

OMB review and the requirements of the Executive Order. The Order defines the term "regulatory action" to include any substantive action by an agency (normally published in the **Federal Register**) that is expected to lead to the promulgation of a final rule or regulation. While EPA does not normally publish plans and priority-setting documents such as this 2004 Plan in the **Federal Register**, EPA is required by statute to do so here. The Order also defines "significant regulatory action" as one that is likely to result in a rule that may:

(1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities;

(2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency;

(3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or

(4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order."

Pursuant to the terms of Executive Order 12866, it has been determined that this notice constitutes a "significant regulatory action" within the meaning of the Executive Order. EPA has thus submitted this notice to OMB for review. Changes made in response to OMB suggestions or recommendations will be documented in the public record.

Dated: August 26, 2004.

Benjamin H. Grumbles,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Water.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Workshop on National Nanotechnology Initiative Research Directions Sponsored with the National Science and Technology Council, Subcommittee on Nanoscale Science, Engineering and Technology

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a workshop sponsored by the Nanoscale Science, Engineering and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee of the Committee on Technology, National Science and

Technology Council (NSTC) and the National Nanotechnology Coordination Office (NNCO) to review the current program of the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) and to make program recommendations for the next five to ten years.

DATES: The Nanoscale Science, Engineering and Technology Subcommittee (NSET) and the National Nanotechnology Coordination Office will hold a two-day workshop on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, September 9, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All sessions of the workshop will be held at the National Academy of Sciences Building, 2100 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20418, USA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please contact Cate Alexander, National Nanotechnology Coordination Office. Telephone: (703) 292-4399. E-mail: calexand@nnco.nano.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nanoscale Science Engineering and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee coordinates planning, budgeting, program implementation and review to ensure a balanced and comprehensive National Nanotechnology Initiative. The NSET Subcommittee is composed of representatives from agencies participating in the NNI.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide feedback to the NSET regarding the current NNI program and to make recommendations to guide the development of a new NNI strategic plan for the next five to ten years. Following presentations on research progress in funded program areas, workshop participants will be asked to review current NNI research areas and to evaluate and make recommendations about the future structure and funding components of the NNI including the grand challenge areas. Background materials on current funding areas can be found in the report National Nanotechnology Initiative; Research and Development Supporting the Next Industrial Revolution, Supplement to the President's FY2004 Budget, October 2003, which is posted on the Internet at <http://www.nano.gov/html/res/fy04-pdf/fy04-main.html>.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. Time has been reserved for public comments (restricted to 5 minutes maximum for each participant; written statements may be submitted) at 5 p.m. on September 8, 2004. Registration for the workshop is required. Interested persons can register at https://nnco.nano.gov/public_rd2/index.php.

The NNCO assists the NSET Subcommittee of the Committee on Technology of the NSTC in coordinating the NNI. The NSTC was established under Executive Order 12881.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE U.S.

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request (Public Notice 65)

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank, as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is soliciting comments from the public concerning the proposed collection of information to (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the paper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond including through the use of appropriated automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

DATES: Comments due on or before October 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all requests for additional information to Wendy Wright, Export-Import Bank of the U.S., 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, wendy.wright@exim.gov, (202) 565-3774. Address all comments to David Rostker, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB, Room 10202, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-3897. OMB Number: 3048-0012.