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| **Science Advisory Board**  
*Environmental Protection Agency* | **May 27, 2015** | The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is inviting nominations of scientific experts to serve on its Science Advisory Board (SAB) and SAB’s six committees: the Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee; the Drinking Water Committee; the Ecological Processes and Effects Committee; the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee; the Environmental Engineering Committee; and the Radiation Advisory Committee. The SAB provides “independent scientific and technical peer review, consultation, advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the scientific bases for EPA’s actions and programs.” Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator, and serve for a three-year term. Appointments are anticipated to be filled by October 2015. Nominations should be received by May 27, 2015. For more information, see the Federal Register notice [here](#). |
| **National Organic Standards Board**  
*Department of Agriculture* | **[EXTENDED] June 17, 2015** | The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) is soliciting nominations to fill five upcoming vacancies. There are vacancies for: two farmers/growers; two consumer/public interest advocates; and one USDA Accredited Certifying Agent. The USDA Secretary will make the appointments. Successful applicants will serve five-year terms of office that will commence on January 24, 2016 and end on January 23, 2021. Written nominations must be postmarked on or before **May 15, 2015**. For more information, see the Federal Register notice [here](#). The nomination period has been extended for 30 days, for more information see the Federal Register notice [here](#). While this nomination opportunity may not be available to you directly, it may be beneficial to nominate someone from your network that could help leverage the position should an opportunity arise. |
| **Science and Information Subcommittee of the Great Lakes Advisory Board**  
*Environmental Protection Agency* | **[NEW] June 19, 2015** | The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the formation of a new Science and Information Subcommittee (SIS) of the Great Lakes Advisory Board (the Board) and requests nominations of experts to be considered for appointment to the SIS. The SIS will assist the Board in providing ongoing advice on Great Lakes “adaptive management,” the process of learning from past decisions to make more effective future Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) decisions. The SIS may provide other recommendations, as requested by the federal Great Lakes Interagency Task Force (IATF) and for the benefit of the IATF. For more information, see the Federal Register notice [here](#). |
| **Grain Inspection Advisory Committee**  
*Department of Agriculture* | **[NEW] June 25, 2015 [Expected]** | The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grain Inspection Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee meets twice a year to advise GIPSA on the program and services it administers under GIPSA. Nominations should be submitted by 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register. For more information, see the Federal Register notice [here](#). |
| Women in Agriculture Mentoring Network | FYI | On February 19, USDA announced the Women in Agriculture Mentoring Network, which is designed “to support and engage women across all areas of agriculture and to foster professional partnerships between women with shared backgrounds, interests, and professional goals.” Interested parties may submit suggestions to awomenlead@usda.gov with suggestions, stories, and other information on how USDA can successfully implement the Network. 

While there is no deadline for submitting suggestions, we encourage you to do so within the next 2-3 weeks. |
| Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture | FYI | USDA intends to reestablish the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) for a two-year period. The aim of AC21 is to: (1) examine the long-term impacts of biotechnology on the U.S. food and agriculture system and USDA; and (2) provide guidance to USDA on pressing individual issues, identified by the Office of the Secretary, related to the application of biotechnology in agriculture. The AC21 will convene up to four times a year. 

For more information, see the Federal Register notice here. 

Although this is not a nominations request, please let us know if you would like for SPB to reach out to USDA about the development of AC21. |
| Allergenic Products Advisory Committee | [CLOSED] May 21, 2015 | The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting that any industry organizations interested in participating in the selection of a nonvoting industry representative to serve on the Allergenic Products Advisory Committee for the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research notify FDA in writing. FDA is also requesting nominations for a nonvoting industry representative to serve on the Allergenic Products Advisory Committee. 

The Committee reviews and evaluates available data concerning the safety, effectiveness, and adequacy of labeling of marketed and investigational allergenic biological products or materials that are administered to humans for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of allergies and allergic disease, and makes appropriate recommendations to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs of its findings regarding the affirmation or revocation of biological product licenses, on the safety, effectiveness, and labeling of the products, on clinical and laboratory studies of such products, on amendments or revisions to regulations governing the manufacture, testing and licensing of allergenic biological products, and on the quality and relevance of FDA’s research programs that provide the scientific support for regulating these agents. 

