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X. Congressional Review Act

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List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Risk reduction.

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting (Teleconference)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency), Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a publicly-accessible

teleconference: for the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) to review, deliberate on, and approve the report of the CASAC National Ambient Air Monitoring Strategy (NAAMS) Subcommittee; and for the CASAC Particulate Matter (PM) Review Panel to discuss follow-on matters related to its review of the EPA Air Quality Criteria Document for Particulate Matter (Fourth External Review Draft).

DATES: The teleconference will take place on Friday, October 3, 2003, from 2 to 5 pm (Eastern Time). The CASAC will discuss the report of the CASAC NAAMS Subcommittee from 2 to 3 pm; and the CASAC PM Review Panel will discuss follow-on matters related to the draft PM Air Quality Criteria Document from 3 to 5 pm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public who wish to obtain the teleconference call-in numbers and access codes should contact Ms. Delores Darden, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff, at telephone/voice mail: (202) 564-2282, or e-mail: darden.delores@epa.gov, or Ms. Sandra Friedman, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff, at telephone/voice mail: (202) 564-2526, or e-mail: friedman.sandra@epa.gov.

Any member of the public who wants further information concerning this teleconference, or who wishes to submit written or brief oral comments (five minutes or less), must contact Mr. Fred Butterfield, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail: (202) 564-4561; fax: (202) 501-0582; or e-mail:

butterfield.fred@epa.gov. Requests to provide oral comments must be in *writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Mr. Butterfield no later than noon Eastern Time five business days prior to the teleconference in order to reserve time on the meeting agenda. Written comments (preferably via e-mail) should be sent to Mr. Butterfield by the same deadline so that these comments can be provided to the CASAC or the CASAC PM Review Panel, as applicable, prior to the teleconference. See additional instructions in the section below entitled, "Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings." General information concerning the CASAC or the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Summary:* The Clean Air Scientific Advisory

Committee, which comprises seven members appointed by the EPA Administrator, was established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee, in part to provide advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC, which is administratively located under the EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office, is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The CASAC and CASAC Particulate Matter Review Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background: The CASAC NAAMS Subcommittee is charged with providing advice, information and recommendations to the Agency on the technical bases and design aspects of the National Ambient Air Monitoring Strategy. The NAAMS Subcommittee held a public meeting in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, on July 8-9, 2003 (68 FR 34945, June 11, 2003) to review the NAAMS document. The Subcommittee will report to the Administrator of EPA through the CASAC.

The CASAC PM Review Panel is charged in part with providing advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to air quality criteria and NAAQS for particulate matter, under sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act. The PM Review Panel reports directly to the Administrator of EPA. This teleconference is a follow-on to the Panel's review of the EPA Air Quality Criteria Document for Particulate Matter (Fourth External Review Draft), which review took place in a public meeting held in Research Triangle Park on August 25-26, 2003 (68 FR 47060, August 7, 2003), and specifically to discuss the restructuring of Chapter 9 (Integrative Synthesis) of that document.

Availability of Additional Meeting Materials: The draft agenda for the CASAC and CASAC PM Review Panel teleconference will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> (under the "Agendas" subheading) in advance of the meeting. The draft report of the CASAC NAAMS Subcommittee, and any other materials that may be available, will also be posted on the SAB Web site during this time-frame.

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