

American States Third Evaluation Report: Monitoring Progress of the Environmental Cooperation Agenda in the CAFTA-DR Countries. For the public session of the meeting, the Council will highlight issues from the above discussion elements with a particular focus on Chapter 17 obligations and environmental cooperation successes.

All interested persons are invited to attend a public session where they will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss implementation of Chapter 17 and environmental cooperation with Council Members. In addition, the SEM will present on the citizen submission process established under Chapter 17. More information on the Council is included below under

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** The Department of State and Office of the United States Trade Representative invite written comments or suggestions regarding the meeting agenda. In preparing comments, we encourage submitters to refer to Chapter 17 of the CAFTA-DR, the Final Environmental Review of the CAFTA-DR and the Agreement among the CAFTA-DR countries on Environmental Cooperation (ECA) (all documents available at <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/env/trade/caftadr/index.htm>).

**DATES:** To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions are requested no later than April 6, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions should be submitted to both: (1) Rebecca Slocum, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Environmental Policy by email to [SlocumRB@state.gov](mailto:SlocumRB@state.gov) with the subject line "CAFTA-DR EAC Meeting" or by fax to (202) 647-5947; and (2) Kelly Milton, Director for International Environmental and Conservation Policy, Office of the United States Trade Representative by email to [KMilton@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:KMilton@ustr.eop.gov) with the subject line "CAFTA-DR EAC Meeting" or by fax to (202) 395-9517. If you have access to the Internet you can view and comment on this notice by going to: <http://www.regulations.gov/#/home> and searching on docket number DOS-2012-0023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Rebecca Slocum, (202) 647-4828 or Kelly Milton, (202) 395-9590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Article 17.5 of the CAFTA-DR establishes an Environmental Affairs Council (the Council). Article 17.5 requires the Council to meet to oversee the

implementation of, and review progress under, Chapter 17. Article 17.5 further requires, unless the governments otherwise agree, that each meeting of the Council include a session in which members of the Council have an opportunity to meet with the public to discuss matters relating to the implementation of Chapter 17.

In Article 17.9 of the CAFTA-DR, the governments recognize the importance of strengthening capacity to protect the environment and to promote sustainable development in concert with strengthening trade and investment relations and state their commitment to expanding their cooperative relationship on environmental matters. Article 17.9 also references the ECA, which sets out certain priority areas of cooperation on environmental activities that are also reflected in Annex 17.9 of the CAFTA-DR. These priority areas include, among other things: Reinforcing institutional and legal frameworks and the capacity to develop, implement, administer, and enforce environmental laws, regulations, standards and policies; conserving and managing shared, migratory and endangered species in international trade and management of protected areas; promoting best practices leading to sustainable management of the environment; and facilitating technology development and transfer and training to promote clean production technologies. The public is advised to refer to the State Department Web site at <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/env/> and the USTR Web site at [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov) for more information.

*Disclaimer:* This Public Notice is a request for comments and suggestions, and is not a request for applications. No granting of money is directly associated with this request for suggestions on the Council meeting agenda. There is no expectation of resources or funding associated with any comments or suggestions for the agenda.

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## STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

### SJI Board of Directors Meeting, Notice

**AGENCY:** State Justice Institute.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The SJI Board of Directors will be meeting on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held

at the National Center for State Courts Headquarters in Williamsburg, Virginia. The purpose of this meeting is to consider grant applications for the 2nd quarter of FY 2012, and other business. All portions of this meeting are open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** National Center for State Courts Headquarters, 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 23185, 800-616-6164.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Mattiello, Executive Director, State Justice Institute, 11951 Freedom Drive, Suite 1020, Reston, VA 22314, 571-313-8843, [contact@sjj.gov](mailto:contact@sjj.gov).

**Jonathan D. Mattiello,**  
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## SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### Low Flow Protection Policy

**AGENCY:** Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its regular business meeting held on March 15, 2012, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Commission) approved the release of a proposed Low Flow Protection Policy (Policy) for public review and comment. The Policy can be accessed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.srb.com/pubinfo/businessmeeting.htm>, or by contacting the Commission to receive a copy by first-class mail. Persons interested in providing comments are directed to submit the same in writing on or before May 16, 2012.

**DATES:** The deadline for the submission of written comments is May 16, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Mr. John Balay, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102-2391, or electronically submitted through <http://www.srb.com/pubinfo/businessmeeting.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Balay, Manager of Planning and Operations, telephone: (717) 238-0423; fax: (717) 238-2436.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 15, 2012, the Commission approved the release of a proposed Low Flow Protection Policy for public review and comment. The Policy was developed over the past year in coordination with the Commission's Water Resources