

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Science Advisory Board; Request for Nomination of Members and Consultants**

In accordance with its standard operating procedures (SAB-FRL-2657-4 dated August 21, 1984), the Science Advisory Board (SAB), including the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council), previously referred to as the Clean Air Act Compliance Advisory Council (CAACAC), of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting nominations for Members and Consultants (M/Cs). As part of this effort, the Agency is publishing this notice to describe the purpose of the SAB and to invite the public to nominate appropriately qualified candidates to fill upcoming vacancies. This process supplements other efforts to identify qualified candidates.

The SAB is composed of non-Federal government scientists and engineers who are employed on an intermittent basis to provide independent advice directly to the EPA Administrator on technical aspects of public health and environmental issues confronting the Agency. Members of the SAB are appointed by the Administrator—generally in October—to serve two years terms with some possibilities for reappointment. Consultants are appointed throughout the year, as the need arises, by the Staff Director of the Science Advisory Board to serve renewable one-year terms and serve on SAB committees, as needed. Many individuals serve as Consultants prior to serving as Members.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to serve on the SAB. Nominees should be qualified by education, training and experience to evaluate scientific, engineering and/or economics information on issues referred to and addressed by the Board. The principal criteria in the membership selection process are:

- a. Technical competence.
- b. Independence.
- c. Ability to work in a committee environment.
- d. Overall balance of technical points of view on the SAB. Historically, between 15 and 20 new Members and between 30 and 40 new consultants are appointed each year.

Members and Consultants most often serve in association with one of the following standing committees:

Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, Drinking Water Committee, Ecological Processes and Effects Committee, Environmental Economics Advisory Committee, Environmental Engineering Committee, Environmental Health Committee, Integrated Human Exposure Committee, Radiation Advisory Committee, and Research Strategies Advisory Committee.

Members and Consultants can expect to attend 1–6 meetings per year, based upon the activity of the committee on which they serve. M/Cs generally serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) (40 CFR part 3, subpart F or EPA Ethics Advisory 88-6 dated 7/6/88) and receive compensation, in addition to reimbursement at the Federal government rate for travel and per diem expenses while serving on the SAB. SGEs are required to complete an application package, including a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, telephone number, fax number, email address (if available) and SAB committee of primary interest. Nominations should include a current resume or curriculum vitae that addresses the nominee's background, experience, qualifications, and specific areas of expertise (e.g., genetic toxicologist, resource economist, etc.).

Information on the nominees will be evaluated and entered into the SAB's M/C data base which will be consulted whenever vacancies arise and/or when special expertise is needed for particular reviews. This request for nominations does not imply any commitment by the Agency to select individuals to serve as a Member of or Consultant to the Science Advisory Board from the responses received.

Nominations should be submitted to: Ms. Carolyn Osborne, Project Coordinator, Science Advisory Board, USEPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 Tel:(202) 260-9644 no later than June 13, 1997. Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in the Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available at the SAB Website URL <http://www.epa.gov/science1> or by calling (202) 260-8414 or by INTERNET at BARNES.Don@EPAMAIL.GOV.

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Donald G. Barnes,  
*Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.*  
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**1996 Food Quality Protection Act, Amendments to the Laws Governing the Regulation of Pesticides; EPA's Implementation Plan**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's plan for implementing the provisions of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 is now available to the public. On August 3, 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). FQPA significantly amends the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), the laws governing pesticide regulation. EPA's FQPA Implementation Plan summarizes the provisions of FQPA and explains the Agency's approach to implementing them. FQPA significantly changes the way pesticides must be reviewed. The new law requires EPA, among other things, to upgrade its scientific review procedures to provide a more complete assessment of pesticide risks, especially risks to potentially sensitive groups, such as infants and children. FQPA sets a new health-based safety standard for all pesticide residues in food and requires that all established permissible pesticide residue limits (tolerances) be re-evaluated in accordance with the new standard. This Federal Register Notice announces the availability of the Implementation Plan and instructs the public on how to obtain it.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail: Copies of the FQPA Implementation Plan are available by mail at the following locations: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, or the Communications Services Branch, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

In person:

1. Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5805.
2. Communications Services Branch, Rm. 1120, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Christine Gillis, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone (703) 305-5131

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the Implementation Plan are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>). The Implementation Plan is also posted at the FQPA section of EPA's Website: <http://www.epa.gov/opppsp1/FQPA>.

