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Public Meeting of the Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Science Advisory Board (SAB) Branch is announcing a public meeting of the Science Advisory Board. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a briefing from EPA on the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule; the Draft Guidance for Reducing Risk from Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS) in Biosolids; and hear public comments.

DATES: *Public meeting*: The Science Advisory Board will meet on December 7, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Comments: See the section titled "Procedures for providing public input" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for instructions and deadlines.

ADDRESSES: The December 7, 2026 meeting will be conducted virtually. Registration is required to participate in the meeting. Please refer to the Science Advisory Board website at *https://sab.epa.gov* for additional information including how to register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wants further information concerning this document may contact Dr. Shaunta Hill-Hammond, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), via telephone at (202) 564-3343, or email *at hill-hammond.shaunta@epa.gov.* General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning this meeting, can be found on the SAB website at *https://sab.epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDDAA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the EPA Administrator on the scientific and technical basis for agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S. Code 10. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the Science Advisory Board will hold a public meeting to receive a briefing from EPA on the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule; the Draft Guidance for Reducing Risk from Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS) in Biosolids; and hear public comments.

Availability of meeting materials: All meeting materials, including the agenda, will be available on the SAB webpage at *https://sab.epa.gov*.

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 the EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments pertaining to the committee's charge or meeting materials. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comments should follow the instructions below to submit comments.

Oral statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a meeting conducted virtually will be limited to three 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. Persons interested in providing oral statements should contact the DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT,** by December 1, 2026, for the December 7, 2026 meeting, to be placed on the list of registered speakers.

Written statements: Written statements will be accepted throughout the advisory process; however, for timely consideration by SAB members, statements should be submitted to the DFO by December 1, 2026, for consideration at the December 7, 2026 meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO at the contact information above via email. 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 SAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without the explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact the DFO, at the contact information noted above, preferably at least ten days before the meeting, to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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