

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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. This SAB Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background: In 1998, the Congress directed EPA to establish as many as five university-based PM research centers as part of the Agency's expanded Office of Research and Development (ORD) PM research program. The first PM Research Centers were funded from 1999 to 2005 with a total program budget of \$8 million annually (see: <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/science/pm/centers.html>). In the original Request for Applications (RFA), prospective centers were asked to propose an integrated research program on the health effects of PM, including exposure, dosimetry, toxicology and epidemiology. ORD's PM Research Centers program was initially shaped by recommendations from the National Research Council.

In 2002, ORD requested that the Science Advisory Board conduct an interim review of EPA's PM Research Centers program, the report from which is found at [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/6374FD2B32EFE730852570CA007415FE/\\$File/ec02008.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/6374FD2B32EFE730852570CA007415FE/$File/ec02008.pdf). This review was instrumental in providing additional guidance to ORD for the second phase of the program (2005–2010). In 2004, ORD held a second competition for the PM Research Centers program. This RFA asked respondents to address the central theme of "linking health effects to PM sources and components," and to focus on the research priorities of susceptibility, biological mechanisms, exposure-response relationships, and source linkages. From this RFA, five current centers are funded for 2005–2010 with the total program budget at \$40 million (see: http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/outlinks.centers/centerGroup/19).

EPA's National Center for Environmental Research (NCER), within ORD, requested that the SAB Staff Office form an expert panel to comment on the Agency's current PM Research Centers program and to advise EPA concerning the possible structures and strategic direction for the program as ORD considers funding a third round of air pollution research centers into the future, *i.e.*, from 2010 to 2015. Therefore, in response to this request

from NCER, the SAB Staff Office published a notice in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 5838) on January 31, 2008, which announced the formation of an SAB *ad hoc* panel for this advisory activity and requested public nominations of qualified experts to serve on this panel.

The SAB Staff Office has established the SAB PM Research Centers Program Advisory Panel. This *ad hoc* Panel is comprised of nationally- and internationally-recognized, non-EPA scientists with extensive research program management expertise and experience related to airborne pollution (including PM) and the application of research results in reducing air pollution in protection of human health and the environment. Furthermore, these experts have had direct research experience related to airborne particulate matter. The roster and biosketches of this SAB Panel are posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

Technical Contacts: Any programmatic or technical questions concerning EPA's Airborne Particulate Matter Research Centers Program can be directed to Ms. Stacey Katz, NCER, at phone: 202–343–9855, or e-mail: katz.stacey@epa.gov; Ms. Gail Robarge, NCER, at phone: 202–343–9857, or e-mail: robarge.gail@epa.gov; or to Mr. Dan Costa, ORD's National Program Director for Air Research, at phone: 919–541–2532, or e-mail: costa.dan@epa.gov.

Availability of Meeting Materials: All Agency documents to be discussed during this advisory activity will be available on EPA's "Airborne Particulate Matter Research Centers—New (2005)" Web page at: http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/outlinks.centers/centerGroup/19.

The SAB meeting agenda and any other materials for this upcoming public advisory meeting will be available on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/casac> in advance of the meeting.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB Panel to consider on the topics included in this advisory activity and/or group conducting the activity. *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 Mr. Butterfield, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) at the contact information

noted above, by September 24, 2008, 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 September 24, 2008, so that the information may be made available to the SAB Panel members for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO electronically via e-mail (acceptable file formats: Adobe PDF, MS Word, WordPerfect, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Butterfield 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: July 8, 2008.

Anthony F. Maciorowski,

Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8692–4]

New York State Prohibition of Marine Discharges of Vessel Sewage; Receipt of Petition and Tentative Affirmative Determination

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a petition has been received from the State of New York requesting a determination by the Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for Hempstead Harbor, Nassau County, New York. The waters of the proposed No Discharge Zone fall within the jurisdictions of the Town of North Hempstead, the Town of Oyster Bay, the County of Nassau, the City of Glen Cove and the Villages of Sea Cliff, Roslyn Harbor, Roslyn, Flower Point and Sands Point. These entities, through the New York Department of State and the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee prepared the application for the designation of a Vessel Waste No Discharge Zone, which was submitted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

DATES: Comments regarding this tentative determination are due by August 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments using one of the following methods:

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Mail and hand delivery: U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency—Region 2, 290 Broadway, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866. Deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office's normal hours of operation (8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays), and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that a petition has been received from the State of New York requesting a determination by the Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to section 312(f)(3) of Public Law 92-500 as amended by Public Law 95-217 and Public Law 100-4, that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for Hempstead Harbor and its harbors and creeks within the following boundaries: South of a line drawn from Mott Point on the west side of the harbor to a breakwater approximately one-half mile north of Mosquito Cove on the east side of the harbor (Lat 40°52' N, Long 73°40' W) within the Villages of Sea Cliff, Roslyn, Roslyn Harbor, Flower Point and Sands Point and the City of Glen Cove.

