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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Notification of a Public Teleconference of the  
Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) provide advice on EPA's *Integrated Review Plan for the Review of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (External Review Draft)*.

**DATES:** The Chartered CASAC teleconference will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**LOCATION:** The teleconference will be held by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing to obtain information concerning the teleconference may contact Mr. Aaron Yeow,

Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 564-2050 or at [yeow.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:yeow.aaron@epa.gov). General information about the CASAC, as well as any updates concerning the teleconference announced in this notice, may be found on the CASAC webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CASAC was established pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1977, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7409(d)(2), to review air quality criteria and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and recommend any new NAAQS and revisions of existing criteria and NAAQS as may be appropriate. The CASAC shall also: advise the EPA Administrator of areas in which additional knowledge is required to appraise the adequacy and basis of existing, new, or revised NAAQS; describe the research efforts necessary to provide the required information; advise the EPA Administrator on the relative contribution to air pollution concentrations of natural as well as anthropogenic activity; and advise the EPA Administrator of any adverse public health, welfare, social, economic, or energy effects which may result from various strategies for attainment and maintenance of such NAAQS. The CASAC is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2.

As amended, 5 U.S.C., App. Section 109(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) requires that EPA carry out a periodic review and revision, as appropriate, of the air quality criteria

and the NAAQS for the six “criteria” air pollutants, including ozone. On October 10, 2018, Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced (<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/acting-administrator-wheeler-announces-science-advisors-key-clean-air-act-committee>) that the seven-member Chartered CASAC will serve as the body to review the key scientific assessments for the Ozone NAAQS review.

Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the Chartered CASAC will hold a public teleconference to provide advice on EPA’s *Integrated Review Plan for the Review of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (External Review Draft)*. The Chartered CASAC will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

**Technical Contacts:** Any technical questions concerning the *Integrated Review Plan for the Review of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (External Review Draft)* should be directed to Dr. Deirdre Murphy ([murphy.deirdre@epa.gov](mailto:murphy.deirdre@epa.gov)), EPA Office of Air and Radiation.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** Prior to the meeting, the review documents, agenda and other materials will be available on the CASAC webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/casac/>.

**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 on the topic of this advisory activity, including the charge to the CASAC and the EPA review documents, and/or the group conducting the activity, for the CASAC to consider as it develops advice for EPA. Input from the public to the CASAC will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for CASAC to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should follow the instructions below to submit comments.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes. Each person making an oral statement should consider providing written comments as well as their oral statement so that the points presented orally can be expanded upon in writing. Interested parties should contact Mr. Aaron Yeow, DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by November 23, 2018, to be placed on the list of public speakers.

Written Statements: Written statements will be accepted throughout the advisory process; however, for timely consideration by CASAC members, statements should be supplied to the DFO (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by

November 23, 2018. It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the webpage for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its websites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the CASAC website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Aaron Yeow at (202) 564-2050 or yeow.aaron@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Mr. Yeow preferably at least ten days prior to each meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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EPA Science Advisory Staff Office.

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