

Health (BEACH) Act in October 2000, to amend the Clean Water Act in part by adding section 406 "Coastal Recreation Water Monitoring and Notification." Section 406(b) requires EPA to make grants to States and local governments to develop and implement programs for monitoring and public notification for coastal recreation waters adjacent to beaches or similar points of access that are used by the public, if the State or local government satisfies the requirements of the BEACH Act.

Several of these requirements require a grant awardee to collect and submit information to EPA as a condition for receiving the grant. Section 406(b) requires a grant awardee to provide the factors that the awardees use to prioritize funds and a list of waters for which the grant funds will be used. Section 406(b) also requires that a grant awardee's program is consistent with the performance requirements set by EPA under section 406(a); EPA needs information from the grant awardee to determine if the monitoring and notification programs are consistent with these criteria. On July 31, 2001, EPA published the draft performance criteria for BEACH Act grants (66 FR 39510, July 31, 2001). Section 406(b) also requires that a grant awardee submit a report to EPA that describes the data collected as part of a monitoring and notification program and the actions taken to notify the public when water quality standards are exceeded. Section 406(c) requires a grant awardee to identify lists of coastal recreation waters, processes for States to delegate to local governments the responsibility for implementing a monitoring and notification program, and the content of the monitoring and notification program.

The information covered by this ICR is required of States and local governments that seek to obtain BEACH Act funding. It allows EPA to properly review State and local governments' monitoring and notification programs to determine if they are eligible for BEACH Act grant funding. This information also enables EPA to fulfill its obligations to make this information available to the public as required by sections 406(e) and (g).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on

September 26, 2001 (66 FR 49176); No (zero) comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1,993 hours per state per year. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Eligible state and local governments interested in receiving BEACH Act Grant funds.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30 states and five territories.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 69,755 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$473,025 per year.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 2048.01 in any correspondence.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Science Advisory Board; Request for Nomination of Members and Consultants

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board (SAB), including the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council), of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

is soliciting nominations for Members and Consultants (M/Cs). As part of this effort, the Agency is publishing this notice to describe the purpose of the SAB and to invite the public to nominate appropriately qualified candidates of any gender or ethnic background to fill upcoming vacancies. This process supplements other efforts to identify qualified candidates.

Background

The SAB is composed of Non-Federal Government scientists and engineers who are employed on an intermittent basis to provide independent advice to the EPA Administrator on technical aspects of public health and environmental issues confronting the Agency. Members of the SAB are appointed by the Administrator—generally in October—to serve two year-terms with some possibilities for reappointment. Consultants are appointed throughout the year, as the need arises, by the SAB Staff Director to serve renewable one-year terms and serve on SAB committees, as needed, to support the work of the Board. Many individuals serve as Consultants prior to serving as Members.

Members and Consultants (M/Cs) most often serve in association with one of the following standing committees: Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, Drinking Water Committee, Ecological Processes and Effects Committee, Environmental Economics Advisory Committee, Environmental Engineering Committee, Environmental Health Committee, Integrated Human Exposure Committee, Radiation Advisory Committee, and Research Strategies Advisory Committee. Additional information about the SAB can be obtained on the SAB Web site, www.epa.sab.gov, and from the Annual Report of the SAB Staff, <http://www.epa.gov/sab/annreport01.pdf>.

M/Cs can expect to attend 1–6 meetings per year, based upon the activity of the committee with which they serve. M/Cs generally serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) (40 CFR part 3, subpart F or EPA Ethics Advisory 88–6 dated 7/6/88) and receive compensation, in addition to reimbursement at the Federal Government rate for travel and per diem expenses while serving on the SAB. SGEs are subject to certain ethical standards common to all Federal employees. In particular, prior to their appointment, SGEs are required to complete an information package, including a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

Appointments associated with this solicitation will begin no sooner than the fall of 2002. While it is too early to know for certain what types of expertise will be needed, it is likely that at least some of the new M/Cs will have expertise in the following areas:

Air quality monitoring
Exposure assessment
Environmental economics
Environmental engineering
Environmental modeling
Environmental microbiology
Environmental statistics
Health physics
Landscape ecology
Risk assessment
Toxicology—health and ecological
Uncertainty analysis

How To Apply

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to serve on the SAB. Nominees should be qualified by education, training, and experience to evaluate scientific, engineering and/or economics information on issues referred to and addressed by the Board. Successful candidates have distinguished themselves professionally and should be available to invest the time and effort to advance the cause of the supporting the use of good science through the efforts of the SAB.

Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, telephone number, fax number, email address, and SAB committee of primary interest. Nominations should include a current resume that addresses the nominee's background, experience, qualifications, and specific areas of expertise.

Information on the nominees will be entered into the SAB's data base for potential M/Cs which will be consulted, as appropriate, when vacancies arise and/or when special expertise is needed for particular SAB activities. This request for nominations does not imply any commitment by the Agency to select individuals to serve as a M/C to the SAB from the responses received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Nominations should be submitted (preferably in electronic format—WordPerfect or Word formats) to: Ms. Carolyn Osborne, Project Coordinator, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, e-mail: osborne.carolyn@epa.gov Tel: (202) 564-4554 no later than Wednesday, April 30, 2002.

The Agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations.

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Staff Director, EPA Science Advisory Board.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 567-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated May 18, 2001 (66 FR 27647).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65355-UT Rating LO, Ray's Valley Road Realignment, Proposal to Reduce or Eliminate Adverse Impacts to Watershed and Aquatic Species and Provide Safer Driving Conditions, Uinta National Forest, Spanish Fork Ranger District, Utah County, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections with the proposed action to improve water quality and riparian habitat by moving the road out of the riparian zone. Reclamation of the current travelway would reduce sedimentation of nearby streams by fifty percent.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65356-UT Rating EO2, Quitcupah Creek Road Project, Road Construction to provide Public Access from UT-10 to the Acord Lakes Road, Application for Right-of-Way Grant, Fishlake National Forest, Sevier County Special Services District (SSD), Sevier and Emery Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections over potential adverse impacts to water quality in an already impacted riparian area. The additional right-of-way for road with a primary use of hauling coal could also impact wetlands, wildlife and cultural resources and more information is needed to fully assess indirect and cumulative impacts.

ERP No. DS-FHW-F40346-MI Rating EC2, US-31 Petoskey Area Improvement Study, Congestion Reduction on US-31 in the City of Petoskey and Resort and Bear Creek Townships, Funding and US

Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Emmet County, MI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with respect to the following issue areas: Effectiveness of alternatives in meeting transportation needs and study goals, impacts to wetlands and cedar swamps, secondary land use changes and cumulative impacts.

ERP No. DS-NOA-A64058-00 Rating EC2, Pelagic Sargassum Habitat Fishery Management Plan, Implementation, Updated Information concerning the Public's Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Actions, South Atlantic Region.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information on strategies for protecting federally-managed fish and federally-protected sea turtles that use Sargassum as a nursery area.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-C02001-NY, Finger Lake National Forest, Oil and Gas Leasing, Exploration and Development, Approval and Authorization, Hector Ranger District, Seneca and Schuyler Counties, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections with the selection of the no action alternative.

ERP No. F-AFS-E65056-FL, Ocklawaha River Restoration Project, Continued Occupation of Florida National Forest Lands, Portions of Kirkpatrick Dam, Rodman Reservoir and Eureka Lock and Dam in Conjunction with Partial Restoration of the Ocklawaha River, Operation and Maintenance, Special Use Permit Issuance and Implementation, Marion and Putnam Counties, FL.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65363-OR, Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort Master Development Plan, Upgrading and Additional Development, Approval, Baker Ranger District, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Grant, Union and Baker Counties, OR.

Summary: No formal letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FHW-H40167-MO, US 65 Improvements, County Road 65-122 South to Route EE Intersection south of Buffalo, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Dallas County, MO.

Summary: The FEIS adequately supplements information needs and addresses the concerns that EPA had expressed in the review of the DEIS for this project, therefore EPA has no objections to the project as described in the FEIS.