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*Providing Oral or Written Comments at This Meeting:* It is the policy of the subcommittee to accept written public comments of any length and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The subcommittee expects that public statements presented at this meeting will not be repetitive of previously-submitted oral or written statements. Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at this meeting is limited to a total time of 5 minutes (unless otherwise indicated). However, no more than 30 minutes total will be allotted for oral public comments at this meeting; therefore, the time allowed for each speaker's comments will be adjusted accordingly. In addition, for scheduling purposes, requests to provide oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax, or mail) and received by Mr. Whitlow no later than noon Eastern Time five business days prior to the meeting in order to reserve time on the meeting agenda. Written Comments: Although the subcommittee accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received by Mr. Whitlow no later than noon Eastern Time five business days prior to the meeting so that the comments may be made available to the subcommittee members for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to Mr. Whitlow (preferably via e-mail) at the address/contact information noted above, as follows: one hard copy with original signature, or 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)).

Dated: September 12, 2005.

**Gregory A. Green,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7970-5]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC); CASAC Ozone Review Panel; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting (Teleconference)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Ozone Review Panel (Panel) to conduct a consultation on EPA's draft Ozone Environmental Assessment Plan: Scope and Methods for Exposure, Risk and Benefits Assessment (August 2005).

**DATES:** The teleconference meeting will be held on October 3, 2005, from 1 to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to obtain the teleconference call-in numbers and access codes; would like to submit written or brief oral comments; or wants further information concerning this teleconference meeting, should contact Mr. Fred Butterfield, 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) 343-9994; fax: (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: [butterfield.fred@epa.gov](mailto:butterfield.fred@epa.gov). General information concerning the CASAC or the EPA SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* Under section 108 of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act), the Agency is required to establish National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria, including ozone (O<sub>3</sub>). Section 109(d) of the CAA subsequently requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria and standards to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health and welfare. The Agency revised the NAAQS for O<sub>3</sub> in July 1997. EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) released a draft updated air quality criteria document for O<sub>3</sub> (draft Ozone AQCD) in January 2005. The CASAC Ozone Review Panel met in a

public meeting to conduct a peer review on this draft Ozone AQCD on May 4-5, 2005. EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS), within the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), is in the process of developing a draft updated Staff Paper for O<sub>3</sub> as part of its review of the O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS. This draft Staff Paper will evaluate the policy implications of the key scientific and technical information contained in the draft Ozone AQCD and identify critical elements that EPA believes should be considered in the review of the O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS. The O<sub>3</sub> Staff Paper is intended to "bridge the gap" between the scientific review contained in the Ozone AQCD and the public health and welfare policy judgments required of the EPA Administrator in reviewing the O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS. OAQPS has developed a draft Ozone Environmental Assessment Plan, which outlines the scope, approaches, and key issues in estimating vegetation exposure, risk, and impacts on economic values posed by O<sub>3</sub>.

EPA is soliciting advice and recommendations from the CASAC, by means of a consultation on the draft Ozone Environmental Assessment Plan, on the overall scope, approaches, and key issues in advance of the completion of such analyses and presentation of results in the draft O<sub>3</sub> Staff Paper. The CASAC, which is comprised of seven members appointed by the EPA Administrator, 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, in part to provide advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The CASAC Ozone Review Panel complies with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

*Technical Contact:* Any questions concerning the draft Ozone Environmental Assessment Plan should be directed to Ms. Vicki Sandiford, OAQPS, at phone: (919) 541-2629, or e-mail: [sandiford.vicki@epa.gov](mailto:sandiford.vicki@epa.gov).

#### Availability of Meeting Materials

The draft Ozone Environmental Health Assessment Plan can be accessed via the Agency's Technology Transfer Network (TTN) Web site at: [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/ozone/s\\_o3\\_index.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/ozone/s_o3_index.html) under "Planning Documents." In addition, a

copy of the draft agenda for this meeting will be posted on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> (under the "Agendas" subheading) in advance of this CASAC Ozone Review Panel meeting. Other meeting materials, including the charge to the CASAC Ozone Review Panel, will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/casacorpanel.html> prior to this meeting.

#### Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The SAB Staff Office accepts written public comments of any length, and will accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at its face-to-face meetings and teleconferences will not repeat previously-submitted oral or written statements.

*Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a CASAC meeting or teleconference is limited to a total time of five minutes (unless otherwise indicated). However, no more than 30 minutes will be allotted for all oral public comments at this teleconference; therefore, the time allowed for each speaker's comments will be adjusted accordingly. In addition, for scheduling purposes, requests to provide oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Mr. Butterfield no later than September 26, 2005 in order to reserve time on the meeting agenda.

*Written Comments:* Written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office by September 26, 2005 so that the comments may be made available to the CASAC PM Review Panel for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to Mr. Butterfield (preferably via e-mail) at the address/contact information noted above, as follows: 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)).

#### Meeting Accommodations

Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this meeting, should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: September 13, 2005.

**Anthony Maciorowski,**  
*Associate Director for Science, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Advisory Meeting of the Science Advisory Board; Regulatory Environmental Modeling (REM) Guidance Review Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Science Advisory Board (SAB) Regulatory Environmental Modeling (REM) Guidance Review Panel will hold two public teleconferences to discuss its draft peer review report of the Agency's Draft Guidance on the Development, Evaluation, and Application of Regulatory Environmental Models, dated November 2003 (referred to here also as the Draft Guidance), and the Models Knowledge Base related to modeling activity within the EPA.

**DATES:** October 12, 2005, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and October 13, 2005, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The public teleconferences will take place via telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to obtain the teleconference call-in number and access code, or who wants further information concerning these public teleconferences should contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA SAB, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (MC 1400F), Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9984; fax: (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: [kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov](mailto:kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov). General information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* The EPA's Council for Regulatory Environmental Modeling (CREM) has requested that the SAB review the Agency's Draft Guidance and Models Knowledge Base. The Draft Guidance was prepared by the CREM in response to the EPA Administrator's request to continue to strengthen EPA's development, evaluation and use of models in the Agency. The CREM

Models Knowledge Base provides public Internet access to information on some of EPA's most frequently used models. The Draft Guidance and Models Knowledge Base are currently under review by the SAB's REM Guidance Review Panel, and are the subject of these conference calls. Additional background information on this review and all previous announcements [68 FR 46602, Aug. 6, 2003; 70 FR 1243, January 6, 2005; 70 FR 12477, March 14, 2005; and 70 FR 30948, May 31, 2005, and 70 FR 41008, July 15, 2005], meeting agendas, review and background materials can be found at the SAB Web site. The purpose of these meetings is for the SAB Panel to review the working draft report. If the second conference call is not necessary, Dr. Kooyoomjian will announce this prior to adjournment of the October 12, 2005 meeting, and will be on the line for the first ten minutes commencing at 10 a.m. EST on October 13, 2005 to advise interested parties.

*Availability of Meeting Materials:* Copies of the meeting agenda, the roster of the SAB's REM Guidance Review Panel, and the latest working draft report of the REM Guidance Advisory Panel will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/cremgacpanel.html> prior to the meetings.

Copies of the Agency's Draft Guidance and Models Knowledge Base and other background materials pertinent to this advisory activity may be obtained at: [www.epa.gov/crem](http://www.epa.gov/crem), or [www.epa.gov/crem/sab](http://www.epa.gov/crem/sab). For further information regarding the Agency's Draft Guidance and Models Knowledge Base, contact Pasky Pascual, Office of Research & Development, National Center for Environmental Research (Mail Code 8701F), by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9710, by fax at (202) 233-0680; or via e-mail at [pascual.pasky@epa.gov](mailto:pascual.pasky@epa.gov).

*Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings:* The SAB Staff Office accepts written public comments of any length, and will accommodate oral public comments wherever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not repeat previously submitted oral or written statements.

*Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to a total time of three minutes (unless otherwise indicated). Requests to provide oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax, or mail) and received by the DFO no later than noon Eastern Standard Time, October 4, 2005 in order to reserve time on the meeting agenda.