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(3) Fax comments to: National Agenda for the Environment and the Aging (202) 564-2733, or

(4) E-mail comments to: [aging.info@epa.gov](mailto:aging.info@epa.gov).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### EPA Science Advisory Board, Environmental Health Committee, Notification of an Upcoming Meeting and Request for Information on the Proposed Panel for the Review of the Supplemental Guidance for Assessing Cancer Susceptibility From Early-life Exposure to Carcinogens (SGACS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Request for Information on the Panel and Notification of an Upcoming Meeting.

**DATES:** April 24, 2003—Teleconference meeting of the Environmental Health Committee Submissions concerning the proposed panel are due by March 18, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), Suite 6450P EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001 (zip code for FedEx—20004).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Suhair Shallal, Designated Federal Officer, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4566, by fax at (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at [shallal.suhair@epa.gov](mailto:shallal.suhair@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Background on the EPA Science Advisory Board:* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) is providing notification of an upcoming meeting and requesting information on the proposed SCAGS review panel.

The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific

and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. This panel will comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and all appropriate SAB procedural policies. Those selected to serve on the SCAGS review panel will review the draft materials identified in this notice and respond to the appropriate charge questions. Upon completion, the panel's report will be submitted to the SAB executive committee for final approval.

2. *Background on this advisory activity:* Pursuant to a request by EPA's Office of Research and Development, the SAB will conduct a peer review of the draft document entitled Supplemental Guidance for Assessing Cancer Susceptibility from Early-Life Exposure to Carcinogens. In a separate FR Notice, EPA announced the availability of, and the opportunity to comment on the above mentioned document.

The SAB was selected to lead this review due to its experience in reviewing various documents associated with the EPA's Draft Cancer Guidelines and the relevance of the expertise of its members to this review. In 1996, EPA published for public comment proposed revisions to EPA's 1986 Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment (61 FR 17960, April 23, 1996). Since the 1996 proposal, EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) has conducted three scientific peer reviews. In February 1997, the Science Advisory Board's Environmental Health Committee (SAB EHC) was asked to review the proposed revisions to the Agency's first cancer guidelines issued in 1986 (<http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ehc9710.pdf>). In January 1999, the EHC met again to consider selected sections of the draft Guidelines that were revised to address recommendations from the public and the earlier SAB review (1997) of the Guideline (<http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec15.pdf>). A third meeting took place in July 1999 to provide advice and comment to the EPA on issues related to applying the provisions of EPA's proposed revised Cancer Risk Assessment Guidelines to children (<http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec0016.pdf>).

Availability of the Meeting Materials—The materials for this review are available from the Office of Research and Development's National Center for Environmental Assessment, Risk Assessment Forum Web site, located at: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/raf/index.cfm>. For questions and information concerning the materials, please contact Dr. William P. Wood,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460; tel. (202) 564-3361, or e-mail: [risk.forum@epa.gov](mailto:risk.forum@epa.gov).

3. *Meeting via Teleconference of the Environmental Health Committee—April 24, 2003:* Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Health Committee of the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Thursday, April 24, 2003 via teleconference at 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) to begin the review of the EPA's Office of Research and Development draft document entitled, Supplemental Guidance for Assessing Cancer Susceptibility From Early-Life Exposure to Carcinogens (SGACS). This document provides a possible approach for assessing cancer susceptibility from early-life exposure to carcinogens. The purpose of the teleconference is: (a) To discuss the charge and the adequacy of the review materials provided to the SGACS Review Panel; (b) to clarify any questions and issues relating to the charge and the review materials; (c) to discuss specific charge assignments to the SGACS Review Panelists; and (d) to clarify specific points of interest raised by the Panelists in preparation for the face-to-face meeting. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time. The meeting is 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 or consultations are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents generated by the SAB and the relevant Program Office is included above.

The meeting will begin on April 24, 2003 at 3 p.m. EST and adjourn no later than 5 p.m. EST that day. The meeting will be held at EPA Headquarters, Washington, DC, Ariel Rios North, room 6013. For further information concerning this meeting, please contact the individuals listed at the beginning of this **Federal Register** notice. A copy of the draft agenda for the meeting will be posted on the SAB Web site ([www.epa.gov/sab](http://www.epa.gov/sab)) (under the AGENDAS subheading) approximately 10 days before the meeting. Information concerning a subsequent face to face meeting will be forthcoming in a separate **Federal Register** notice.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings—It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) to accept written public comments of any