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*B. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?*

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If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD ROM you submit. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. 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.

Use of the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's electronic mail (e-mail) system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the Docket without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address is automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Science Advisory Board Staff Office  
Notification of an Upcoming Meeting of  
the Science Advisory Board Ecological  
Processes and Effects Committee**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee to provide advice on EPA's implementation of the Ecosystem Services Research Program.

**DATES:** The meeting dates are Tuesday, July 14, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) and Wednesday, July 15, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the SAB Conference Center, 1025 F Street, NW., Room 3705, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who wish to obtain further information about this meeting must contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Dr. Armitage may be contacted at the EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or via telephone/voice mail; (202) 343-9995; fax (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov). Any inquiry regarding EPA's Ecosystem Services Research Program should be directed to Dr. Rick Linthurst of EPA's Office of Research and Development at [linthurst.rick@epa.gov](mailto:linthurst.rick@epa.gov) or (919) 541-4909. General information about the EPA SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee will hold a public meeting to provide consultative comment on implementation of EPA's Ecosystem Services Research Program. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

*Background:* In February 2008, The EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD) released a draft Ecological Research Program Multi-Year Plan that established EPA's long-term and annual goals for ecological research. This draft Multi-Year Plan is available on the EPA Office of Research and Development Web site at <http://epa.gov/ord/esrp/pdfs/ERP-MYP-complete-draft-v5.pdf>. The Multi-Year Plan described a new direction for the Agency's Ecological Research Program intended to fill the need for a better understanding of the implications of human impacts on ecosystems and the services they provide. The redirected Ecological Research Program is building on past research efforts in ecosystem monitoring, restoration, and functioning to develop operational methods for incorporating quantitative information on ecosystem services into decision making.

In 2008 the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee reviewed EPA's draft Ecological Research Program Multi-year Plan. The findings and recommendations of that SAB review are available on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> (see report EPA-SAB-08-011). The SAB Staff Office selected several additional SAB committee members with expertise in valuing ecosystem services to augment the expertise on the Ecological Processes and Effects Committee for that advisory activity.

The ORD has requested further consultation with the SAB regarding the implementation of the Ecosystem Services Research program. This consultation will be conducted by the augmented SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee. The purpose of the upcoming meeting of this Committee is to provide consultative advice on the current direction of high priority areas of the Ecosystem Services Research Program and the specific research projects that have been undertaken. The roster and biosketches of Committee members are posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

*Availability of Meeting Materials:* The meeting agenda, charge to the SAB Committee, and other meeting material will be posted on the SAB Web site at <https://www.epa.gov/sab> in advance of the meeting.

*Procedures for Providing Public Input:* Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral

information on the topic of this advisory activity, and/or the group conducting the activity, for the SAB to consider during the advisory process.

**Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Armitage, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) at the contact information noted above by July 6, 2009 to be placed on a list of public speakers for the meeting. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by July 6, 2009 so that the information may be made available to the SAB Committee members for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Submitters are requested to provide two versions of each document submitted with and without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites.

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

Dated: June 16, 2009.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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### **Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC); NO<sub>x</sub> & SO<sub>x</sub> Secondary NAAQS Review Panel Meeting and CASAC Teleconference**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific

Advisory Committee Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) and Sulfur Oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>) Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Review Panel (CASAC Panel) to peer review EPA's *Risk and Exposure Assessment for Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur: Second Draft (EPA-452/P-09-004a)*. The chartered CASAC will subsequently hold a public teleconference to review and approve the Panel's report.

**DATES:** The CASAC Panel will meet from 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2009 through 3 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2009 (Eastern Time). The chartered CASAC will meet by public teleconference from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on August 20, 2009 (Eastern Time).

**Location:** The July 22-23, 2009 public meeting will take place at the Marriott at Research Triangle Park, 4700 Guardian Drive, Durham, NC 27703, telephone (919) 941-6200. The August 20, 2009 public teleconference will be conducted by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to submit a written or brief oral statement or wants further information concerning the July 22-23, 2009 meeting may contact Ms. Kyndall Barry, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail (202) 343-9868; fax (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at [barry.kyndall@epa.gov](mailto:barry.kyndall@epa.gov). For information on the CASAC teleconference on August 20, 2009, please contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at the above listed address; via telephone/voice mail (202) 343-9867 or e-mail at [stallworth.holly@epa.gov](mailto:stallworth.holly@epa.gov). General information concerning the CASAC and the CASAC documents can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (FACA), notice is hereby given that a CASAC Panel will hold a public meeting to peer review EPA's *Risk and Exposure Assessment for Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur: Second Draft* and that the chartered CASAC will hold a public teleconference to review and approve the Panel's draft report. The CASAC was established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) (42

U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee. CASAC provides advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC and CASAC Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Section 109(d)(1) of the CAA requires that the Agency periodically review and revise, as appropriate, the air quality criteria and the NAAQS for the six "criteria" air pollutants, including NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>. EPA is in the process of reviewing the secondary NAAQS for NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>. Welfare effects as defined in the CAA include, but are not limited to, effects on soils, water, wildlife, vegetation, visibility, weather, and climate, as well as effects on materials, economic values, and personal comfort and well-being.

CASAC has previously provided consultative advice on EPA's *Draft Plan for Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide* and conducted peer reviews of the first and second drafts of EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur—Environmental Criteria*. CASAC also provided consultative advice on EPA's *Scope and Methods Plan for Risk/Exposure Assessment* and conducted a peer review of EPA's *Risk and Exposure Assessment for Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur: First Draft*. The CASAC advisory reports are available on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>.

The purpose of the July 22-23, 2009 meeting is for the CASAC Panel to conduct a peer review of EPA's *Risk and Exposure Assessment for Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur: Second Draft*. The chartered CASAC will review and approve the Panel's draft report on the REA by public conference call on August 20, 2009.

**Technical Contacts:** Any questions concerning EPA's *Risk and Exposure Assessment for Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur: Second Draft* should be directed to Dr. Anne Rea, OAR, by telephone at (919) 541-0053, or e-mail [rea.anne@epa.gov](mailto:rea.anne@epa.gov).

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** EPA-OAR's *Risk and Exposure Assessment for Review of the Secondary*