For more information, see the Federal Register notice here. |
<p>| National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology | [CLOSED] May 15, 2015 | EPA is inviting nominations to serve on a new subcommittee under the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) to provide advice and recommendations on how the EPA can best clarify assumable waters for dredge and fill permit programs pursuant to the |
| Task Force to advise the National Organic Standards Board | [CLOSED] May 8, 2015 | The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is soliciting nominations for a Taskforce that would “examine hydroponic and aquaponic practices and their alignment with the Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA).” The Taskforce will inform the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) on their findings and advise on which practices should be allowed or restricted in organic hydroponic and aquaponic production. Nominations must be postmarked or received on or before 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register. For more information, see the advance notice here. |
| Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee | [CLOSED] April 16, 2015 | EPA is inviting nominations for the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of issues concerning pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and science issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from pesticide use. For more information, see the Federal Register notice here. |
| Science Advisory Board Agricultural Science Committee | [CLOSED] March 30, 2015 | EPA is inviting public nominations of scientific experts to serve on the agency’s Science Advisory Board (SAB) Agricultural Science committee to provide advice to the Chartered SAB regarding matters referred to the SAB that will have a significant direct impact on farming and agriculture-related industries. For more information, see the Federal Register notice here. |
| Science Board to the FDA | [CLOSED] March 24, 2015 | FDA is requesting nominations for members to serve on the Science Board to the FDA. Nominations received on or before March 24, 2015 will be given first consideration, and nominations received thereafter will be considered as later vacancies occur. For more information, see the Federal Register notice here. |
| Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics | [CLOSED] February 27, 2015 | USDA is inviting nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics. The Committee advises the Secretary of Agriculture on the scope, timing, content, etc., of the period consensus and surveys of agriculture, other related surveys, and the types of information to obtain from respondents concerning agriculture. The Committee also prepares recommendations regarding the content of agriculture reports and presents the views and needs for data of major suppliers and users of agriculture statistics. For more information, see the Federal Register notice here. |
| Food Advisory Committee of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition | [CLOSED] February 27, 2015 | FDA is extending the closing date for nominations to serve on the Food Advisory Committee of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) until February 27, 2015. The Food Advisory Committee reviews and evaluates emerging food safety, nutrition, and other food- or cosmetic-related health issues that FDA considers of primary importance. |</p>
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| **Local Government Advisory Committee** | **[CLOSED]**  
*Environmental Protection Agency*  
February 27, 2015  
EPA is inviting nominations for its Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), which provides advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental issues affecting local governments. Nominations should be submitted no later than February 27, 2015. |
| **Plant Variety Protection Board** | **[CLOSED]**  
*Department of Agriculture*  
February 6, 2015  
The Agricultural Marketing Services’ Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO) is seeking candidates for the Plant Variety Protection Board (PVP Board). The PVP Act provides intellectual property rights to developers of new varieties of plants that are reproduced sexually by seed or are tuber propagated. The PVP Board advises the Secretary of Agriculture on various issues, including the adoption of rules and regulations and the disposition of appeals from the Examiner. Members serve for two-year periods. |
| **Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration** | **[CLOSED]**  
*Food and Drug Administration*  
January 23, 2015  
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for members to serve on the Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration, Office of the Commissioner, Office of the Chief Scientist.  
The Science Board shall provide advice to the Commissioner and other appropriate officials on specific complex scientific and technical issues important to FDA and its mission, including emerging issues within the scientific community. Additionally, the Science Board will provide advice that supports the Agency in keeping pace with technical and scientific developments, including in regulatory science, provide input into the Agency's research agenda, and on upgrading its scientific and research facilities and training opportunities. It will also provide, where requested, expert review of Agency sponsored intramural and extramural scientific research programs. |
| For more information, see the Federal Register notice [here](#). |