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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, Notice is given that the Council Special Panel will hold two public teleconference meetings, as described above, to advise the Agency on its plan to develop the third in a series of statutorily mandated comprehensive analyses of the total costs and benefits of programs implemented pursuant to the Clean Air Act.

Background on the Council Special Panel and this advisory project was provided in a **Federal Register** notice published on February 14, 2003 (68 FR 7531-7534).

The Council Special Panel will be providing advice on the review document, "Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act 1990-2020: Revised Analytical Plan for EPA's Second Prospective Analysis" currently found at the following website, maintained by EPA's Office of Air and Radiation at: <http://www.epa.gov/oar/sect812/> under the link "Study Blueprint and Charge Questions Electronic Copy." This link provides electronic access to the Revised Analytical Plan, the "change pages" given to the Council in July 2003, and the detailed review charge questions.

**Procedures for Providing Public Comment.** It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

**Oral Comments:** In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes (unless otherwise indicated). For conference call meetings,

opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Interested parties should contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO) at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the participants and public at the meeting.

**Written Comments:** Although written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

**Meeting Accommodations:** Individuals requiring special accommodation to access these meetings, should contact Dr. Nugent at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: September 5, 2003.

**A. Robert Flaak,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket No. OW-2003-0071; FRL-7555-6]

### Availability of Decision on Petition for Rulemaking To Repeal Regulation Related to Ballast Water

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of EPA decision document.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's Decision Document on a petition for rulemaking seeking repeal of a regulation that excludes vessel ballast water discharges from Clean Water Act permit requirements. Today's notice makes that Decision Document publicly

available and announces EPA's denial of the petition.

**DATES:** EPA's Acting Administrator signed the Decision Document on September 2, 2003. For judicial review purposes, this action is final as of 1 p.m. (eastern time) on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, as provided at 40 CFR 23.2.

**ADDRESSES:** The administrative record is available for inspection and copying at the Water Docket, located at the EPA Docket Center in the basement of the EPA West Building, Room B-102, at 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruby Cooper, U.S. EPA, Office Of Water, by phone at 202-564-0757 or by e-mail at [cooper.ruby@epa.gov](mailto:cooper.ruby@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. How Can I Get Copies of the Document and other Related Information?

1. **Electronic Copies :** EPA's decision on the petition for rulemaking can be downloaded at <http://www.epa.gov/npdes>; once at this location, click on "Recent Additions".

2. **Docket:** EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OW-00-16. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received and other information related to this action. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is (202) 566-2426.

3. **Electronic Access:** You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov.edocket/> to view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search", then key in the appropriate docket identification number, which for this record is OW-2003-0071.