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Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Chemical Safety for Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting—November 2016

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Chemical Safety for Sustainability Subcommittee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and will continue on Friday, November 18, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Time. Attendees must register by November 10, 2016, online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-bosc-chemical-safety-for-sustainability-subcommittee-tickets-28454076910>. Requests for the draft agenda or for presenting written or oral statements at the meeting will be accepted up to November 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA's Main Campus Facility, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

INSTRUCTIONS: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0635, by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* Send comments by electronic mail (email) to: ORD.Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0635.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to: (202) 566-0224, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0635.
- *Mail:* Send comments by mail to: Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Chemical Safety for Sustainability Subcommittee Docket, Mail Code: 2822T, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW.,

Washington, DC 20004, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0635.

• *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room 3334, William Jefferson Clinton West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0635. Note: This is not a mailing address. Deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0635. The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means the EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to the EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, the EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If the EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, the EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about the EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/>.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available

either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Chemical Safety for Sustainability Subcommittee Docket, EPA/DC, William Jefferson Clinton West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 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 ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer via mail at: Megan Fleming, Mail Code 8104R, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-6604; or via email at: fleming.megan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information: The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public interested in attending the meeting must register by November 10, 2016, online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-bosc-chemical-safety-for-sustainability-subcommittee-tickets-28454076910>. Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft agenda, attending the meeting, or presenting written or oral statements at the meeting should contact Megan Fleming via any of the contact methods listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

For security purposes, all attendees must go through a metal detector, sign in with the security desk, and show government-issued photo identification to enter the building. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to allow sufficient time for security screening. Proposed agenda items for the meeting include, but are not limited to, the following: Overview of materials provided to the subcommittee; Overview of ORD's Chemical Safety for Sustainability Research Program; A short update from ORD's Human Health Risk Assessment Research Program; Poster session; and Subcommittee discussion.

Written Statements: Written statements for the public meeting should be received by Megan Fleming via email at the contact information listed above by November 14, 2016. Written statements should be supplied in one of the following electronic

formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS Power Point, or Rich Text format.

Oral Statements: In general, each individual making an oral statement at the public meeting will be limited to a total of three minutes. Each person making an oral statement should also consider providing written comments so that the points presented orally can be expanded upon in writing. Interested parties should contact Megan Fleming in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by November 14, 2016, to be placed on the list of public speakers for the BOSC meeting.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Megan Fleming at (202) 564-6604 or fleming.megan@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Megan Fleming, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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Fred S. Hauchman,

Director, Office of Science Policy.

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Notification of a Public Meeting of the Chartered Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the chartered SAB to: (1) Conduct a quality review of the draft SAB review of the EPA's proposed methodology for mortality risk valuation estimates for policy analysis; (2) discuss information provided by the EPA on planned actions in the Spring 2016 semi-annual regulatory agenda and their supporting science; (3) discuss information about shipboard treatment efficacy in the SAB report, *Efficacy of Ballast Water Treatment Systems: A Report by the Science Advisory Board*, and (4) receive briefings on future topics from the EPA.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday December 1, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel, 801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the meeting may contact Mr. Thomas Carpenter, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail (202) 564-4885, or email at carpenter.thomas@epa.gov. General information concerning the SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

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 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., App. 2. 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 will hold a public meeting to discuss and deliberate on the topics below.

(1) Quality Review of a Draft SAB Report on EPA's Proposed Methodology for Mortality Risk Valuation Estimates for Policy Analysis

The EPA's Office of Policy requested advice on proposed improvements to the Agency's methodology for estimating benefits associated with reduced risk of mortality. This methodology takes into account the amounts that individuals are willing to pay for reductions in mortality risk. The resulting values are combined into an estimate known as the value of statistical life (VSL) which is used in regulatory benefit-cost analysis. The EPA has also requested that the SAB review options for accounting for changes in the VSL over time as real income grows, known as income elasticity of willingness to pay.

The chartered SAB will conduct a quality review of the committee's draft report before it is transmitted to the EPA Administrator. The SAB quality review process ensures that all draft reports developed by SAB panels, committees or workgroups are reviewed and approved by the Chartered SAB before

being finalized and transmitted to the EPA Administrator. These reviews are conducted in a public meeting as required by FACA.

Background on the current advisory activity, *Valuing Mortality Risk Reductions for Policy: Proposed Updates to Valuation and Income Elasticity Estimates* can be found on the SAB Web site at http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Valuing%20fatal%20risk%20for%20policy?OpenDocument.

(2) Discussion of Information on the Agency's Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

As part of the EPA's effort to routinely inform the SAB about proposed and planned agency actions that have a scientific or technical basis, the agency provided notice to the SAB that the Office of Management and Budget published the "Unified (Regulatory) Agenda" on the Web on May 18, 2016 available at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>.

The SAB convened a Work Group to review information provided in the agency's Spring 2016 regulatory agenda regarding EPA planned actions and their supporting science. The SAB will discuss recommendations and information developed by the Work Group regarding the adequacy of the science supporting the planned actions. Information about this advisory activity can be found on the Web at http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/SAB%20Fall%202015%20Reg%20Agenda?OpenDocument.

(3) Discussion of Information About Shipboard Treatment Efficacy in the SAB Report, *Efficacy of Ballast Water Treatment Systems: A Report by the Science Advisory Board*

The SAB will discuss recommendations and information developed by a Work Group regarding the conclusions about shipboard treatment efficacy in the SAB report, *Efficacy of Ballast Water Treatment Systems: A Report by the Science Advisory Board (EPA-SAB-11-009)*. The SAB convened a Work Group to gather and review information on the report's underlying data and related conclusions. The SAB is not seeking new data regarding ballast water treatment system efficacy and will focus its discussion on the data and information available for the report. Information about this advisory activity can be found on the Web at http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Ballast%20Water%20Fact%20Finding?OpenDocument.