

Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Middle Fork Ranger District, Lane County, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65302-WA, Green River Road Access Requests, Easements Grant, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, North Bend Ranger District, King County, WA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65304-OR, Moose Subwatershed Timber Harvest and Other Vegetation Management Actions, Central Cascade Adaptive Management (CCAMA), Willamette National Forest, Sweet Home Ranger District, Linn County, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65305-WA Plum Creek Checkerboard Access Project, Grant Permanent Easements, Cle Elum and Naches Ranger Districts, Wenatchee National Forest, Kittitas County, WA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65307-WA Sand Ecosystem Restoration Project, Implementation, Leavenworth Range District, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan County, WA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-COE-K39047-CA Santa Clara River and Major Tributaries Project, Approval of 404 Permits and 1603 Streambed Alteration Agreement, In portions of the City Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the preferred alternative did not represent the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative and requested that the Record of Decision contain commitments to permanently and systematically remove non-native vegetation from the riparian zone.

Dated: February 8, 1999.

B. Katherine Biggs,
Associate Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6233-7]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology, Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gives notification of a two-day meeting of the Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee (T6AC) of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). The Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities.

The Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee has been asked to provide advice to EPA on techniques that may be used by EPA funding recipients to operate environmental permitting programs in compliance with Title VI. The Committee is now nearing completion of its work and so will meet to reach closure on its activities, as well as to finalize its report to EPA.

DATES: The two-day public meeting will be held at the Ramada Plaza in Old Town, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting will take place on Monday, March 1, 1999 from 8:30am to 7:00 pm, and Tuesday, March 2, 1999 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. The public comment session will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on March 1st. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Public comments may be submitted in writing or presented orally. Those wishing to submit written comments can do so at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Members of the public wishing to make an oral presentation during the public comment session will be limited to no more than five (5) minutes, and must contact Deborah Ross at 202-260-9752 no later than February 25, 1999 to reserve time. Those not having reserved time in advance may make comments during the public comment session only as time allows.

ADDRESSES: Materials or written comments may be sent to Melanie Medina-Ortiz, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA (1601-F), Office of

Cooperative Environmental Management, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Medina-Ortiz, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, telephone 202-260-2695.

Dated: February 3, 1999

Melanie Medina-Ortiz,

Designated Federal Officer, NACEPT Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6233-8]

Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several Committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) office and are *not* available from the SAB Office. Public drafts of SAB reports are available to the Agency and the public from the SAB office. Details on availability are noted below.

1. Environmental Modeling Subcommittee (EMS)

The Environmental Modeling Subcommittee of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Executive Committee, will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, February 23 and 24, 1999 in the Administrator's Conference Room (Room 1103 West Tower) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am on February 23 and adjourn no later than 5:00 pm on February 24.

Purpose—The purpose of this meeting is to: (a) brief the SAB about the open architecture modeling paradigm being developed at EPA; (b) conduct a Consultation on the variability and uncertainty analysis efforts underway at the Agency; and, (c) conduct Advisories on EPA's Model Acceptability White Paper and the Charter for the proposed Committee for Environmental Regulatory Modeling (CREM).

SAB Consultation on Variability and Uncertainty Analysis—The Agency develops, evaluates, and applies a wide variety of highly complex environmental models. These models are used to coordinate and/or predict the environmental consequences of a wide range of activities. Frequently, they become the basis for environmental cleanup, protection, or regulation. In order to ensure the adequacy of these models in their development, evaluation and application, it is imperative that the Agency understand the variability and uncertainty associated with the results of such models. The SAB has been asked to work with EPA to help them define and implement improvements to the way in which the Agency characterizes and deals with the variability and uncertainty associated with environmental regulatory models.

The tentative charge for the SAB Consultation is to work with the Models-2000 Steering/Implementation Team (S/IT) to provide advice on the characterization of variability and uncertainty associated with the use of environmental regulatory models at EPA.

SAB Advisory on Model Acceptability White Paper and the Charter for the Proposed Committee for Environmental Regulatory Modeling (CREM)—The EPA has prepared a "White Paper on the Nature and Scope of Issues on Adoption of Model Use Acceptability Criteria" that proposes: (a) establishing an Agency-wide Committee on Regulatory Environmental Models (CREM); (b) developing guidance for model acceptance as well as clarifying the roles of Peer Review and Quality Assurance for model development and applications through the CREM; (c) providing information on model evaluation and use through a "clearing house"; and, (d) reviewing through the CREM selected examples to determine progress in model evaluation. The SAB is charged to comment on:

(a) the adequacy of this approach for helping model developers explain their models clearly, articulate major assumptions and uncertainties, identify reasonable alternative interpretations, and separate scientific conclusions from policy judgments.

(b) whether the proposal is useful for models for health and for ecological risk assessments as well as for pollution prevention.

(c) the adequacy and utility of the proposal for helping decision-makers, other risk managers (e.g., assessors and their managers), and the public.

(1) understand models used in a regulatory context.

(2) evaluate the appropriate use for the results from models in decision making.

(3) understand the "unseen" aspects of the modeling including choices made during regulatory use and the rationale for those choices.

(d) the utility of the proposal to help those outside EPA understand the Agency's modeling goals and to help evaluate EPA's progress toward achieving those goals.

(e) the overall utility and adequacy of the proposed "Strategy for Defining Uncertainty in Model Elements and supporting "How to" guidances for judging model acceptability.

For Further Information—Copies of the review documents and any background materials for the review are *not available* from the SAB. The review documents are available from the program office by contacting Mr. Johnny Pearson at (919) 541-0572; by fax at (919) 541-0445; or by e-mail at <pearson.johnnie@epa.gov>.

Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting should contact Dr. Jack Fowle, Designated Federal Officer for the Environmental Models Subcommittee, Science Advisory Board (1400), Room 3702F, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC 20460 at (202) 260-8325; by fax (202) 260-7118; or by e-mail at <fowle.jack@epa.gov>. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Dr. Fowle, *in writing* no later than 4:00 pm, February 19, 1999, at the above address, fax or e-mail. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. Copies of the draft meeting agenda are available from Ms. Dorothy Clark, Committee Operations Staff at (202) 260-4126; by fax at (202) 260-7118; or by e-mail at <clark.dorothy@epa.gov>.

2. Executive Committee (EC) of the Science Advisory Board

The Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Executive Committee, will conduct a public teleconference meeting on Monday, March 8, 1999, between the hours of 11:00 am and 1:00 pm, Eastern Time. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room M3709 of the Mall at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The public is welcome to attend the meeting physically or through a telephonic link. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson at (202) 260-4126.

During this meeting the Executive Committee plans to review drafts from its Committees. *Anticipated* drafts include: (a) Executive Committee (EC) Subcommittee: Data from Testing of Human Subjects; (b) Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC): Review of the Agency's Index of Watershed Indicators (IWI); and (c) Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC): Review of the Agency's Science Budget for FY2000. It is possible that other draft reports may be available for review at this meeting as well. Please check with Ms. Tillery-Gadson prior to the meeting to confirm any changes in the planned review schedule.

For Further Information: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or wishing to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Officer for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-4126; FAX (202) 260-9232; and via e-mail at: <barnes.don@epa.gov>. Copies of the relevant documents are available from the same source. The EPEC draft report is anticipated to be available on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) at least one week prior to the meeting. The RSAC draft report will likely not be available until the day of the meeting, given that the RSAC public review of the Agency's budget documents will not take place until March 3-4, 1999.

3. Integrated Human Exposure Committee (IHEC)

The Integrated Human Exposure Committee (IHEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Tuesday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 10, 1999, beginning no earlier than 8:30 am and ending no later than 5:00 pm on each day. The meeting will be held at the Radisson Barceló Hotel Washington, which is located at 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037. For directions, please call the hotel at 202-293-3100. For further information concerning the meeting, please contact the individuals listed below.

Purpose—The purpose of the meeting is to conduct two advisories and to receive three EPA briefings. The advisories will address: (a) the Building Assessment Survey and Evaluation (BASE) study; and (b) Ventilation, Indoor Air Quality and Energy Issues. The briefings will address: (a) EPA Healthy Buildings/Healthy People II; (b) the National Academy of Sciences Asthma Study; (c) and the EPA Water Consumption Report. A copy of the agenda may be obtained from Ms.

Wanda Fields by telephone (202) 260-5510, by fax (202) 260-7118 or via e-mail at: <fields.wanda@epa.gov>.

Background on Briefings—The EPA will brief the IHEC on the Agency's water consumption report on March 9, 1999. EPA is now developing estimates of water intake for the United States based on the United States Department of Agriculture's 1994-1996 Continuing Survey of Food intake by Individuals. Included in the final report will be estimates of water intake by source (municipal tap, bottled water, and other sources) with percentile distributions by age, gender, race, socioeconomic status, and geographic region and separately for pregnant and lactating women. EPA anticipates wide use of the estimates in future drinking water rule-making activities. This will be one of two briefings for standing Science Advisory Board committees in preparation for a formal SAB review of the EPA water consumption report. The other briefing is scheduled to take place during the February 1999 meeting of the SAB's Drinking Water Committee. The formal SAB review which is scheduled during the Spring of 1999 will be conducted by both the Integrated Human Exposure Committee and the Drinking Water Committee. Any technical questions regarding the EPA Water Consumption Report should be directed to Ms. Helen Jacobs, Statistician, Office of Science and Technology, Office of Water, by telephone at (202) 260-5412, by fax at (202) 260-7185, or by e-mail at <jacobs.helen@epa.gov>.

The Agency will also brief the IHEC on Healthy Buildings/Healthy People (HBHP) II on March 9, 1999. HBHP was initiated by the EPA Office of Air and Radiation and the Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances in July 1997 as a response to the Agency's need to address the risks from indoor pollution. The purpose of HBHP II is to develop an Agencywide strategy and action plan to address human health indoors in the 21st century. On July 22, 1997, the IHEC consulted with the Agency during the initial stages of this process. During the briefing on March 9, 1999, the Agency will update the IHEC on the status of Healthy Buildings/Healthy People II. In a future advisory, before the completion of the Agency's final HBHP action plan, the EPA plans to have the IHEC provide advice on scientific and technical issues related to the proposed actions. Any technical questions regarding this briefing should be directed to Ms. Mary T. Smith by telephone (202) 564-9370, fax (202) 565-2039 or e-mail at <smith.maryt@epa.gov>.

The topic of the last briefing, which is also scheduled for March 9, 1999, is the NAS asthma study. The Office of Radiation and Indoor Air has provided a grant to the National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine (NAS/IOM) to review the strength of the scientific evidence and the relative risk of indoor air pollutants in causing and/or triggering asthma, and the strength of the evidence regarding the effectiveness of prevention and mitigation strategies in controlling exposures to these pollutants. The NAS/IOM Committee will also determine the research needed in these areas. There may be a future IHEC advisory on EPA's follow-up to the NAS asthma study results. Any technical questions regarding this briefing should be directed to Dr. Pauline Johnston by telephone (202) 564-9425, fax (202) 565-2038 or e-mail at <johnston.pauline@epa.gov>.

a. Building Assessment Survey and Evaluation (BASE) Study Advisory

Charge—The IHEC has been asked to respond to the following Charge questions: (a) Are the proposed data analyses the most relevant?; (b) Does the Committee have advice on additional analyses that should be considered? (c) How should the analyses be prioritized (considering the need to address relevant scientific issues and to address the most important programmatic needs and guidance development)? (d) What analyses must be done? Are there any analyses that EPA must do, rather than letting independent researchers do them?; and (e) Are there similar analyses, which have been conducted on other data sets that EPA should use to inform its data analysis efforts?

Background—The Building Assessment Survey and Evaluation study is a cross-sectional multi-year study by the EPA Office of Radiation and Indoor Air. BASE was designed to define the status of indoor air quality and occupant perceptions in 100 office buildings across the country. All of the data have been collected and the Agency is seeking advice from the IHEC on the data analysis.

For Further Information—Single copies of the relevant background documents may be obtained from Ms. Laureen Burton, Chemist, Indoor Environments Division, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, by telephone at (202) 564-9032, by fax at (202) 565-2071 or via e-mail at <burton.laureen@epa.gov>. Ms. Burton should also be contacted regarding any technical questions on these materials.

b. Ventilation/Indoor Air/and Energy Advisory

Charge—The IHEC has been asked to respond to the following Charge questions: (a) Is this project addressing the relevant issues?; (b) What additional advice does the Committee have regarding the adequacy of the analyses?; (c) Is the interpretation of the results reasonable, and do the conclusions follow logically from the results?; and (d) Does the Committee have advice on how the results can best be disseminated to the appropriate stakeholders?

Background—This project represents a modeling effort designed to assess the compatibilities and trade-offs between energy, indoor air quality, and thermal comfort objectives in the design and operation of Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) systems in commercial buildings.

For Further Information—Single copies of the relevant background documents may be obtained from Mr. David Mudarri, Economist, Indoor Environments Division, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, by telephone at (202) 564-9053, by fax at (202) 565-2071 or via e-mail at <mudarri.david@epa.gov>. Mr. Mudarri should also be contacted regarding any technical questions on these materials.

Public Comments—Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Ms. Roslyn Edson, Designated Federal Officer for the IHEC, in writing, no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 2, by fax (202) 260-7118, or via e-mail: <edson.roslyn@epa.gov>. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not repeat previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. This time may be reduced at the discretion of the SAB, depending on meeting circumstances. Oral presentations at teleconferences will normally be limited to three minutes per speaker or organization. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the

meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments, which may be of any length, may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

The Science Advisory Board

Information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in The FY1998 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (CESS) by contacting US EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400), Attention: CESS, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 or via fax (202) 260-1889. Additional information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Home Page at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

Copies of SAB prepared final reports mentioned in this **Federal Register** Notice may be obtained immediately from the SAB Home Page or by mail/fax from the SAB's Committee Evaluation and Support Staff at (202) 260-4126, or via fax at (202) 260-1889. Please provide the SAB report number when making a request.

Meeting Access

Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact the appropriate DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: February 4, 1999.

John R. Fowle, III,

Acting Staff Director Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00585; FRL-6062-7]

State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee will hold a 2-day meeting, February 22 and 23, 1999. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The SFIREG Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal will meet on Monday, February 22, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 23, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: The Ronald Reagan National Airport Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington-Crystal City, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Elaine Y. Lyon, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington-Crystal City, VA 22202, Crystal Mall 2 (CM #2), (703) 305-5306, (fax) (703) 308-1850; e-mail: lyon.elaine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tentative agenda of the SFIREG Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal includes the following:

1. Consumer labeling initiative.
2. Publicly owned Treatment Works (POTW) compliance issues.
3. Pesticide degradates in water.
4. Conditional registration.
5. Draft protocol on national monitoring of pesticides in drinking water.
6. Atmospheric deposition of pesticides.
7. Pesticide management plan status.
8. Container regulation status.
9. Proposed project on pesticide collection.
10. Office of Pesticide Programs activities update.
11. Office of enforcement and compliance assurance update.
12. Working committee reports.
13. Other topics as appropriate.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

Anne E. Lindsay,

Director, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6233-4]

New York Marine Sanitation Device Standard; Final Affirmative Determination:

Notice is hereby given that the Regional Administrator, Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) Region II has affirmatively determined, pursuant to section 312(f) of Pub. L. 92-500, as amended by Pub. L. 95-217 and Pub. L. 100-4 (the Clean Water Act), that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the harbors and creeks of the Peconic Estuary from the Sag Harbor Village Line to Montauk Point, East Hampton, New York. The harbors and creeks included in this tentative determination are Northwest Creek, Three Mile Harbor, Hog Creek, Accabonac Harbor, Napeague Harbor and Lake Montauk.

This petition was made by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in cooperation with the New York State Department of State and the Town of East Hampton. The State of New York has certified that greater protection of the surface water in the harbors and creeks of the Peconic Estuary in the Town of East Hampton is required than the applicable federal standards provide. Upon receipt of this affirmative determination in response to this petition, NYSDEC will completely prohibit the discharge of sewage, whether treated or not, from any vessel in Northwest Creek, Three Mile Harbor, Hog Creek, Accabonac Harbor, Napeague Harbor and Lake Montauk in accordance with section 312(f)(3) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR 140.4(a). This prohibition is part of a comprehensive approach to water quality management aimed at preventing water quality impairments and improving overall water quality in the harbors and creeks. This designation is part of a wider effort at controlling non-point source pollution including problems associated with stormwater runoff and residential septic systems. Notice of the Receipt of Petition and Tentative Determination was published in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 1998. Comments on the Receipt of Petition and Tentative Determination were accepted during the comment period which closed on December 5, 1998. Written comments were received from the following:

1. Ms. Catherine Lester, Supervisor, Town of East Hampton, 159 Pantigo Road, East Hampton, New York 11937
2. Ms. Margaret Hardy, The Accabonac Protection Committee, 956 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton, New York 11937
3. Mr. Kevin McAllister, Peconic Baykeeper, Save the Peconic Bays, 2560 Paradise Shores Road, Southold, New York 11971