

ADDRESSES: The Latham Hotel, Georgetown, 3000 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kogut, Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; U.S. Department of Energy; SC-25/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290; telephone: 301-903-1298.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis with respect to the high energy physics research program.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following:

Thursday, October 12, 2006, and Friday, October 13, 2006.

- Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Program.
- Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program.
- Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics.
- Public Comment (10-minute rule).

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Panel, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact John Kogut, 301-903-1298 or John.Kogut@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Panel will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 90 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; Room 1E-190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education Staff Office; Request for Nominations of Candidates for the National Environmental Education Advisory Council

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education Staff Office is soliciting applications of environmental education professionals for consideration on the National Environmental Education Advisory Council (NEEAC). There are currently five (5) vacancies on the Advisory Council that must be filled: Business and Industry—one vacancy (2007-2009); Non-Profit Organization—two vacancies (2007-2009); Primary and Secondary Education—one vacancy (must be a classroom teacher) (2007-2009); College and University—one vacancy (2007-2009).

Additional avenues and resources may be utilized in the solicitation of applications.

DATES: Applications should be submitted by October 13, 2006 per instructions below.

ADDRESSES: Submit non-electronic application materials to Ginger Potter, Designated Federal Officer, National Environmental Education Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education (MC: 1704A), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Ph: 202-564-0453, FAX: 202-564-2754, e-mail: potter.ginger@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding this Request for Nominations, please contact Ms. Ginger Potter, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA National Environmental Education Advisory Council, at potter.ginger@epa.gov or (202) 564-0453. General information concerning NEEAC can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Section 9(a) and (b) of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (Pub. L. L-101-619) mandates a National Environmental Education Advisory Council. The Advisory

Council provides the Administrator with advice and recommendations on EPA implementation of the National Environmental Education Act. In general, the Act is designed to increase public understanding of environmental issues and problems, and to improve the training of environmental education professionals. EPA will achieve these goals, in part, by awarding grants and/or establishing partnerships with other Federal agencies, state and local education and natural resource agencies, not-for-profit organizations, universities, and the private sector to encourage and support environmental education and training programs. The Council is also responsible for preparing a national biennial report to Congress that will describe and assess the extent and quality of environmental education, discuss major obstacles to improving environmental education, and identify the skill, education, and training needs for environmental professionals.

The National Environmental Education Act requires that the Council be comprised of eleven (11) members appointed by the Administrator of EPA. Members represent a balance of perspectives, professional qualifications, and experience. The Act specifies that members must represent the following sectors: Primary and secondary education (one of whom shall be a classroom teacher)—two members; colleges and universities—two members; business and industry—two members; non profit organizations involved in environmental education—two members; state departments of education and natural resources—one member each; senior Americans—one member. Members are chosen to represent various geographic regions of the country, and the Council strives for a diverse representation. The professional backgrounds of Council members should include education, science, policy, or other appropriate disciplines.

Each member of the Council shall hold office for a one (1) to three (3) year period. Members are expected to participate in up to two (2) meetings per year and monthly or more conference calls per year. Members of the Council shall receive compensation and allowances, including travel expenses, at a rate fixed by the Administrator.

Expertise Sought: The NEEAC staff office seeks candidates with demonstrated experience and/or knowledge in any of the following environmental education issue areas:

- (a) Integrating environmental education into state and local education reform and improvement;

(b) state, local and tribal level capacity building; (c) cross-sector partnerships; (d) leveraging resources for environmental education; (e) design and implementation of environmental education research; (f) evaluation methodology; professional development for teachers and other education professionals; and (g) targeting under-represented audiences, including low-income, multi-cultural, senior citizens and other adults.

The NEEAC staff office is also looking for individuals who demonstrate the ability to make the time commitment, strong leadership skills, strong analytical skills, strong communication and writing skills, the ability to stand apart and evaluate programs in an unbiased manner, team players, have the conviction to follow-through and to meet deadlines, and the ability to review items on short notice.

How to Submit Applications: Any interested and qualified individuals may be considered for appointment on the National Environmental Education Advisory Council. Applications should be submitted in electronic format to the Designated Federal Officer (potter.ginger@epa.gov) and contain the following: Contact information including name, address, phone and fax numbers and an e-mail address; a curriculum vita or resume; the specific area of expertise in environmental education and the sector/slot the applicant is applying for; recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations and; a one-page commentary on the applicant's philosophy regarding the need for, development, implementation and/or management of environmental education nationally. Additionally, a supporting letter of endorsement is required. This letter may also be submitted electronically as described above.

Persons having questions about the application procedure or who are unable to submit applications by electronic means, should contact Ginger Potter, DFO, at the contact information provided above in this notice. Non-electronic submissions must contain the same information as the electronic. The NEEAC Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of the application. The NEEAC Staff Office will develop a short list of for more detailed consideration. Short list candidates will be required to fill out the Confidential Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows government officials to determine whether there is a statutory

conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which include membership on a Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities and the appearance of a lack of impartiality as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: <http://www.wpa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>.

Dated: July 21, 2006.

Ginger Potter,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Hypoxia Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is announcing a public meeting of the SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. (EST) September 6, 2006 to 3 p.m. September 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel located at 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public meeting may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9867, or via e-mail at stallworth.holly@epa.gov. The SAB mailing address is: US EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Hypoxia Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting to plan its work for developing a report that details advancements in the state of the science regarding hypoxia in the

Northern Gulf of Mexico. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background: EPA participates with other Federal agencies, state and tribes in the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. In 2001, the Task Force released the *Action Plan for Reducing, Mitigating and Controlling Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico* (or *Action Plan* available at <http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/taskforce/actionplan.htm>). The Action Plan was informed by the science described in *An Integrated Assessment of Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico* (or *Integrated Assessment* (available at http://www.noaa.gov/products/hypox_finalfront.pdf) developed by the National Science and Technology Council, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Six technical reports provided the scientific foundation for the Integrated Assessment and are available at http://www.nos.noaa.gov/products/pub_hypox.html. The aforementioned documents provide a comprehensive summary of the state-of-the-science for the Gulf of Mexico hypoxic zone through about the year 2000.

EPA's Office of Water has requested that the SAB develop a report that evaluates the state-of-the-science regarding the causes and extent of hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the scientific basis of possible management options in the Mississippi River Basin. The SAB is asked to focus on scientific advances since 2000 that may have increased scientific understanding and control options in three general areas.

1. *Characterization the Cause(s) of Hypoxia.* The physical, biological and chemical processes that affect the development, persistence and extent of hypoxia in the northern Gulf of Mexico.

2. *Characterization of Nutrient Fate, Transport and Sources.* Nutrient loadings, fate, transport and sources in the Mississippi River that impact Gulf Hypoxia.

3. *Scientific Basis for Goals and Management Options.* The scientific basis for, and recommended revisions to, the goals proposed in the Action Plan; and the scientific basis for the efficacy of recommended management