

Announcement: Request for Nominations to the EPA Human Studies Review Board (HSRB) for an Expert in the Area of Human Health Risk Assessment (Hygienist), Environmental Epidemiology with Expertise in Exposure Analysis, Toxicology, Biostatistics or Bioethics.

Background: EPA is soliciting nominations of people qualified in the area of human health risk assessment (hygienist) or in environmental epidemiology with expertise in exposure analysis to serve on the Human Studies Review Board (HSRB). The HSRB is a Federal advisory committee operating in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. App.2 § 9, providing advice, information, and recommendations on issues related to scientific and ethical aspects of human subjects research. Typically, the HSRB reviews protocols and completed studies involving pesticide studies. The HSRB reports to the EPA Administrator through EPA's Science Advisor. The committee meets approximately four (4) times a year and meetings are held in the Washington, DC area.

Expertise/background: EPA is looking for a nationally recognized expert in the area of human health risk assessment (hygienist) or in environmental epidemiology with expertise in exposure analysis. Nominees should be experts who have sufficient professional qualifications, by training and experience, to provide expert comment on issues that may come before the HSRB, such as worker exposure studies with agricultural handlers applying pesticides in field conditions; janitorial maintenance personnel applying antimicrobial pesticides in commercial settings; and field efficacy studies for skin applied insect repellent products. Other factors that will be considered for possible membership include: availability to participate in the Board's scheduled meetings, absence of any conflicts of interest and absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality, and independence with respect to the matters likely to come under HSRB review. **EPA strongly encourages nominations from women and minorities.**

Responsibilities: Responsibilities include reviewing extensive background materials regarding research protocols or completed studies involving human subjects between meetings of the Board, preparing draft responses to Agency charge questions, attending Board meetings, participating in the discussion and deliberations at these meetings, drafting assigned sections of meeting reports, and reviewing and helping to finalize Board reports. Board members are compensated for their time spent serving the HSRB, plus all travel expenses are provided.

Conflict of Interest: Members of the HSRB are subject to the provisions of the Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, as supplemented by the EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. Because of this requirement, each nominee must submit confidential financial information that discloses, among other financial interests, the candidate's employment, stocks and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. The information provided is confidential and will not be disclosed. Before a candidate is considered further, EPA will evaluate each candidate to assess whether there is any conflict of financial interest, appearance of a lack of impartiality, or prior involvement with matters likely to be reviewed.

How to apply: submit a current curriculum vitae (C.V.) providing educational background, qualifications, leadership positions in national associations or professional societies, relevant research experience and publications; and a summary of the above in a one-page biographical sketch to Jim Downing at downing.jim@epa.gov

Questions? Contact Jim Downing, Human Studies Review Board, Office of the Science Advisor, US Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC; 202-564-2468. Visit: www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb