comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through *www.regulations.gov*, your e-mail 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 homepage at *http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.*

Docket: Documents in the docket are listed in the *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* or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

Dated: March 26, 2007.

David Bussard,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8293–3]

EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Request for Nominations of Experts for the Acrylamide Review Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Requesting the nomination of experts for the Science Advisory Board (SAB) Acrylamide Review Panel.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by April 19, 2007, per instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Suhair Shallal, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343–9977; by fax at (202) 233–0643; or via e-mail at *shallal.suhair@epa.gov.* General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA SAB Web Site at: *http://www.epa.gov/sab.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Acrylamide polymer is primarily used in waste water treatment, paper and pulp processing, and mineral processing. Other uses include as a water soluble polymer in crude oil production, as a cosmetic additive, for soil and sand stabilization, grouting agents for sewer line sealing and manhole sealing, and in electrophoresis gels used in research. Acrylamide has been detected in a wide range of baked and fried foods. The detection of acrylamide in food prompted intense international interest and on-going research to better characterize its hazard effects, and to modify cooking practices to minimize levels in processed foods. EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment, within the Office of Research and Development, has been updating the human health hazard and dose-response assessment for Acrylamide. EPA previously developed an oral reference dose (RfD) for non-cancer effects and a cancer oral slope factor for Acrylamide which are described in EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessment (1988). An inhalation reference concentration (RfC) was added to IRIS in 1990. The current EPA draft assessment incorporates more recent studies and methods to derive an oral RfD and inhalation RfC for non-cancer effects, and an oral slope factor and inhalation unit risk for carcinogenic effects. ORD has requested that the Science Advisory Board (SAB) review its draft assessment entitled ''Toxicological Review of Acrylamide''.

The EPA Science Advisory Board (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 Acrylamide Review Panel, conducting the review of the Agency's draft assessment of acrylamide, will consist of members of the chartered SAB, SAB Committee members and additional external experts. This panel will comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and all appropriate SAB procedural policies. Upon completion, the panel's report will be submitted to the chartered SAB for final approval for transmittal to the EPA Administrator. The SAB Acrylamide Review Panel is being asked to comment on the scientific soundness of this draft assessment.

Availability of the Review Materials: The EPA draft document to be reviewed by the SAB Panel will be made available by the Office of Research and Development. For questions and information concerning the review materials, please contact Dr. Rob Dewoskin, at (919) 541–1089, or *dewoskin.rob@epa.gov.*

Request for Nominations: The SAB Staff Office is requesting nominations of nationally recognized experts with expertise in one or more of the following areas, especially with respect to the health effects of Acrylamide: neurotoxicology; epidemiology; toxicology, including reproductive/developmental toxicology, genetic toxicology and mechanisms of action for carcinogenicity; metabolism; pharmacokinetics and modeling; dose-response assessment; and exposure and risk assessment.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for possible service on the Acrylamide Review Panel in the areas of expertise described above. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format through the SAB Web site at the following URL: *http://www.epa.gov/sab*; or directly via the Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the EPA Science Advisory Board link found at URL: *http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/paneltopics.html.* Please follow the instructions for submitting nominations carefully. To be considered, nominations should include all of the information required on the associated forms. Anyone unable to submit nominations using the electronic form and who has any questions concerning the nomination process may contact Dr. Suhair Shallal, DFO, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than April 19, 2007.

For nominees to be considered, please include: contact information; a curriculum vitae; a biosketch of no more than two paragraphs (containing information on the nominee's current position, educational background, areas of expertise and research activities, service on other advisory committees and professional societies; the candidate's special expertise related to the panel being formed; and sources of recent grant and/or contract support).

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations.

The names and biosketchs of qualified nominees identified by respondents to the **Federal Register** notice and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff will be posted on the SAB Web Site at: *http://www.epa.gov/sab.* Public comments on this ''Short List'' of candidates will be accepted for 21 calendar days. The public will be requested to provide relevant information or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office, a balanced subcommittee or review panel includes candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. In establishing the final Acrylamide Review Panel (ARP), the SAB Staff Office will consider public comments on the ''Short List'' of candidates, information provided by the candidates themselves, and background information independently gathered by the SAB Staff Office. Selection criteria to be used for Panel membership include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality; and (e) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; and, for the Panel as a whole, (f) diversity of, and balance among, scientific expertise, viewpoints, etc.

The SAB Staff Office's evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of the ''Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency'' (EPA Form 3110–48). This confidential form allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: *http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110–48.pdf.*

The approved policy under which the EPA SAB Office selects subcommittees and review panels is described in the following document: Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board (EPA–SAB–EC–02–010), which is posted on the SAB Web Site at: *http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec02010.pdf.*

Dated: March 21, 2007

Anthony F. Maciorowski,

Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPPT–2007–0148; FRL–8120–8]

Commodity-Grade Mercury: Notice of Stakeholder Panel Process, Notice of Public Meeting, and Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency, in conjunction with other Federal agencies and offices, is announcing a stakeholder panel process to provide approaches for management of non-Federal supplies of commodity-grade mercury. The need for management arises from concern that some mercury supplies may ultimately be released into the environment, resulting in human exposure with the potential to cause adverse health effects. A stakeholder panel will hold a series of meetings with the kickoff meeting in Washington, DC on May 8, 2007. EPA invites the public to submit written comments to the EPA on the issues the stakeholder panel will address. Stakeholder panel meetings will be open to the public and there will be opportunity for public comment at each meeting. Information on the public meetings will be available at *http://www.epa.gov/mercury/roadmap.htm.*

DATES: *Meeting*: The first meeting will be held on May 8, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Washington, DC. Dates of future meetings will be announced on *http://www.epa.gov/mercury/roadmap.htm.*

Participation: Requests to participate in the meeting must be received on or before April 12, 2007. See also Unit IV. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

Special Accommodations: To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Comments: Comments must be received on or before September 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting*: The first meeting will be held at Marriott Learning Complex, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. (Federal Triangle), Washington, DC.

Participation: Requests to participate in the meeting must be sent to the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** See also Unit IV. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

Comments: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2007–0148, by one of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: *http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail*: Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001.

• *Hand Delivery*: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Attention: Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2007–0148. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564–8930. Such deliveries are only accepted during the DCO's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2007–0148. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at *http://www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the 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 regulations.gov or e-mail. The regulations.gov website 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 e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is