

shown below. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator.

However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by this date, a public hearing will be held. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received, and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his/her own motion, this determination shall become final and effective 30 days after the publication of this **Federal Register** Notice.

Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination; (3) information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing; and (4) the signature of the individual making the request, or if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

**ADDRESSES:** All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following office(s): U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ecosystem Protection, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA 02114.

For documents specific to that State: MA Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Supply, 1 Winter Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

Rhode Island Department of Public Health, Division of Drinking Water Quality, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908-5097.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stafford Madison, U.S. EPA—New England, Office of Ecosystem Protection (telephone 617-918-1622).

*Authority:* Section 1401 (42 U.S.C. 300f) and Section 1413 (42 U.S.C. 300g-2) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (1996), and (40 CFR 142.10) of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

Dated: June 12, 2009.

**Ira W. Leighton,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, EPA—New England.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-8928-1]

### **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 three vacancies on the Advisory Council that must be filled: one State Department of Education (2009-2012); one Primary and Secondary Education (2009-2012) and one senior American (2009-2012). Additional avenues and resources may be utilized in the solicitation of applications.

**DATES:** Applications should be submitted by August 24, 2009 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](mailto:potter.ginger@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** 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](mailto: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. 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; nonprofit 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](mailto: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 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.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>.

Dated: June 24, 2009.

**Ginger Potter,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office Request for Nominations of Experts To Augment the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The SAB Staff Office is requesting the nomination of experts to augment the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) to review an EPA white paper on deriving estimates for the value of mortality risk reduction for use in cost-benefit analysis of EPA rules and regulations.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by July 29, 2009, per instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9867; by fax at (202) 233-0643; or via e-mail at [Stallworth.holly@epa.gov](mailto:Stallworth.holly@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) historically has used a value of statistical life (VSL) to express the benefits of mortality risk reductions in monetary terms for use in benefit cost analyses of its rules and regulations. EPA has used a central default value (adjusted for inflation) in its primary analyses since 1999. Since then, EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE) has sought advice from the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (SAB-EEAC) on various approaches to deriving VSL, including the use of meta analysis and appropriate methodologies for valuing life extensions of different lengths. EPA is

now preparing a white paper which proposes a revision of the VSL based on recent literature as well as historical advice from the EEAC. NCEE has requested an SAB peer review of the white paper, which will include a description of the approach used for deriving estimates for mortality risk valuation, a list of selection criteria detailing how the Agency selected studies for inclusion in the analysis, and the VSL that results from the revised approach. Background information on the use of VSL in EPA analyses may be found at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/webpages/Mortality%20Risk%20Valuation.html>.

The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. In response to NCEE's request, the SAB Staff Office will augment the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) with additional experts to review EPA's draft paper on VSL. The current membership of the EEAC may be found at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabpeople.nsf/WebCommitteesSubcommittees/Environmental%20Economics%20Advisory%20Committee>. The augmented EEAC will comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and all appropriate EPA and SAB procedural policies. Upon completion, the panel's report will be submitted to the chartered SAB for final approval for transmittal to the EPA Administrator.

*Request for Nominations:* The SAB Staff Office is requesting nominations of nationally recognized experts with expertise in the valuation of mortality risk reduction, including the use of stated preference and revealed preference (i.e., hedonic wage) methods for estimating the value of mortality risk reductions. In addition, we also seek nominations of nationally recognized individuals with expertise in meta-analytic techniques.

*Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:* Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for possible service on the augmented EEAC in the areas of expertise described above. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (which is preferred over hard copy) following the instructions for "Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels and Ad Hoc Committees Being Formed" provided on the SAB Web site. The form can be accessed through the "Nomination of Experts" link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web