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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 Integrated Risk Project Peer Review Subcommittee of the Science Advisory Board will hold a public teleconference meeting on April 17, 2000, from 11:00-2:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection located in Room 6013 of the Ariel Rios Building at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) located at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The building entrance is adjacent to the Federal Triangle Metro Stop on 12th Street. For directions and further information concerning the meeting, please contact the individuals given below. The public is welcome to attend the meeting physically or through a telephonic link. Seating and teleconference lines are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Purpose of the Meeting: At this meeting the Integrated Risk Project Subcommittee will review the revised report of the Integrated Risk Project: *Towards Integrated Environmental Decision-Making.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public desiring additional information about this meeting should contact Dr. John R. Fowle III, Deputy Staff Director and Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4547; fax at (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at fowle.jack@epa.gov or Ms. Wanda Fields, Management Assistant; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4539; fax at (202) 501-0582; or via email at fields.wanda@epa.gov. A copy of the draft agenda and copies of the background material will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meeting on the SAB website (www.epa.gov/sab) or from Ms. Wanda Fields at the fax or address noted above.

Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained from Ms. Fields.

Making Oral Presentations During the Meetings

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation at the meeting must contact Dr. Fowle in writing (by email, by letter or by fax—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, April 10, 2000 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc.), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or of the presentation itself.

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.

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Notice of Availability of the Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Draft Guidelines

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking comments from Tribes and other parties who will be affected by or are otherwise interested in the Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Draft Guidelines. EPA will consider the comments received when developing the final guidelines. There will be a 90-day comment period starting from the publication date of this notice of availability.

DATES: Comments should be postmarked or received via email by June 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Attn: Staci Gatica (MC: 4606), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20460. Comments can also be sent via email to gatica.staci@epamail.epa.gov. Typed comments are preferred.

AVAILABILITY: Please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 to receive a copy of the Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Draft Guidelines. The draft guidelines are also available on the EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water website at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Safe Drinking Water Hotline, toll free (800) 426-4791, can be contacted for general information about and copies of this document. For technical inquiries, contact Staci Gatica, Implementation and Assistance Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4606), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20460. The telephone number is (202) 260-3967 and the e-mail address is gatica.staci@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 direct the EPA, in cooperation with the States, to develop guidelines specifying minimum standards for certification and recertification of operators of State community and nontransient noncommunity public water systems. The requirements pertaining to States do not apply to Tribes but because having a certified operator is a key factor in public health protection, EPA is developing, in cooperation with Tribes, a voluntary Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program. This program is intended to protect public health by providing Tribes with additional opportunities to become trained and certified, by developing base standards for non-State organizations certifying operators of tribal systems and by establishing a consistent method of assessing, tracking, and addressing certification and training needs on tribal lands.

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