructure issues in the U.S.-Mexico border region.
- Possesses a demonstrated ability to work in a consensus building process with a wide range of representatives from diverse constituencies.
- Ability to contribute approximately 10 to 15 hours per month to the GNEB's activities, including face-to-face meetings, conference calls and participation in the development of the GNEB's annual report to the President and occasional advice letters.

Nominees may self-nominate. If you are interested in serving on the GNEB, please submit the following information:

- Nominations must include a brief statement of interest, a resume or curriculum vitae, and a short biography describing your professional and educational qualifications, including a list of relevant activities and any current or previous service on advisory committees. The statement of interest, resume, curriculum vitae, or short biography should include the candidate's name, name and address of current organization, position title, email address, and daytime telephone number(s). In preparing your statement of interest, please describe how your background, knowledge, and experience

will bring value to the work of the Board, and how these qualifications would contribute to the overall diversity of the GNEB. Also, please describe any previous involvement with EPA through employment, grant funding and/or contracting sources.

- Candidates from the academic sector must also provide a letter of recommendation authorizing the nominee to represent their institution.
- Please be advised that federally registered lobbyists are not permitted to serve on federal advisory committees.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit nominations to Mark Joyce, Acting Designated Federal Officer, (1601M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. You may also email nominations with the subject line GNEB Nomination 2018 to [joyce.mark@epa.gov](mailto:joyce.mark@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Joyce, Acting Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA, telephone 202-564-2130.

Dated: October 24, 2017.

**Mark Joyce,**

*Acting Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Region 4 Library; FRL-9970-91-Region 4]

### Notice of Change to Operating Hours

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

**ACTION:** Informational notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Region 4 Library will change its operating hours from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The library will remain closed on Federal holidays.

**DATES:** The new operating hours for the Region 4 Library will be effective November 1, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Region 4 Federal Library Managers Shayla Patillo at (404) 562-8385 or LouAnn Gross at (404) 562-9642.

Dated: October 27, 2017.

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