New York has provided documentation indicating that the total vessel population is estimated to be 1,350 in the proposed area. Five pumpout facilities are operational in the harbor, these facilities are Tappen Marina, Bar Beach, Brewer's Marina, Sea Cliff Yacht Club, and Glen Cove Yacht Club. In addition to these five pumpout facilities, the Towns of North Hempstead Harbor and Oyster Bay each operate pumpout boats that serve the harbor. Based upon the criteria cited in the Clean Vessel Act and based upon the vessel population, Hempstead Harbor requires approximately three to five pumpout facilities. The harbor has seven facilities operational which satisfies the criteria.

Tappen Marina Pumpout is located at 40°50'2.44" N/73°39'2.93" W. The pumpout is user operated and available 24 hours per day and 365 days a year. The contact for information on the pumpout is the Town of Oyster Bay Dockmaster or the Parks Commissioner at 516-674-7100 and the facility fee is free. Vessel limitations are 50 feet in length and 10 feet in draft. An onsite septic field is used for disposal, with transport to a wastewater treatment plant as backup.

Brewer's Marina is located at 40°51'16.17" N/73°38'46.51" W. The pumpout is user operated and available 24 hours per day from April 1 to November 30, seven days a week. The contact for information is the Brewer's Marina at 516-671-5563 and the facility fee is free. Vessel limitations are 40 feet in length and 6 feet in draft. The pumpout facility is directly connected to the Glen Cove wastewater treatment facility.

Sea Cliff Yacht Club is located at 40°51'11.03" N/73°38'59.11" W and is available Memorial Day through October 15th, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays and by appointment on weekends. The contact for information is Jim Kowchesski, Manager, at (516) 671-7374 or the Dockmaster at (516) 671-0193 and the facility fee is \$5.00. Vessel limitations are 40 feet in length and 4.5 feet in draft. The pumpout facility discharges to the Glen Cove wastewater treatment facility.

The Town of Oyster Bay Pumpout Boat operates in Hempstead Harbor and Oyster Bay and is available June through October, Friday through Monday. The contact for information is the Town of Oyster Bay at 516-677-5711 or VHF Channel 9 and the fee is free. No vessel limitations exist. The Roosevelt Marina pumpout is used for disposal sewage from the pumpout boat and the marina pumpout discharges to the Oyster Bay Sewer District wastewater treatment plant.

The Town of North Hempstead Pumpout Boat operates in Hempstead Harbor and Manhasset Bay and is available June through September, Wednesday through Sunday. The contact for information is the Town of Hempstead at 516-767-4622 or VHF Channel 9 and the fee is free. No vessel limitations exist. The pumpout boat discharges to the local sewer at Town dock. While Bar Beach and the Glen Cove Yacht Club pumpout facilities are listed in the petition, no information is provided regarding location, contact information or fees.

The EPA hereby makes a tentative affirmative determination that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary

removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for Hempstead Harbor in the County of Nassau, New York. A 30-day period for public comment has been opened on this matter.

Dated: June 27, 2008.

George Pavlou,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 2.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8692-5]

New York State Prohibition of Marine Discharges of Vessel Sewage; Receipt of Petition and Tentative Affirmative Determination

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a petition has been received from the State of New York requesting a determination by the Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for Oyster Bay/Cold Springs Harbor Complex, New York. The waters of the proposed No Discharge Zone fall within the jurisdictions of the Town of Oyster Bay, the Town of Huntington, the Village of Bayville, the Village of Bayville, the Village of Centre Island, the Village of Cove Neck, the Village of Lattingtown, the Village of Laurel Hollow, the Village of Lloyd Harbor, the Village of Mill Neck, the Village of Oyster Bay Cove, the County of Nassau, and the County of Suffolk. These entities submitted an application prepared by Cashin Associates, P.C. for the designation of a Vessel Waste No Discharge Zone. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation certified the need for greater protection of the water quality.

DATES: Comments regarding this tentative determination are due by August 14, 2008.

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