

1999. Members of the public may attend as observers. Due to limited space, seating at the meetings will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

ADDRESSES: The peer review workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. To attend the workshop as an observer, contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Telephone: (781) 674-7374. Space is limited so please register early.

AVAILABILITY OF REVIEW MATERIALS: An electronic version of the draft Research Strategy is accessible on EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) home page via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/new.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The EPA has contracted with Eastern Research Group, Inc., (ERG, Inc., 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, Massachusetts 02421). To attend the meeting as an observer, please preregister by calling ERG at 781-674-7374 or fax a registration request to 781-674-2906. Upon registration, you will be sent an agenda and a logistical fact sheet.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ERG is convening the peer review panel to review a draft Mercury Research Strategy. The peer review panel is requested to comment on the extent to which the Research Strategy clearly identifies the appropriate strategic directions for a research program to answer key scientific questions for mercury risk assessment and risk management over the next five years, describes the rationale for, and the expected benefits of, EPA's Mercury Research Program and outlines the relative emphasis and timing of the research activities. ORD expects the Mercury Research Strategy to guide development of more detailed implementation plans and serve as a resource for Agency managers who must make decisions about research priorities and budgets.

After considering recommendations from extramural advisory groups, as well as senior scientists from across EPA's Program and Regional Offices, ORD has identified in the Research Strategy the strategic directions for its Mercury Research Program. While the Research Strategy delineates the research areas comprising the framework for the Mercury Research Program, the details of the research areas, including the scientific approach at the individual project level, and the anticipated products, performance measures, and schedules, will be included in subsequent research plans and are not a part of this Research Strategy. ERG is undertaking the

establishment of a peer review panel to review the Research Strategy.

Dated: November 8, 1999

Harold Zenick,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science, Office of Research and Development.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee of the USEPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

Important Notice: Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

1—CASAC Diesel Review Panel

The Diesel Review Panel of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Wednesday, December 1, 1999 at the Hawthorne Suites, 300 Meredith Drive Durham, NC 27713, tel. (919) 361-1234. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and end no later than 5:00 pm.

Purpose of the Meeting

The CASAC Diesel Review Panel will review the Agency's draft Health Assessment Document for Diesel Engine Emissions. This continues the CASAC review of this document that last took place on May 5-6, 1998. Please see the CASAC report of that meeting (EPA-SAB-CASAC-99-001, October 7, 1999, Review of the Diesel Health Assessment Document, available on the SAB Website [www.epa.gov/sab] or from the SAB staff at (202) 564-4533). The principal purpose of this meeting is for the Committee to determine if the Agency has responded to previous concerns of the Committee and if the document is an adequate portrayal of the current state of knowledge on diesel emissions.

Availability of Review Materials

The draft Health Assessment Document for Diesel Engine Emissions (EPA/600/8-90/057D, November 1999), will be available as follows: an electronic version of the draft assessment will be made available via the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies will be available from NCEA's Technical Information Staff (phone: 202-564-3261; fax: 202-565-0050).

The Agency will be accepting comments on the draft assessment as part of a limited public review and comment period. Comments must be in writing and must be postmarked by December 17, 1999. There will be no separate **Federal Register** notice announcing this public review and comment period. Comments should be mailed to: Diesel Comments, NCEA-W/TIS (8623D), USEPA, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Please submit one unbound original, to include an index of any attachments, and two copies. If sent via overnight delivery, please use the following address: 808 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. Note that the Agency is accepting comments that specifically relate to the technical aspects of the draft document. All technical comments will become part of the official record. For that reason, commenters should not provide any information that is not suitable for public inspection, such as personal medical information, home address, confidential business information, or any information protected by copyright. Comments that address policy or other issues or do not specifically provide technical comments on the draft will not be included in the record. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

2—CASAC Particulate Matter Review Panel

The Particulate Matter Review Panel of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Thursday, December 2, 1999 at the Hawthorne Suites, 300 Meredith Drive Durham, NC 27713, tel. (919) 361-1234. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and end no later than 5:00 pm.

Purpose of the Meeting

(a) The CASAC PM Review Panel will review an external review draft of the EPA air quality criteria document for particulate matter (PM) now being revised by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) for

use in supporting the next periodic review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM required under Clean Air Act Sections 108 and 109. The CASAC review will focus on aspects of the organization, structure and presentation of the draft document. A full technical peer review will take place at a meeting planned for summer 2000. (b) The CASAC PM Review Panel will also review a draft development plan for the PM NAAQS Review prepared by EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS). The purpose of the development plan is to provide an overview of the issues that EPA expects to address during the development plan of the Staff Paper and Risk Assessment, and a general framework for the analyses needed to help inform EPA's efforts. Comments received from the CASAC and the public will be considered in the preparation of the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) Staff Paper and Risk Assessment. The first draft of the OAQPS Staff Paper is to be released to the public in Summer 2000, for review by CASAC in a meeting that is planned in that time frame.