FQPA represents the most significant piece of pesticide and food safety legislation enacted in 30 years. It provides unprecedented opportunities to safeguard the health of all Americans, particularly infants and children, from risks posed by pesticides. The President called it "the peace of mind act" because it will "give parents the peace of mind that comes from knowing that the fruits, vegetables, and grains that they set down in front of their children are safe." FQPA signals a new era in food safety regulation in the United States. Major provisions, once fully implemented, will strengthen health and environmental protection in a number of ways. FQPA will:

- Establish a single, health-based standard for all pesticide residues in food, eliminating past inconsistencies in the law which treated residues in some processed foods differently from other raw and processed foods.
- Provide for a more complete assessment of potential risks, with special protections for potentially sensitive groups, such as infants and children.
- Require a reassessment of all existing residue limits in accordance with the new standard.
- Expand consumers' "right to know" about pesticide risks and benefits by requiring a new brochure for display in supermarkets and grocery stores.
- Ensure that all pesticides are periodically re-evaluated for adherence to current safety standards and are supported by up-to-date scientific data.
- Expedite the approval of safer, reduced risk pesticides.
- Encourage the development of safer, effective crop protection tools for American farmers.
- Promote national uniformity in pesticide residue limits, while respecting states' rights to require labeling or other warnings.
- Establish a more consistent, protective regulatory process, grounded in sound science and adaptable to future advances in scientific understanding.

No specific transition period is provided by the new FQPA, but the law contains sufficient flexibility to allow for a phase-in period as EPA deals with the complexities of the new provisions.

An important element of EPA's plan for implementation is the development of interim strategies to allow EPA to make timely decisions which are protective and economical but which can be revisited as implementation progresses. EPA intends to continually review all activities undertaken to implement the FQPA amendments, to assess their effectiveness and to make modifications as necessary. EPA will update implementation communication materials on a regular basis.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides, and pests.

Dated: March 12, 1997.

Lynn R. Goldman,

*Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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**FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION****Farm Credit Administration Board; Special Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the forthcoming special meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATE AND TIME:** The special meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on March 20, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Floyd Fithian, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

**Open Session**

A. *Approval of Minutes*

B. *Report*

Farm Credit System Building Association Quarterly Report

C. *New Business*

**Regulation**

1. Disclosure to Shareholders [12 CFR Part 620](Final)
2. Cumulative Voting for Bank Directors [12 CFR Part 615] (Proposed)

Dated: March 14, 1997.

Floyd Fithian,

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

[Report No. 2178-Corrected]

**Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings**

March 6, 1997.

Petitions for reconsideration and clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of these documents are available for viewing and copying in Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed April 2, 1997. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

**Subject:** Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radiofrequency Radiation. (ET Docket No. 93-62).

*Number of petitions filed:* 4.

**Subject:** Replacement of Part 90 by Part 88 to Revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Services and Modify the Policies Governing Them; Examination of Exclusivity and Frequency Assignment Policies of the Private Land Mobile Radio Services (PR Docket No. 92-235).

*Number of petitions filed:* 2.

**Subject:** Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding the 37.0-38.6 GHz and 38.6-40.0 GHz Bands ET Docket No. 95-183, RM-8533; Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—Competitive Bidding 37.0-38.6 GHz and 38.6-40.0 GHz Bands (PP Docket No. 93-253).

*Number of petitions filed:* 1.

**Subject:** Geographic partitioning and Spectrum Disaggregation by Commercial Mobile Radio Services Licensees (WT Docket No. 96-148); Implementation of Section 257 of the Communications