

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Public Meeting on Draft Permitting Guidance for Oil and Gas Hydraulic Fracturing Activities Using Diesel Fuels****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or agency) is announcing a public meeting to discuss draft permitting guidance the agency has developed on the use of diesel fuels in oil and gas hydraulic fracturing and to solicit input during the public comment period. The meeting is open to all interested parties. The agency requests input on the following technical aspects of the draft permitting guidance: Diesel fuels description; diesel fuels usage information; permit duration and well closure; area of review; information submitted with the permit application; and monitoring.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on Monday, June 29, 2012, in Room 1153 EPA East, 1201 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. Participants may choose from two sessions, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. or from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seating is limited. Registration will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To allow for maximum public participation, registrants are asked to select one session only. Pre-registration will open on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, and close on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at noon. Registration may also be available at the door as space permits. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for registration details.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sherri Comerford, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Mailcode 4606M, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-4639; email address: [comerford.sherri@epa.gov](mailto:comerford.sherri@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA is hosting a public informational meeting to discuss "Permitting Guidance for Oil and Gas Hydraulic Fracturing Activities Using Diesel Fuels—Draft: Underground Injection Control Program Guidance #84." The draft guidance, available at this Web site, <http://water.epa.gov/type/groundwater/uic/class2/hydraulicfracturing/hydraulic-fracturing.cfm>, is intended to provide information for EPA permit writers issuing permits under the

Safe Drinking Water Act to ensure protection of underground sources of drinking water. The draft guidance is open for public comment from May 10, 2012, to July 9, 2012, to allow stakeholders to provide input and feedback before it is finalized. The meeting is open to the public, and all interested stakeholders are invited to attend.

**Registration details:** Registration is scheduled to open on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, and close on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at noon. Participants are requested to pre-register for either the 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. session or the 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. session, using an online form that will be accessible from the following Web site: [http://water.epa.gov/type/groundwater/uic/class2/hydraulicfracturing/wells\\_hydroout.cfm](http://water.epa.gov/type/groundwater/uic/class2/hydraulicfracturing/wells_hydroout.cfm). Registration may also be available at the door as space permits. Please check the Web site for availability.

**Meeting information:** Both morning and afternoon sessions will begin with a brief presentation by the EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water on the basics of the guidance. Copies of EPA's presentation will be available at the meeting and posted on the Web at [http://water.epa.gov/type/groundwater/uic/class2/hydraulicfracturing/wells\\_hydroout.cfm](http://water.epa.gov/type/groundwater/uic/class2/hydraulicfracturing/wells_hydroout.cfm) the day of the meeting. An oral comment session will follow the presentation. Oral comments will be limited to two (2) minutes each, and it is preferred that only one person present the statement on behalf of a group or organization to accommodate as many participants as possible. Registered attendees requesting to make an oral presentation will be placed on the commenting schedule. Time slots are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. EPA may ask clarifying questions during the oral presentations, but will not respond to the presentations.

You may present oral comments during the meeting; and/or submit written comments and supporting information directly to EPA. Instructions for submitting comments, the draft guidance, and a **Federal Register** notice providing detail on topics on which the agency invites comment, are available on the Web site, <http://water.epa.gov/type/groundwater/uic/class2/hydraulicfracturing/hydraulic-fracturing.cfm>. Written statements and supporting information submitted during the comment period will be considered in the same manner as any oral comments and supporting information presented at the public meeting. The agency requests input on the following technical aspects of the draft permitting guidance: diesel fuels

description; diesel fuels usage information; permit duration and well closure; area of review; information submitted with the permit application; and monitoring.

All attendees must go through a metal detector, sign in with the security desk, and show government-issued photo identification to enter the building.

**Special Accommodations:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities and to request accommodation of a disability, please contact Sherri Comerford at (202) 564-4639 or [Comerford.Sherri@epa.gov](mailto:Comerford.Sherri@epa.gov), preferably at least 5 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: June 11, 2012.

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**Notification of a Joint Public Meeting of the Chartered Science Advisory Board and Chartered Board of Scientific Counselors****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a joint public meeting of the Chartered SAB and the EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) Chartered Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) to provide advice on ORD's plans to implement its research program.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, July 11, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the The Renaissance Raleigh North Hills Hotel, 4100 Main at North Hills Street, Raleigh, NC 27609.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes further information concerning the meeting may contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail (202) 564-2218, fax (202) 565-2098; or email at [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov).

General information concerning the SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDAA), codified at 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 BOSC was established by the EPA to provide advice, information, and recommendations regarding the ORD research program. The SAB and BOSC are Federal Advisory Committees chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the chartered SAB and chartered BOSC will hold a joint public meeting to discuss advice on ORD's research programs. The SAB and BOSC will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

ORD has restructured its research programs to better understand environmental problems and inform sustainable solutions to meet EPA's strategic goals. The restructured research programs comprise six program areas: Air, Climate, and Energy; Safe and Sustainable Water Resources; Sustainable and Healthy Communities; Chemical Safety for Sustainability; Human Health Risk Assessment; and Homeland Security.

ORD requested that the SAB work jointly with the BOSC in 2011 to provide early advice on ORD strategic research directions. In response, the SAB and BOSC held a joint public meeting on June 29–30, 2011 (76 FR 32198–32199) and a public teleconference on September 19, 2011 (76 FR 54463) to develop a report, *Office of Research and Development (ORD) New Strategic Research Directions: A Joint Report of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) and ORD Board of Scientific Councilors (BOSC)*, EPA–SAB–12–001. After receiving this advisory report, ORD requested SAB and BOSC additional advice on ORD's research implementation plans, efforts to strengthen program integration and efforts to strengthen and measure innovation. The SAB and BOSC will focus on those topics at the July 10–11, 2012 meeting.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** A meeting agenda and other materials for the meeting will be placed on the SAB Web site at <http://epa.gov/sab>.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Public comment for consideration by

EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments pertaining to the group providing advice, EPA's charge questions and EPA review or background documents. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it consists of comments that provide specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB panel to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the DFO for the relevant advisory committee directly. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes. To be placed on the public speaker list for the July 10–11, 2012 meeting, interested parties should notify Dr. Angela Nugent, DFO, by email no later than July 3, 2012. **Written Statements:** Written statements for the July 10–11, 2012 meeting should be received in the SAB Staff Office by July 3, 2012, so that the information may be made available to the SAB and BOSC for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, WordPerfect, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Submitters are asked to provide electronic versions of each document submitted with and without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites.

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Nugent at the phone number or email address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: June 11, 2012.

**Thomas H. Brennan,**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of Alabama**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of tentative approval.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the State of Alabama is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. Alabama has adopted the following rules: Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, and Stage 2 Disinfection/Disinfection Byproducts Rule. EPA has determined that Alabama's rules are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA is tentatively approving this revision to the State of Alabama's Public Water System Supervision Program.

**DATES:** Any interested person may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by July 18, 2012, to the Regional Administrator at the EPA Region 4 address shown below. The Regional Administrator may deny frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by July 18, 2012, a public hearing will be held. If EPA Region 4 does not receive a timely and appropriate request for a hearing and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on her own motion, this determination shall become final and effective on July 18, 2012. Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information: The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and a brief statement of the information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing; and 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 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices: Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Drinking Water Branch,