

Individuals should have expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- (a) Integrated Software Technology for Multimedia Modeling
- (b) Sensitivity and Uncertainty Analyses for Higher Order Environmental Models
- (c) Quality Assurance and Model Evaluation
- (d) Integrated Multimedia Fate and Transport Modeling—air focus
- (e) Integrated Multimedia Fate and Transport Modeling—surface water focus
- (f) Integrated Multimedia Fate and Transport Modeling—groundwater focus
- (g) Integrated Multimedia Fate and Transport Modeling—food chain focus
- (h) Integrated Modeling for Human and Ecological Risk Assessments
- (i) National Probabilistic Risk Assessment using Monte Carlo-based Methods
- (j) Properties of Chemicals and Environmental Media
- (k) Nation-wide Risk Assessments
- (l) Human toxicology
- (m) Ecological toxicology
- (n) Risk Communication
- (o) Familiarity with hazardous waste regulations and remediation technologies.

6. Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to add expertise in the above areas for the Panel.

Nominations should be submitted in electronic format through the Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the EPA Science Advisory Board provided on the SAB Web site. The form can be found at http://www.epa.gov/sab/sab_panel_form.htm. To be considered, all nominations must include the information required on that form.

Anyone who is unable to submit nominations using this form may contact Ms. Kathleen White at the mailing address in the section above entitled, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than May 2, 2003. Any questions concerning either this process or any other aspects of the notice should be directed to Ms. White.

The EPA Science Advisory Board will acknowledge receipt of the nomination and inform nominators of the panel selected. From the nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice (termed the "Widecast"), SAB Staff will develop a smaller subset (known as the "Short List") for more detailed consideration. Criteria used by

the SAB Staff in developing this Short List are given at the end of the following paragraph. The Short List will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>, and will include, for each candidate, the nominee's name and their biosketch. Public comments will be accepted for 21 calendar days on the Short List. During this comment period, the public will be requested to provide information, analysis or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff should consider in evaluating candidates for Panel.

For the EPA SAB, a balanced review panel (*i.e.*, committee, subcommittee, or panel) is characterized by inclusion of 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 to adequately address the charge. Public responses to the Short List candidates will be considered in the selection of the panel, along with information provided by candidates and information gathered by EPA SAB Staff independently on the background of each candidate (*e.g.*, financial disclosure information and computer searches to evaluate a nominee's prior involvement with the topic under review). Specific criteria to be used in evaluating an individual subcommittee member include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (c) scientific credibility and impartiality; (d) availability and willingness to serve; and (e) ability to work constructively and effectively in committees.

Short List candidates will also be required to fill-out the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form, which is submitted by EPA SAB Members and Consultants, allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The blank form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: (<http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>). Subcommittee members will likely be asked to attend two public face-to-face meetings and several public conference call meetings

over the anticipated course of the review. The face-to-face meetings are likely to be in the July, August, September timeframe.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 04, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Final EISs

ERP No. F-FHW-E40791-SC James E. Clyburn Connector Project, Construction of a Two-Lane Rural Roadway Northeast of Orangeburg and Southwest of Sumter, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Calhoun, Sumter and Clarendon Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA appreciates the responses to our comments regarding the draft EIS. However, EPA still has environmental concerns regarding wetland and agricultural land impacts, traffic noise and the adequacy of mitigation for these impacts.

ERP No. F-FHW-K40251-CA Butte 70/149/99/191 Highway Improvement Project, Update State Route 149 to Four-Lane Expressway from 70 North of Oroville to Route 99 South of Chico, Funding, Right-of-Way Acquisition, and U.S. Army Section 404 Permit Issuance, Butte County, CA.

Summary: EPA has continuing environmental concerns regarding the potential cumulative impacts to vernal pools and the listed species they support. EPA recommends that FHWA prepare a more thorough cumulative impacts analysis in the future for transportation projects in the Sacramento-Chico corridor.

ERP No. F-FTA-K54026-NV Las Vegas Resort Corridor Transportation