

Questions to be Considered in Deciding Whether the SAB Should Review the Scientific and Technical Basis of a Proposed Rule

1. Is the action under review by the SAB or is SAB review planned? If not, has EPA identified other high-level external peer review (e.g., by the National Academy of Sciences, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, or Federal Insecticide Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel)?
2. Is the action primarily administrative (i.e., involves reporting or record keeping)?
3. Has EPA characterized the action as one that has “an influential scientific or technical work product” that “has a major impact, involves precedential, novel, and/or controversial issues, or does the Agency have a legal and/or statutory obligation to conduct a peer review?”
4. Is the action an extension of an existing initiative?

Consider whether the action merits a high, medium, or low level of interest regarding the following criteria.

- Involves scientific approaches that are new to the Agency.
- Addresses areas of substantial uncertainty.
- Involves major environmental risks.
- Relates to emerging environmental issues.
- Exhibits a long-term outlook.