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EPA Seeks Input for Potential Rule Revisions on Existing Uses of PCBs

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking nominations from individuals who represent small businesses, small governments, and small not-for-profit organizations to provide input to a federal panel that will explore changes to existing uses of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). This panel will focus on the agency's development of a proposed rule to revise or end the existing authorized uses of PCBs as appropriate if the conditions under which they were authorized more than 30 years ago have changed. This rulemaking may address existing liquid-filled PCB use authorizations, PCBs in fluorescent light ballasts, PCBs in natural gas pipelines, and regulatory language clarifications.

The Regulatory Flexibility Act requires agencies to establish a Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) Panel for rules that may have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The SBAR panel will include federal representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and EPA.

Small Entity Representatives (SERs) will be selected by the SBAR Panel to provide comments on behalf of their company, community or organization and advise the panel about the potential impacts of the proposed rule on small entities. EPA is seeking self-nominations directly from the small entities that may be subject to the rule requirements. Other representatives, such as trade associations that exclusively or at least *primarily* represent potentially regulated small entities, may also serve as SERs.

SERs provide advice and recommendations to the panel. The SERs participate in consultations with the SBAR Panel via telephone, webinar, or in person in one or two meetings and are given an opportunity to submit written comments to the panel.

Self-nominations may be submitted through the link below and must be received by July 29, 2013.

Nominate yourself as a Small Entity Representative: <http://www.epa.gov/rfa/pcb.html>

More about the Small Business Advocacy Review process: <http://www.epa.gov/sbrefa/faq.htm>

More about the regulation of PCBs: <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/tsd/pcbs/pubs/laws.htm>

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