Availability of Review Materials

(a) The U.S. EPA recently announced (64 **Federal Register** 57884, October 27, 1999) the availability for public comment of the First External Review Draft of the document Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter, which assesses the latest available scientific information on the effects of airborne particulate matter (PM) on human health and welfare. To obtain a copy of that First External Review Draft of Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (EPA 600/P-99/002a-c), contact Ms. Diane Ray at the National Center for Environmental Assessment—RTP Office (MD-52), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone 919-541-3637; facsimile: 919-541-1818; e-mail: ray.diane@epa.gov. Please provide the title and the EPA number for the document, as well as your name and address. The document will be dispensed in CD ROM format unless the requestor requires a paper copy. Internet users may download a copy from the homepage for EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA). The URL is <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/>. Anyone who wishes to comment on the draft document, Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter, must submit the comments in writing by no later than January 14, 2000. Send the written comments to the Project Manager for Particulate Matter, National Center for

Environmental Assessment—RTP Office (MD-52), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

As stated in the October 27, 1999 FR Notice, the EPA is aware that a substantial number of new scientific studies on PM are underway that will likely be completed and accepted for publication in time to be included in the final criteria document. To this end, the Agency encourages timely completion and submission of these studies for publication. Because the potential importance of many of these additional studies cannot be assessed in the present draft, the Agency is requesting that the CASAC's and the public's comments on this external review draft focus particularly on the aspects of organization, structure, and presentation in the document, although comments on provisional conclusions and specific details are, of course, welcome. Following the CASAC meeting, the EPA plans to incorporate revisions to the document in response to public comments and CASAC review of the first external review draft, and then to release a second external review draft for public comment and CASAC review in midyear 2000. For reasons discussed above, the second draft may address a number of studies not completed in time for assessment in the first draft. Accordingly, the EPA urges that interested parties be prepared to review the second draft on that basis. Findings and conclusions from the Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter will be used as key inputs to the preparation during 2000 of a draft EPA staff paper on airborne particles, as discussed in the draft PM NAAQS Review Development Plan.

(b) Copies of the draft PM NAAQS Review Development Plan will be made available at the December 2, 1999 CASAC meeting. The public can also contact Ms. Mary Ross of OAQPS at 919-541-5170 or ross.mary@epa.gov for information or a copy of the draft document, in advance of the December 2 meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MEETINGS: Members of the public desiring additional information about either meeting should contact Mr. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Officer, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 (FedEx address: USEPA, SAB, Suite 6450, Ariel Rios Building, North Lobby, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004); telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4546; fax at (202) 501-0582; or via

e-mail at flaak.robert@epa.gov. The draft agendas will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meetings on the SAB website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) or from Ms. Diana Pozun at (202) 564-4544; FAX: (202) 501-0582; or e-mail at: pozun.diana@epa.gov.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation at either meeting must contact Mr. Flaak *in writing* (by letter, fax, or e-mail—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Wednesday, November 24, 1999 in order to be included on the Agenda. For the PM review meeting on December 2nd, we request that public comments on the First External Review Draft of the document Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter focus particularly on the aspects of organization, structure, and presentation in the document. The technical issues will be peer reviewed in detail at a later meeting planned for summer 2000.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week before the meeting), may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting, or mailed soon after receipt by the Agency. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in the Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256.

Meeting Access

Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Mr. Flaak at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6476-5]

Holloway Waste Oil Site/Jacksonville, FL; Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: Under section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed to settle claims for response costs at the Holloway Waste Oil Site (Site) located in Jacksonville, Florida, with approximately 106 parties. EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-8887.

Written comment may be submitted to Mr. Greg Armstrong at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

Anita Davis,

Acting Chief, CERCLA Program Services Branch.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 1999, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's supervisory and resolution activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Vice Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., seconded by Director Ellen S. Seidman (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), concurred in by Director John D. Hawke, Jr. (Comptroller of the Currency), and Chairman Donna Tanoue, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be a considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550—17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James D. LaPierre,

Deputy Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

[No. 99-N-17]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) hereby gives notice that it has submitted the information collection entitled "Community Support Requirements" to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval of a three-year extension of the OMB control number, which is due to expire on December 31, 1999.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments on or before December 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Housing Finance Board, Washington, DC 20503. Address requests for copies of the information collection and supporting documentation to Elaine L. Baker,

Secretary to the Board, by telephone at 202/408-2837, by electronic mail at bakere@fhfb.gov, or by regular mail at the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy R. Maxwell, Housing Finance Officer, Program Assistance Division, Office of Policy, Research and Analysis, by telephone at 202/408-2882, by electronic mail at maxwella@fhfb.gov, or by regular mail at the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Need for and Use of Information Collection

Section 10(g)(1) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act) requires the Finance Board to promulgate regulations establishing standards of community investment or service that Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLBank) members must meet in order to maintain access to long-term advances. See 12 U.S.C. 1430(g)(1). In establishing these community support requirements for FHLBank members, the Finance Board must take into account factors such as the FHLBank member's performance under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (CRA), 12 U.S.C. 2901, *et seq.*, and record of lending to first-time homebuyers. 12 U.S.C. 1430(g)(2). Part 936 of the Finance Board's regulations implements section 10(g) of the Bank Act. See 12 CFR part 936. The rule provides uniform community support standards all FHLBank members must meet and review criteria Finance Board staff must apply to determine compliance with section 10(g). More specifically, § 936.2 of the rule implements the statutory community support requirement. 12 CFR 936.2. Section 936.3 establishes community support standards for the two statutory factors—CRA and first-time homebuyer performance—and provides guidance to a FHLBank member on how it may satisfy the standards. 12 CFR 936.3. Sections 936.4 and 936.5 establish the procedures and criteria the Finance Board uses in determining whether FHLBank members satisfy the statutory and regulatory community support requirements. 12 CFR 936.4 and 936.5. Section 936.6 requires the FHLBanks to establish and maintain a community support program that, among other things, provides technical assistance to members and promotes community lending and affordable housing activities. 12 CFR 936.6.