

and Title VI. This is an open meeting and all interested persons are invited to participate. The Committee will hear comments from the public between 4 p.m.-4:15 p.m. (MT) on Thursday, April 19, 2012. Individuals or organizations wishing to address the Committee will be allowed a maximum of five minutes to present their point of view. Also, written comments should be submitted electronically to eargle.frances@epa.gov. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the number listed below to schedule a time on the agenda. Time will be allotted on a first-come first-serve basis, and the total period for comments may be extended if the number of requests for appearances requires it.

ADDRESSES: The Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee and Local Government Advisory Committee meetings will be held at U.S. EPA Region 8 Office, 1595 Wynkoop St., Denver, CO 80202-1129. [Meeting summaries will be available after the meeting online at www.epa.gov/ocir/scas_lgac/lgac_index.htm and can be obtained by written request to the DFO].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) contact Frances Eargle at (202) 564-3115 or email at eargle.frances@epa.gov. For the Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS), contact Cathy Davis, Designated Federal Officer at (202) 564-2703 or email at davis.catherinem@epa.gov.

Information On Services for Those With Disabilities: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Frances Eargle at (202) 564-3115 or eargle.frances@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please request it 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: March 7, 2012.

Frances Eargle,

Designated Federal Officer, Local Government Advisory Committee.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9648-4]

Notice of Proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement Amendment Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice. Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a proposed prospective purchaser agreement amendment ("PPA Amendment") associated with the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, was executed by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the Department of Justice and is now subject to public comment, after which the United States may modify or withdraw its consent to the PPA Amendment if comments received disclose facts or considerations indicating that the PPA Amendment is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The PPA Amendment would resolve certain potential EPA claims under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, and other statutes, against the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority ("PEDA"). In lieu of financial consideration, in exchange for EPA's covenant not to sue, the PPA Amendment would require PEDA to acquire certain parcels along the banks of Silver Lake in Pittsfield, impose institutional controls on such parcels, and refrain from damaging certain natural resources plantings on the Silver Lake bank parcels.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the PPA Amendment. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I Office, 5 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R01-CERCLA 01-2002-0007, by one of the following methods:

- *Email:* John W. Kilborn, Senior Enforcement Counsel at Kilborn.john@epa.gov.
- *Mail:* John W. Kilborn, Senior Enforcement Counsel, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, 5 Post Office Square (Mail Code OES4-3), Boston, MA 02109.

- *Hand Delivery:* John W. Kilborn, Senior Enforcement Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, 5 Post Office Square (Mail Code OES4-3), Boston, MA 02109. Business Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Such deliveries are accepted only during business hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-R01-CERCLA 01-2002-0007. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change, 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 email. If you send an email comment directly to EPA, 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, 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 EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, 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.

Docket: The PPA Amendment and additional background information are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I Office, 5 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109. A copy of the PPA Amendment may be obtained from Ann Gardner, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I Office, 5 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109 (617-918-1895) or by email at Gardner.ann@epa.gov. The PPA Amendment is also posted on EPA's GE-Pittsfield Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/region1/ge/publiccomment.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John W. Kilborn, Senior Enforcement Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Mail Code (OES4-3), Boston, MA 02109-3912. Phone: (617) 918-1893.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is given in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9601–9675.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

James T. Owens III,

Director, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration, Region I.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Request for Nominations of Experts for a Science Advisory Board Panel To Review EPA’s Web-Based Report on the Environment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office requests public nominations of technical experts to form an SAB panel to review the Agency’s Web-based Report on the Environment.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by April 6, 2012 per the instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564–2155, by fax at (202) 565–2098, or via email at armitage.thomas@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA SAB can be found at the EPA SAB Web site at www.epa.gov/sab.

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, consultation, 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 will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

EPA’s Web-based Report on the Environment (ROE) has been developed

to provide a comprehensive online source of scientific indicators describing the condition of and trends in the nation’s environment and human health. The ROE indicators are numerical values derived from actual measurements of human health and ecological condition over specified geographic areas of the United States. The ROE indicators are intended to inform strategic planning, priority setting, and decision making across EPA and provide information for the public on the state of the environment.

In 2004 and 2007, the SAB reviewed two draft versions of EPA’s ROE. The findings and recommendations of those SAB reviews are available on the SAB Web site at www.epa.gov/sab (see reports EPA–SAB–05–004 and EPA–SAB–08–007). The ROE was subsequently published by EPA in 2008, and in 2009 SAB members provided additional advice on continued development of future versions of the ROE (see report EPA–SAB–09–017). Since the 2008 publication of the ROE, EPA has maintained and updated the ROE indicators online at www.epa.gov/roe. EPA is developing a new user-friendly and interactive Web site to provide improved access to the data and information in the ROE for a variety of audiences. EPA has also addressed recommendations from previous SAB reviews in order to develop a more robust environmental reporting program. Specifically, EPA has developed: (1) Conceptual frameworks, based on a sustainability paradigm, to illustrate connections among ROE indicators and Agency programs, (2) new and revised ROE indicators, including sustainability indicators that incorporate economic data, and (3) statistical information to address indicator variability and uncertainty. EPA has asked the SAB to review the scientific and technical merit of this work to improve the ROE. In response to EPA’s request, the SAB Staff Office will form an expert panel to conduct the review.

Availability of the Review Materials

SAB review materials will be made available via EPA’s Web site and will consist of a newly designed ROE Web site and accompanying issue papers. All new ROE developments described above (e.g., conceptual frameworks, new and revised indicators, and statistical data) will be presented online rather than in a traditional hard copy report. For information concerning the ROE, please contact Ms. Madalene Stevens, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Office of Research and Development, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue

NW., Mail Code 8601–P, Washington, DC 20460, phone (703) 347–8655 or at stevens.madalene@epa.gov.

Request for Nominations

The SAB Staff Office requests nominations of recognized experts from a wide range of scientific and engineering disciplines with experience and expertise in: designing environmental and human health indicators, and evaluating and/or communicating indicator information and data at regional or national scales. Nominations of experts in various disciplines are requested including: (a) Environmental scientists and engineers with knowledge of the sources, fate, and transport of air pollutants and outdoor and indoor air quality indicators; (b) aquatic biologists, ecologists, hydrologists, chemists, oceanographers and microbiologists with expertise in assessing the condition of surface water, ground water, drinking water, wetlands, coastal waters, and/or recreational waters; (c) environmental scientists, ecologists, soil scientists, and environmental engineers with expertise in the use of indicators (e.g., land cover, land use, wastes on land, chemicals used on land, and contaminated land) to assess the condition of land; (d) health scientists (e.g., in the fields of public health, epidemiology, and risk assessment) with expertise in assessing human exposure to environmental pollutants, health risks associated with environmental pollutants, and/or indicators for assessing human health condition; (e) ecologists with expertise in the use of indicators to assess the ecological effects of exposure to pollutants and the condition of whole ecosystems; (f) statisticians with expertise in analysis of environmental information to determine the status of and trends in environmental condition; (g) environmental economists with knowledge of sustainability analysis; (h) experts from any of the above disciplines with knowledge of sustainability science and sustainability indicators; and (i) communication and information scientists with expertise in using and/or communicating environmental indicator information to inform planning and decision making.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above for possible service on this expert panel. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (preferred over hard copy) following the instructions for “Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels