

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability**

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202-564-5632 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

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*EIS No. 20220117, Draft, USN, VA, Disposal of Decommissioned, Defueled Ex-Enterprise (CVN 65) and its Associated Naval Reactor Plants, Comment Period Ends: 10/03/2022, Contact: Amanda Stuhldreher 202-781-6368.*

*EIS No. 20220118, Final Supplement, USACE, SC, Haile Gold Mine, Review Period Ends: 09/19/2022, Contact: Shawn Boone 843-329-8158.*

*EIS No. 20220119, Draft, USFWS, CA, Tijuana Estuary Tidal Restoration Program II Phase I, Comment Period Ends: 10/03/2022, Contact: Brian Collins 760-431-9440 x273.*

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**Request for Nominations of Candidates for the Science Advisory Board Clean Air Status and Trends Network**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office requests public nominations of scientific experts to form a Panel to review the EPA Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET). This panel will review Agency presentations on the history, operation, contributions, and options for future operation of the monitoring network to

offer advice regarding the future of this monitoring network.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by September 9, 2022 per the instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Bryan J. Bloomer, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office by telephone/voice mail (202) 564-4222, or email at [bloomer.bryan@epa.gov](mailto:bloomer.bryan@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA SAB can be found at the EPA SAB website at <https://sab.epa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The SAB (42 U.S.C. 4365) is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations. The SAB Staff Office is forming an expert panel, the CASTNET review panel, under the auspices of the Chartered SAB. The CASTNET review panel will provide advice through the chartered SAB. The SAB and the CASTNET review panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The CASTNET review panel will conduct the review of the monitoring network operated by the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR). The Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET) is a national long-term monitoring network that provides data to characterize ambient pollutant concentrations in rural communities, estimate atmospheric deposition of air pollutants and quantify their ecological effects, and assess the effectiveness of the Agency's regulatory programs (e.g., air quality and deposition trends). The CASTNET Review Panel will conduct the review of CASTNET as requested by the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. CASTNET measurements were initially designed, and are currently used, to evaluate the efficacy of regional and national air pollution control programs (e.g., atmospheric deposition and to inform ozone NAAQS attainment). Over the last 15 years, measurements were also used to review, set, and assess compliance with the primary and secondary NAAQS (i.e., O<sub>3</sub>, PM, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>); support scientific advances in understanding the fate and regional

transport of ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> precursors, including evaluating the possible impact of climate change on air pollution; and underpin development, evaluation, and application of air quality models used by the Agency to establish effective regulations. The rural network is unique from, and complementary to, state regulatory measurements (e.g., SLAMS) that are typically located within urban population centers. CASTNET is managed and operated in cooperation with the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other partners, including federal, state, and local agencies, and seven Native American tribes. The CASTNET program of EPA/OAR is a major contributor to the National Acid Deposition Program (NADP), a long-term cooperative environmental monitoring effort of federal, state, and tribal agencies, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations, and private companies. These programs monitor atmospheric concentrations and deposition of pollutants and their effects on ecosystems. NADP consists of more than 250 sites across North America, including the National Trends Network (NTN), which monitors precipitation chemistry, and the Ammonia Monitoring Network (AMoN), which monitors ambient ammonia concentrations. EPA/OAR supports 28 NTN sites and 61 AMoN sites. Many of the CASTNET and NADP/NTN sites have been operating for more than 30 years and have been used to observe climate and changing weather impacts on air quality and air pollution.

*Request for Nominations:* The SAB Staff Office is seeking nominations of nationally and internationally recognized scientists with demonstrated expertise in the following disciplines: Atmospheric Sciences, Air Quality Monitoring, Atmospheric Modeling, Atmospheric Chemistry, Ecology, Geostatistics, Biogeochemical Cycling, and Climate Change.

Strongest consideration will be given to individuals with demonstrated experience (as documented in their curriculum vitae and publication history) with atmospheric chemical and particle wet and dry deposition; nitrogen impacts in ecosystems; critical loads; climate change impacts on air quality; differences in rural and urban air quality; photochemistry; atmospheric ammonia measurements, modeling and emission inventories; analysis of long-term environmental trends; forest ecology; soil chemistry; stream and lake chemistry; and biological monitoring of acid sensitive species.