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# In rare move, Regan wipes EPA Science Advisory Board clean; seeks new nominations

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Last week, EPA announced (<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-regan-directs-epa-reset-critical-science-focused-federal-advisory>) Administrator Regan's decision to "reset" and reestablish the memberships of both the agency's Science Advisory Board (SAB) and the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). The chartered SAB is comprised of non-EPA scientists, engineers, and economists who are appointed by the EPA administrator and provide independent expert advice to the agency. In EPA's news release, Regan explains that "Resetting these two scientific advisory committees will ensure the agency receives the best possible scientific insight to support our work to protect human health and the environment." This move is partly in response to an action (<https://www.amwa.net/article/new-directive-epa-administrator-pruitt-bars-grant-recipients-advisory-committees>) taken under the previous administration that barred recipients of any EPA grant from serving on one of the agency's federal advisory committees, including the SAB and CASAC.

Alongside this announcement, EPA published a notice (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-01/pdf/2021-06647.pdf>) in the Federal Register on April 1 requesting nominations to fill the newly vacated positions. EPA is looking for individuals with a large variety of expertise, including drinking water, drinking water engineering, water quality, and water quantity and reuse, to serve three-year terms. In addition to serving on the full advisory board, nominees may also fill positions on the SAB's standing committees, one of which is solely for drinking water. Nominations are due May 3.

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