

70 FR 54923, September 19, 2005. Information can also be found on the EPA SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/cremgacpanel.html>.

*Availability of Meeting Materials:* A roster of participating SAB members and the meeting agenda will be posted on the SAB Web site prior to the meeting. The draft panel report is on the SAB Web site at [http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/rem\\_draft\\_02-24-06.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/rem_draft_02-24-06.pdf).

*Procedures for Providing Public Input:* Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB Panel to consider during the advisory process.

*Oral Statements:* In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker with no more than a total of fifteen minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the DFO, contact information provided above, in writing via e-mail by April 19, 2006, to be placed on the public speaker list for the teleconference.

*Written Statements:* Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by April 19, 2006, so that the information may be made available to the Panel 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, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

*Meeting Accommodations:* For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Thomas Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at (202) 343-9982 or via e-mail at [miller.tom@epa.gov](mailto:miller.tom@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the DFO, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: April 5, 2006.

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### Science Advisory Board Staff Office Notification of an Upcoming Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services (C-VPESS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the SAB Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services (C-VPESS) to discuss a draft committee report and initial committee work on application of methods for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services.

**DATES:** A public meeting of the C-VPESS will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m (Eastern Time) on May 9, 2006 and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on May 10, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the SAB Conference Center, 1025 F Street, NW., Suite 3700, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public wishing further information regarding the SAB C-VPESS meeting may contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), via telephone at: (202) 343-9981 or e-mail at: [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov). The SAB mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meetings announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA 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. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

*Background:* Background on the SAB C-VPESS and its charge was provided in 68 FR 11082 (March 7, 2003). The purpose of the meeting is for the SAB C-VPESS to discuss a draft advisory

report calling for expanded and integrated approach for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services. The Committee will also discuss initial work on application of methods for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services.

These activities are related to the Committee's overall charge: To assess Agency needs and the state of the art and science of valuing protection of ecological systems and services and to identify key areas for improving knowledge, methodologies, practice, and research.

*Availability of Meeting Materials:* Materials in support of this meeting will be placed on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/> in advance of this meeting.

*Procedures for Providing Public Input:* Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information 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. Nugent, DFO, at the contact information noted above, by April 30, 2006, to be placed on the public speaker list for the May 9-10, 2006 meeting. *Written Statements:* Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by April 30, 2006, so that the information may be made available to the SAB for their consideration prior to this meeting. 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).

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Dated: April 3, 2006.

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