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Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

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Edward Messina,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards Panel; Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a meeting of the Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA) Panel. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2024 STAA nominations and to make recommendations for awards. The meeting is closed to the public.

DATES: The SAB STAA Panel will meet on the following dates. All times listed are in eastern time.

1. July 8, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
2. July 19, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
3. August 8, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
4. August 12, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The SAB STAA Panel meeting will be conducted virtually.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public who wish to obtain further information concerning this notice may contact Dr. Shaunta Hill-Hammond, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), via telephone (202) 564–3343, or via email at hill-hammond.shaunta@epa.gov. General information about the SAB as well as any updates concerning the meetings announced in this notice can be found on the SAB website at <https://sab.epa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDDAA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the EPA Administrator on the scientific and technical basis for agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 10. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB STAA Panel, will hold a closed meeting to review the 2024 STAA nominations and to make recommendations for awards and recommendations for improvement of the Agency’s STAA program.

The STAA awards are established to honor and recognize EPA employees who have made outstanding contributions in the advancement of science and technology through their research and development activities, as exhibited in publication of their results in peer reviewed journals. In conducting its review, the SAB considers each nomination in relation to the following four award levels:

- Level I awards are for those who have accomplished an exceptionally high-quality research or technological effort. The awards recognize the creation or general revision of a scientific or technological principle or procedure, or a highly significant improvement in the value of a device,

activity, program, or service to the public. Awarded research is of national significance or has high impact on a broad area of science/technology. The research has far reaching consequences and is recognizable as a major scientific/technological achievement within its discipline or field of study.

- Level II awards are for those who have accomplished a notably excellent research or technological effort that has qualities and values similar to, but to a lesser degree, than those described under Level I. Awarded research has timely consequences and contributes as an important scientific/technological achievement within its discipline or field of study.

- Level III awards are for those who have accomplished an unusually notable research or technological effort. The awards are for a substantial revision or modification of a scientific/technological principle or procedure, or an important improvement to the value of a device, activity, program, or service to the public. Awarded research relates to a mission or organizational component of the EPA, or significantly affects a relevant area of science/technology.

- Honorable Mention awards acknowledge research efforts that are noteworthy but do not warrant a Level I, II or III award. Honorable Mention applies to research that: (1) May not quite reach the level described for a Level III award; (2) show a promising area of research that the STAA Panel wants to encourage; or (3) show an area of research that the STAA Panel feels is too preliminary to warrant an award recommendation at this time.

The SAB reviews the STAA nomination packages according to the following five evaluation factors:

- The extent to which the work reported in the nominated publication(s) resulted in either new or significantly revised knowledge. The accomplishment is expected to represent an important advancement of scientific knowledge or technology relevant to environmental issues and EPA’s mission.
- The extent to which environmental protection has been strengthened or improved, whether of local, national, or international importance.
- The degree to which the research is a product of the originality, creativeness, initiative, and problem-solving ability of the researchers, as well as the level of effort required to produce the results.
- The extent of the beneficial impact of the research and the degree to which the research has been favorably recognized from outside EPA.

• The nature and extent of peer review, including stature and quality of the peer-reviewed journal or the publisher of a book for a review chapter published therein.

I have determined that the meetings of the STAA Panel and Chartered SAB will be closed to the public because they are concerned with selecting employees deserving of awards. In making these recommendations, the Agency requires full and frank advice from the SAB. This advice will involve professional judgments on the relative merits of various employees and their respective work. Such matters relate solely to EPA's internal personnel rules and practices and involve the discussion of information that is of a personal nature and the disclosure of which would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and, therefore, are protected from disclosure by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 10, and subsections (c)(2) and (c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b. Minutes of the meetings of the STAA Panel and the Chartered SAB will be kept and certified by the chair of those meetings.

Michael S. Regan,
Administrator.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0999; FR ID 224289]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s). Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before August 9, 2024. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0999.

Title: Hearing Aid Compatibility Status Report and Section 20.19, Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets (Hearing Aid Compatibility Act).

Form Numbers: FCC Forms 655 and 855.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 934 respondents; 934 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 13.97 hours per response (average).

Frequency of Response: On occasion and annual reporting requirements; Recordkeeping requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 157, 160, 201, 202, 214, 301, 303, 308, 309(j), 310 and 610 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 13,049 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Needs and Uses: The Commission is requesting that OMB grant it a three-year extension of the currently approved information collection related to the

Commission's wireless hearing aid compatibility requirements located in section 20.19 of the Commission's rules. 47 CFR 20.19. OMB's approval of the information collection contain in these rules expires on October 31, 2024. While the Commission is not requesting approval of any substantive changes to the information collection, it is requesting approval of a few minor, non-substantive changes to FCC Form 855 and the related instructions. The Commission uses this form to ensure wireless service provider compliance with the hearing aid compatibility rules. The Commission is also requesting approval of certain minor, non-substantive changes to the instructions for FCC Form 655 but not to the form, itself. The Commission uses this form to ensure handset manufacturer compliance with the Commission's hearing aid compatibility rules. These changes are for clarification purposes only and do not affect the burden hours or the cost of compliance associated with the approved information collection.

The Commission's wireless hearing aid compatibility rules ensure that consumers with hearing loss have the same access to the newest and most technologically advanced handset models as consumers without hearing loss. These rules were adopted by the Commission in response to the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act, which was enacted in 1988 and is codified as amended at 47 U.S.C. 610. See Public Law 100-394, sec. 3, 102 Stat. 976, 976 (1988). In order to ensure handset manufacturer and service provider compliance with the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act and the Commission's regulations implementing the Act, the Commission has adopted handset labeling and disclosure requirements, website posting and record retention requirements, and handset manufacturer and mobile wireless service provider reporting requirements. See 47 CFR 20.19(f), (h), (i). These requirements are the subject of this information collection submission, and these regulations ensure that consumers are given the information that they need to make informed purchasing decisions and that handset manufacturers and service providers meet hearing aid-compatible handset model deployment requirements that the Commission has adopted.

The Commission is not proposing changes to the handset labeling and disclosure requirements, nor to the website posting and record retention requirements. These requirements will remain unchanged after OMB approval