

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD
Ecological Processes and Effects Committee Augmented for Advisory on EPA's
Ecological Research Program Multi-year Plan
Public Meeting, April 9-10, 2008**

**SAB Conference Center, Suite 3700
1025 F Street NW, Washington DC**

AGENDA

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

- 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. **Meeting Convened by the Designated Federal Officer**
Dr. Thomas Armitage
EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office
- Welcome**
Dr. Vanessa Vu, Director
EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office
- 8:45 - 9:00 a.m. **Purpose of the Meeting and Review of the Agenda**
Dr. Judith Meyer, Chair
- 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. **Overview of EPA's Ecological Research Program Multi-Year Plan**
Dr. Rick Linthurst, National Program Director for Ecology
U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development
- 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. **EPA Program Office Perspective**
Dr. Michael Shapiro
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water
U.S. EPA Office of Water
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Public Comments**
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 12:00 p.m. **Committee Response to Charge Questions – Strategic Direction of the Ecological Research Program**
Dr. Meyer and Committee
- Charge Question 1 – Appropriateness and utility of strategic direction in offering contributions to ecological science and providing research useful to decision makers.

- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 2:45 p.m. **Committee Response to the Charge Questions – Program Goals and Research Questions**
 Dr. Meyer and Committee
- Charge Question 2. Adequacy and appropriateness of goals, objectives, and research questions in contributing to overall purpose of the program.
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:00 – 5:15 p.m. **Committee Response to the Charge Questions - Ecological Research Program Implementation Strategy**
 Dr. Meyer and Committee
- Charge Question 3. Logic model approach
 - Charge Question 4. Challenges to achieving overall Program goal
 - Charge Question 5. Suggestions for measuring progress of Program
 - Charge Question 6. Recommendations to enhance ability to leverage resources
- 5:15 – 5:30 p.m. **Plans for the Following Day**
 Dr. Judith Meyer, Chair
- 5:30 p.m. **Recess for Day**

Thursday, April 10, 2008

- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Writing Session to Develop Responses to Charge Questions**
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Review Responses to the Charge Questions**
 Dr. Meyer and Committee
- 11:30 – 11:45 a.m. **Summary of Ecological Research Program Discussion and Next Steps**
 Dr. Meyer
- 11:45 – 2:00 p.m. **Working Lunch - Discussion of Other Ecological Processes and Effects Committee Business**
- Advice to EPA on Key/Emerging Risks to Ecosystems
- 2:00 p.m. **Adjourn**