

be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Menice Santistevan at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://www.nnmcab.org/minutes/board-minutes.htm>.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 20, 2008.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, November 17, 2008, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Double Tree Hotel, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, Georgia 30909.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Office of External Affairs, Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29802; Phone: (803) 952-7886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, November 17, 2008

1 p.m. Combined Committee Session.
5 p.m. Adjourn.

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

8:30 a.m. Approval of Minutes,
Agency Updates.
Public Comment Session.
Chair and Facilitator Updates.
Nuclear Materials Committee Report
Waste Management Committee
Report.
Public Comment Session.

12 p.m. Lunch Break.

1 p.m. Strategic and Legacy
Management Committee Report.
Administrative Committee Report.
Facility Disposition and Site
Remediation Committee Report.
Public Comment Session.
4 p.m. Adjourn.

If needed, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda and administrative details. A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, November 17, 2008.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming's office at the address or telephone listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Gerri Flemming at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.srs.gov/general/outreach/srs-cab/srs-cab.html>.

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Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-OW-FRL-8730-5]

Notice of Data Availability: The Toxicity of Selenium to Aquatic Life as Related to Developing a Recommended Aquatic Life Criterion

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the availability of a technical report titled "Effect of Selenium on Juvenile Bluegill Sunfish at Reduced Temperature." It describes the results from testing the toxicity of selenium to juvenile bluegill sunfish under winter temperature conditions. EPA is also making available

a list of "References for Selenium Chronic Toxicity Data Obtained Since 2004", indicating other information that EPA has recently obtained. EPA may use the information announced here in the derivation of a selenium water quality criterion for protection of aquatic life.

DATES: Scientific information and views on the material cited herein should be submitted by November 26, 2008. Scientific views postmarked after this date might not be considered.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to submit information relevant to the material announced, you may do so by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting scientific views.

- **E-mail:** OW-Docket@epa.gov.

- **Mail:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) Water Docket, MC 2822T; 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- **Hand Delivery:** EPA Docket Center, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., EPA West, Room 3334, Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your scientific views to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2004-0019. EPA's policy is that all scientific views received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact

you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. Visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm> for additional information about EPA's public docket.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Office of Water Docket/EPA/DC, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., EPA West, Room 3334, Washington, DC. This Docket Facility is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Water is (202) 566-2426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Delos, delos.charles@epa.gov or postal address, Mail Code 4304T, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Who might be interested in this information?

This information may be useful to scientists involved in selenium hazard assessment for aquatic life.

II. What is the relationship of this material to water quality criteria?

EPA may use the information announced here in the derivation of a water quality criterion for protection of aquatic life. Nevertheless, in part because the new information is only a portion of all data relevant to deriving a criterion, EPA's future criteria recommendations cannot be directly inferred from it.

III. What are EPA recommended water quality criteria?

EPA recommended water quality criteria are scientifically derived numeric values that protect aquatic life or human health from the deleterious effects of pollutants in ambient water. Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act requires EPA to develop and publish and, from time to time, revise, recommended water quality criteria to accurately reflect the latest scientific

knowledge. Water quality criteria developed under section 304(a) are based solely on data and scientific judgments on the relationship between pollutant concentrations and environmental and human health effects. Section 304(a) criteria do not reflect consideration of economic impacts or the technological feasibility of meeting the chemical concentrations in ambient water. Section 304(a) criteria provide guidance to States and authorized Tribes in adopting water quality standards that ultimately provide a basis for controlling discharges or releases of pollutants. The criteria also provide guidance to EPA when promulgating federal regulations under section 303(c) when such action is necessary. EPA's recommended water quality criteria do not substitute for the CWA or regulations, nor are they regulations themselves. Thus, EPA's recommended criteria do not impose legally binding requirements. States and authorized Tribes have the discretion to adopt, where appropriate, other scientifically defensible water quality standards that differ from these recommendations.

IV. Why did EPA perform the bluegill sunfish toxicity test?

On December 17, 2004 (69 FR 75541), EPA announced the availability of a draft revision of its currently recommended aquatic life water quality criteria for selenium, and solicited scientific information, data, and views thereon. Some of the responses from the public indicated that EPA's interpretation of a key study, involving juvenile bluegill sunfish under winter temperature conditions, was problematic due to limitations of the study design and lack of corroboration. To address these problems, EPA has undertaken and completed a new study, designed to establish an unambiguous threshold concentration for the effect. The document "Effect of Selenium on Juvenile Bluegill Sunfish at Reduced Temperature" in the docket for this notice describes this work. EPA intends to review any scientific information, data and views submitted in response to today's notice, along with the information previously submitted to EPA. For additional information on EPA's draft aquatic life water quality criterion for selenium, see <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/criteria/selenium/>.

V. Why did EPA obtain the other information in its reference list?

With the intent that any future revision of the selenium criterion reflect the latest scientific information, EPA

has searched the literature for new data. Interested persons have also submitted data to EPA. "References for Selenium Chronic Toxicity Data Obtained Since 2004" lists these studies.

Dated: October 9, 2008.

Ephraim S. King,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8734-6]

Reissuance of NPDES General Permits (GPs) for Log Transfer Facilities in Alaska; One GP Covers Log Transfer Facilities in Alaska that Received a Section 404 Permit Prior to October 22, 1985 (Permit Number AK-G70-0000); and Another GP for Other Log Transfer Facilities in Alaska that Meet Eligibility Requirements (Permit Number AK-G70-1000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Final Notice of Issuance of two general NPDES permits.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds, EPA Region 10, is publishing notice of the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits (numbers AK-G70-0000 and AK-G70-1000) to provide Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*) authorization for log transfer facilities (LTFs) operating in Alaska. General permit (GP) AK-G70-0000 (the "Pre-1985" GP) includes section 402 modifications to section 404 permits issued to LTFs prior to October 22, 1985, in accordance with section 407 of the Water Quality Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-4). All other LTFs can apply to be authorized to discharge under AK-G70-1000 (the "Post-1985" GP) if they meet eligibility requirements.

The final Post-1985 GP is a reissuance of a previously issued LTF GP that became effective on March 21, 2000, and was subsequently modified on April 27, 2004 (69 FR 19417). The Post-1985 GP expired on March 21, 2005, and has been administratively extended since that time. The final Pre-1985 GP contains additional modifications to section 404 permits issued to LTFs prior to October 22, 1985. The modifications implemented by the Pre-1985 GP became effective as of April 27, 2004, and such modifications did not expire because the section 404 permits have no expiration date. Because EPA is using a