

**SAB Science Integration for Decision Making Fact-Finding Teleconference**  
**Office of Research and Development, National Program Directors**  
**Call-in Number: 866-299-3188, access code 343-9981**  
**February 4, 2009, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Draft Agenda**

**Purpose of Interview:** to help SAB Committee members learn about the ORD National Program Directors' current and recent experience with science integration supporting EPA decision making so that the SAB can develop advice to support and/or strengthen Agency science integration efforts.

1. Introductions facilitated by the SAB Staff Office
2. Discussion facilitated by SAB Members
  - Practices for integrating science to support decision making
  - Consideration of public, stakeholder, external scientific, and other input in science assessment
  - Drivers and impediments to implementing past recommendations for science integration
  - Ways program receives feedback on how science is used in decision-making
  - Workforce to support science integration for decision making
3. Identification of any follow-up actions

**Planned participants:**

EPA National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA)

Stan Barone, Human Health Risk Assessment

Dan Costa, Air

Sally Darney, Human Health

Elaine Francis, Pesticides and Toxics

Kevin Garrahan, Homeland Security

Alan Hecht, Sustainability

Rick Linthurst, Ecosystem Services

Randy Wentsel, Land

SAB Committee on Science Integration Committee Members

Dr. Wayne Landis, Western Washington University

Dr. Thomas Theis, University of Illinois at Chicago (by telephone)

SAB Staff Office

Dr. Vanessa Vu, Director

Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer

**Brief description of the roles and responsibilities of the National Program Directors (NPDs):**

The NPDs are responsible for developing a strategic view of what research needs to be done in consultation with ORD's stakeholders. These stakeholders include the ORD Laboratories, Centers, and Offices; the EPA Program and Regional Offices, external advisory groups such as the National Academy of Sciences, EPA's Science Advisory Board, and Board of Scientific Counselors, and others. In this respect, the NPDs work closely with Research Coordination Teams (RCTs), which are comprised of the appropriate representatives from ORD organizations and the Program and Regional Offices.

- NPDs are responsible for developing research strategies in consultation with their respective RCTs.
- NPDs provide strategic direction for their programs with input from the EC in annual and contingency planning.
- NPDs are responsible for developing integrated MYP documents with input from their RCTs and the Laboratories, Centers, and Program/Regional Offices.
- NPDs develop priorities within the MYP with input from stakeholders.
- NPDs oversee peer review of MYPs.
- NPDs ensure communication of ORD's progress and products to our stakeholders.

## How ORD Evolves its Research Program

