

**Summary Minutes of
EPA Science Advisory Board
Superfund Benefits Analysis Advisory Panel
Public Teleconference
August 23, 2005
2:00pm-4:00pm, Eastern Time**

Committee Members: Dr. Rick Freeman, Dr. Kathy Segerson, Dr. Anna Alberini, Mr. Tim Thompson, Dr. Mark Miller, Dr. Ted Gayer, Dr. Jim Boyd

Date and Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm, August 23, 2005

Location: Teleconference

Purpose: To discuss the Panel’s Draft Advisory posted at http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/sba_adv_panel.htm

SAB Staff: Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer

Other EPA Staff: Kelly Maguire, Robin Jenkins, Steve Newbold

Other: Alex Farrell, E2; Krissy Russell-Hedstron, E2; Terri Suomi, E2; Hagai Nassau, E2; Tasha Eichenseher, Environment and Energy Daily Greenwire; Sue Briggum, Superfund Settlement Project; Meredith Preston, BNA; Larry Reed, Michael D. Baker Inc

Meeting Summary

The discussion followed the issues and general timing as presented in the meeting agenda ([Attachment A](#)).

Opening of Public Meeting

Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Superfund Benefits Analysis Advisory Panel, opened the meeting with a statement about the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

During this teleconference, panelists were asked to offer reactions to Sections 3 and 4 of the Draft Advisory posted at http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/sba_adv_panel.htm. Panelists voiced general consensus and agreement with both sections as written and did not call for major revisions or raise further issues to be discussed. Because the panelists

generally shared consensus on the Draft Advisory, the following 15 action items constitute minor revisions of the Draft Advisory, reflecting comments voiced by panelists during the teleconference. These action items are all minor and editorial in nature. Panelists will have an opportunity in the 9-7-05 teleconference to offer any remaining suggestions for editorial changes.

Action items:

1. Dr. Alberini will provide revisions on p. 12 (saying hedonic models assume perfect information) with Dr. Gayer reviewing.
2. Dr. Freeman will add language on p. 8, using Ms. Probst's input on developing a multi-year strategy.
3. Dr. Gayer will write some new text on the issue of recent hedonic work by Greenstone & Gallagher.
4. Dr. Boyd will provide revisions on the Draft Advisory's comments on ecological benefits, with Mr. Thompson reviewing. Some of this language going into charge question 6's answer (p. 46).
5. Dr. Freeman will revise on p. 20 where the Draft states that "replacement cost cannot be considered a proxy for interim lost use values." Dr. Freeman will also export some of the language on RODs (Records of Decisions) to Advisory's Section 4.
6. Ms. Probst will clarify reference to Industri-Plex on p. 31.
7. Dr. Gayer will revise answer to charge question 3b on p. 37. Freeman will add a line on the RCRA report, possibly just referring to other parts of the Advisory which discusses this.
8. Dr. Stallworth will track down Dr. Autenrieth and get a version of the equation that will print in Microsoft Word, along with a definition of LECR on p. 45.
9. Dr. Segerson will provide a couple of sentences on what the Panel means by "benefits" [to go in framework section].
10. Dr. Gayer will clarify the sentence on p. 48 with the double negative.
11. Dr. Alberini will re-read the section on materials benefits and add language per Dr. Segerson's concern about leaving the impression that increases in the prices of contaminated properties reflecting benefits rather than the cost of clean-up. P. 48-51.
12. On p. 54, Dr. Stallworth will check on funding for TRI.
13. Dr. Freeman will revise on p. 56, adding language about public goods value of knowledge base created by Superfund.
14. All panelists will check for any missing references, with particular attention to incomplete citations in the References section on p. 58-61 and provide full citations where they are lacking.
15. Dr. Freeman will draft a cover letter to Administrator and Executive Summary, possibly in time for Sept. 7 discussion.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/

Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer

Certified as True:

/Signed/

A. Myrick Freeman

Chair

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