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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Designated Federal Officer via mail at: Lorelei Kowalski, Mail Code 8104-R, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-3408; via fax at: (202) 565-2911; or via email at: [kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov](mailto:kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **General Information**

Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft BOSC agenda or making a presentation at the meeting may contact Lorelei Kowalski, the Designated Federal Officer, via any of the contact methods listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

Proposed agenda item for the meeting includes, but is not limited to: discussion of the subcommittee's draft letter report on ORD's National Center for Computational Toxicology (NCCT). The meeting is open to the public. The subcommittee roster and charge can be accessed at: <http://www.epa.gov/osp/bosc/subcomm-ctox.htm>. The meeting is open to the public.

**Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Lorelei Kowalski at (202) 564-3408 or [kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov](mailto:kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability,

please contact Lorelei Kowalski, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: September 23, 2009.

**Fred Hauchman,**

*Director, Office of Science Policy.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-8964-4]

### **National and Governmental Advisory Committees to the U.S. Representative to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) to the U.S. Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). The National and Governmental Advisory Committees advise the EPA Administrator in her capacity as the U.S. Representative to the CEC Council. The Committees are authorized under Articles 17 and 18 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC), North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, Public Law 103-182, and as directed by Executive Order 12915, entitled "Federal Implementation of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation." The NAC is composed of 12 members representing academia, environmental non-governmental organizations, and private industry. The GAC consists of 12 members representing State, local, and Tribal governments. The Committees are responsible for providing advice to the U.S. Representative on a wide range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, and economic issues related to implementation and further elaboration of the NAAEC.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice on the CEC's 2010 Draft Operational Plan, the CEC's new Strategic Plan, and learn about regional trans-boundary environmental issues. The meeting will also include a public comment session. A copy of the agenda will be posted at <http://www.epa.gov/ocem/nacgac-page.htm>.

**DATES:** The National and Governmental Advisory Committees will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, October 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday, October 15, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held, tentatively, at either of these hotels: (1) Stowe Mountain Center, 5781 Mountain Road, Stowe, Vermont 05672.

Telephone: 802-253-3558; or, (2) The Essex, 70 Essex Way, Essex Junction, VT 05452. Telephone: 802-878-1100. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis. The exact location will be posted, at <http://www.epa.gov/ocem/nacgac-page.htm>, prior to the meeting. However, interested parties should contact Oscar Carrillo (see below).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer, [carrillo.oscar@epa.gov](mailto:carrillo.oscar@epa.gov), 202-564-0347, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601-M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests to make oral comments or provide written comments to the Committees should be sent to Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer, at the contact information above.

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Dated: September 25, 2009.

**Cynthia Jones-Jackson,**

*Acting Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8964-1]

### Methodology for Deriving Ambient Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Human Health; Technical Support Document, Volume 3: Development of Site-Specific Bioaccumulation Factors

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final document.

**SUMMARY:** In 2000, EPA announced the availability of final revisions to the *Methodology for Deriving Ambient Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Human Health (2000)* (hereafter "2000 Human Health Methodology") published pursuant to section 304(a) (1) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Along with the 2000 Human Health Methodology, EPA committed to publishing several technical support documents to provide additional detail to the Methodology document, including two documents that describe the development of bioaccumulation factors for use in ambient water quality criteria calculations. In 2003, EPA announced the release of the *Technical Support Document Volume 2: Development of National Bioaccumulation Factors* (hereafter "National BAF TSD"). Today, the Agency is releasing the *Technical Support Document, Volume 3: Development of Site-Specific Bioaccumulation Factors* (hereafter "Site-Specific BAF TSD") that accompanies the Methodology and the National BAF TSD. EPA accepted scientific views on the draft document in two separate **Federal Register** Notices. The National BAF TSD contains technical details on how EPA develops national bioaccumulation factors for use in deriving national recommended ambient water quality criteria for protecting human health. The Site-Specific BAF TSD contains technical details on how States and Tribes may develop site-specific bioaccumulation factors for use in deriving site-specific ambient water quality criteria for protecting human health. The goal in deriving site-specific BAFs is to determine the most accurate estimates of bioaccumulation feasible for each site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heidi L. Bethel, Health and Ecological Criteria Division (4304T), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; (202) 566-2054; [bethel.heidi@epa.gov](mailto:bethel.heidi@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Where can I find additional information on this document?

EPA solicited scientific views on the draft document in two separate **Federal Register** Notices (73 FR 36866 and 73 FR 46624). Scientific views were accepted at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2008-0494. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at

the Office of Water Docket/EPA/DC, 1301 Constitution Ave, NW., EPA West, Room 3334, Washington DC. This Docket Facility is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., EDT, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Water is (202) 566-2426.

Scientific views received by EPA and a document indicating EPA's response to scientific views can also be found at the docket locations listed above. A range of scientific views were received on the document. Views received did result in some minor changes to the document including some changes to table and figure captions; an example calculation correction and clarification of chemical types for which the document applies. A comprehensive list of changes to the document can be found in the response document. Other comments were addressed in the comment document, but did not result in changes to the document.

###### A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

The intended audience for the Site-Specific BAF TSD includes State and Tribal water quality staff scientists or risk assessors ("investigators") who are responsible for deriving State or Tribal water quality standards, stakeholders interested in developing site-specific BAFs, and other users interested in site-specific bioaccumulation issues for other applications.

## II. What Are Water Quality Criteria?

Water quality criteria are scientifically derived numeric and/or narrative values that protect applicable designated uses, e.g., aquatic life or human health, from the deleterious effects of pollutants in ambient water. Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act requires EPA to develop and publish and, from time to time, revise water quality criteria to accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge. Water quality criteria developed under section 304(a) are based solely on data and scientific judgments on the relationship between pollutant concentrations and environmental and human health effects. Section 304(a) criteria do not reflect consideration of economic impacts or the technological feasibility of meeting the chemical concentrations in ambient water. Section 304(a) criteria provide guidance to States and authorized Tribes in adopting water quality standards that ultimately provide a basis for controlling discharges or releases of pollutants. The criteria also provide guidance to EPA when promulgating Federal regulations