

whether the arrangement is consistent with DOE's policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. As part of this analysis, DOE will consider one or more of the following studies examining the cumulative impacts of exporting domestically produced LNG:

- *Effect of Increased Levels of Liquefied Natural Gas on U.S. Energy Markets*, conducted by the U.S. Energy Information Administration upon DOE's request (2014 EIA LNG Export Study);<sup>2</sup>

- *The Macroeconomic Impact of Increasing U.S. LNG Exports*, conducted jointly by the Center for Energy Studies at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy and Oxford Economics, on behalf of DOE (2015 LNG Export Study);<sup>3</sup> and

- *Macroeconomic Outcomes of Market Determined Levels of U.S. LNG Exports*, conducted by NERA Economic Consulting on behalf of DOE (2018 LNG Export Study).<sup>4</sup>

Additionally, DOE will consider the following environmental documents:

- *Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports of Natural Gas From the United States*, 79 FR 48132 (Aug. 15, 2014);<sup>5</sup> and

- *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas from the United States*, 79 FR 32260 (June 4, 2014).<sup>6</sup>

Parties that may oppose this Supplement should address these issues and documents in their comments and/or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the Supplement.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, requires DOE to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of its proposed decisions. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding until DOE has met its environmental responsibilities.

<sup>2</sup> The 2014 EIA LNG Export Study, published on Oct. 29, 2014, is available at: <https://www.eia.gov/analysis/requests/fe/>.

<sup>3</sup> The 2015 LNG Export Study, dated Oct. 29, 2015, is available at: [http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/20151113\\_macro\\_impact\\_of\\_lng\\_exports\\_0.pdf](http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/20151113_macro_impact_of_lng_exports_0.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> The 2018 LNG Export Study, dated June 7, 2018, is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2018/06/f52/Macroeconomic%20LNG%20Export%20Study%202018.pdf>. DOE is currently evaluating public comments received on this Study (83 FR 27314).

<sup>5</sup> The Addendum and related documents are available at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/08/f18/Addendum.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> The Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Report is available at: <http://energy.gov/fe/life-cycle-greenhouse-gas-perspective-exporting-liquefied-natural-gas-united-states>.

## Public Comment Procedures

In response to this Notice, any person may file a protest, comments, or a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. Interested persons will be provided 20 days from the date of publication of this Notice in which to submit comments, protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention. Because the public previously was given an opportunity to intervene in, protest, and comment on Driftwood LNG's pending Application, DOE/FE may disregard comments or protests that do not bear directly on the Supplement—specifically, Driftwood LNG's proposed decrease of its requested non-FTA export volume.

Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Supplement will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to the proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the Application. All protests, comments, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR part 590.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) Emailing the filing to [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov), with FE Docket No. 16–144–LNG in the title line; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**. All filings must include a reference to FE Docket No. 16–144–LNG. PLEASE NOTE: If submitting a filing via email, please include all related documents and attachments (e.g., exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow these guidelines to ensure that all documents are filed in a timely manner. Any hardcopy filing submitted greater in length than 50 pages must also include, at the time of the filing, a digital copy on disk of the entire submission.

A decisional record on the Supplement will be developed through responses to this notice by parties, including the parties' written comments

and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Opinion and Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Supplement and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

The Supplement is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement docket room, Room 3E–042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Supplement and any filed protests, motions to intervene or notice of interventions, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE/FE Web address: <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/index.html>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 26, 2018.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Request for Nominations for a Science Advisory Board Panel To Review the EPA's Draft All-Ages Lead Model (AALM) Software and Model Documents

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office requests public nominations of scientific experts to form a Panel to review EPA's Draft All-Ages Lead Model (AALM) software and model documents. The AALM is a tool for rapidly evaluating the impact of possible sources of lead on blood and other tissue levels in humans from birth to 90 years of age. The AALM predicts lead concentration in body tissues and organs for a hypothetical individual, based on a simulated lifetime of lead exposure.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by November 23, 2018 per the instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this notice and request for nominations may contact Ms. Iris Goodman, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 564-2164 or at [goodman.iris@epa.gov](mailto:goodman.iris@epa.gov).

General information concerning the EPA SAB can be found at the EPA SAB website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The SAB (42 U.S.C. 4365) is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations. The SAB AALM Review Panel will provide advice through the chartered SAB on scientific and technical issues related to the current version of the AALM model. The SAB and this Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) in collaboration with Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) developed the AALM to provide a tool for rapidly evaluating the impact of possible sources of lead on blood and other tissue levels in humans from birth to 90 years of age. The AALM predicts lead concentration in body tissues and organs for a hypothetical individual, based on a simulated lifetime of lead exposure.

The AALM is an outgrowth of the Integrated Exposure Uptake Biokinetic (IEUBK) Model for Lead in Children. The IEUBK model was designed to assess changes in blood lead of children over periods of no less than a month. The AALM was developed to cover childhood and adult lead exposures and allows users to assess the effects of intermittent lead exposures of a day or more as well as stable exposure conditions.

EPA's ORD and OCSPP coordinated efforts to advance lead biokinetic modeling and produced the current version of the AALM software and documentation. The SAB Staff Office is forming an expert panel under the auspices of the Chartered SAB, the SAB AALM Review Panel, to evaluate the new version of the AALM.

*Technical Contact for EPA's draft report:* For information concerning EPA's AALM software, and model documents, please contact Dr. James Brown by email at [brown.james@epa.gov](mailto:brown.james@epa.gov) or phone at 919-541-0765.

*Request for Nominations:* The SAB Staff Office is seeking nominations of nationally and internationally recognized scientists with demonstrated expertise in one or more of the following areas: (1) Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic modeling, particularly with regard to lead, (2) physiological processes related to lead distribution, mechanisms of transport, accumulation, concentrations at the organ/tissue level, residence times (or other measures of potential impact), and elimination of absorbed lead, (3) processes of the human uptake and/or absorption of ingested lead, (4) lead exposure pathway assessment, and/or (5) environmental or occupational lead exposure analyses.

*Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:* Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above for possible service on the SAB AALM Review Panel identified in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (preferred) following the instructions for "Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels and Ad Hoc Committees Being Formed," provided on the SAB website (see the "Nomination of Experts" link under "Current Activities" at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>).

To receive full consideration, EPA's SAB Staff Office requests contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae; sources of recent grant and/or contract support; and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, research activities, and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations.

Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB website, should contact the DFO, Iris Goodman, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than November 23, 2018. EPA values and welcomes diversity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of sex, race, disability, or ethnicity.

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations.

The names and biosketches of qualified nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice, and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff Office, will be posted in a List of Candidates for the panel on the SAB website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Public comments on the List of Candidates will be accepted for 21 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 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. In forming the expert panel, the SAB Staff Office will consider public comments on the Lists 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 loss of impartiality; (e) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; and (f) for the panel as a whole, diversity of expertise and scientific points of view.

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 Environmental Protection Agency Special Government Employees" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between a person's public responsibilities (which include membership on an EPA federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a loss of impartiality, as defined by federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address <http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/Web/ethics?OpenDocument>.

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