



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notification of a Public Meeting of the Great Lakes Advisory Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces a public meeting and teleconference of the Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB). The meeting will be held on May 21 and 22, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 22, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Central Daylight Time). The teleconference numbers is: (877) 226-9607; Participant code: 4218582837.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA Region 5 Offices, Lake Michigan Room, in the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL, 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this meeting may contact Rita Cestaric, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), GLAB, by telephone at (312) 886-6815 or email at cestaric.rita@epa.gov. General information on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and the GLAB can be found on the GLRI website at <http://www.glri.us>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The GLAB is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. EPA established the GLAB in 2013 to provide independent advice to the EPA Administrator in his or her capacity as Chair of the federal Great

Lakes Interagency Task Force. The GLAB conducts business in accordance with FACA and related regulations.

The GLAB consists of 18 members appointed by EPA's Administrator. Members serve as representatives of state, local and tribal government, environmental groups, agriculture, business, transportation, foundations, educational institutions and as technical experts.

The purpose of the May 21-22 meeting is for individual members of the GLAB to provide recommendations on refinements to the existing interagency *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Action Plan (FY 2010 – FY 2014)* to inform the development of a draft FY 2015 -2019 Action Plan.

The May 21 -22 meeting will provide opportunity for members of the public to submit oral comments in response to the charge questions for consideration by the GLAB.

Also, periodic opportunities for the public to provide input for the GLAB to consider will be provided after the May 21-22 public meeting and teleconference.

Availability of Meeting Materials: The agenda and other materials in support of the meeting will be available on the GLRI website at <http://www.glri.us> in advance of the meeting/teleconference.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Federal advisory committees provide independent advice to federal agencies. Members of the public can submit relevant comments for consideration by the GLAB. Input from the public to the GLAB will have the most impact if it provides specific information for the GLAB to consider. Members of the public wishing to provide comments should contact the DFO directly.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at this public meeting will be limited to three minutes per speaker, subject to the number of people wanting to comment. Interested parties should contact Rita Cestaric, DFO, in writing (preferably

via e-mail) at the contact information noted above by May 14, 2013 to be placed on the list of public speakers for the meeting.

Written Statements: Written statements must be received by May 14, 2013 so that the information may be made available to the GLAB for consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via e-mail. Commenters are requested to provide two versions of each document submitted: one each with and without signatures because only documents without signatures may be published on the GLRI Web page.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Rita Cestaric at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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