

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting**

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Education.

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the Committee on Research Standards, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATE AND TIME: August 4, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

ADDRESSES: Association of American Railroads Conference Center, 80 F Street NW., Fourth Floor, Washington, D.C., 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Christensen, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20208-7564. Telephone: (202) 219-2065; Fax: (202) 219-1528.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994 (the Act). The Board works collectively with the Assistant Secretary for the office of Educational Research and Improvement (the Office) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The Act directs the Assistant Secretary to develop, in consultation with the Board, such standards as may be necessary to govern the conduct and evaluation of all research, development, and dissemination activities carried out by the Office to ensure that such activities meet the highest standard of professional excellence. The Board, in turn, has created a Committee on Research Standards to act on its behalf in this matter, in the interval between full meetings of the Board.

The meeting of the Committee on Research Standards is open to the public. The agenda for the meeting includes a discussion of the public's comments on proposed research standards for the evaluation of

applications for grants and cooperative agreements and proposals for contracts **Federal Register**, Vol. 60, No. 109, Wednesday, June 7, 1995) and the drafting of final proposed research standards. In addition, the Committee will examine steps to be taken by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to arrive at proposed standards for the evaluation of exemplary programs and promising practices for dissemination.

A final agenda will be available from the Board's office on July 28, 1995.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

Dated: July 12, 1995.

Sharon P. Robinson,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board, Hanford Site**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford Site

DATES: Thursday, August 3: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Friday, August 4: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Cavanaugh's River Inn, North Division, Spokane, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Yerxa, Public Participation Coordinator, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA, 99352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

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The Hanford Advisory Board will receive information on and discuss issues related to: Assessing FY '94 and

'95 Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford workload and planning workload '96, DOE's Risk Report to Congress, and a Review of 100 Area Action. The Committee will also receive updates from various Subcommittees, including reports on: M33 Milestone, Plutonium Disposition, and a Draft Public Participation Plan.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Jon Yerxa's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. Due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved, the **Federal Register** notice is being published less than fifteen days before the date of the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Jon Yerxa, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99352, or by calling him at (509) 376-9628.

Issued at Washington, DC on July 13, 1995.

Rachel Murphy Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer

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DOE Response to Recommendation 95-1 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Improved Safety of Cylinders Containing Depleted Uranium

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 95-1, concerning

Improved Safety of Cylinders Containing Depleted Uranium, in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 1995 (60 FR 25893). Section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b) requires the Department of Energy to transmit a response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by June 29, 1995. The Secretary's response follows.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before August 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ray Hunter, Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. 20585.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on July 11, 1995.

Mark B. Whitaker,

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

June 29, 1995.

The Honorable John T. Conway,
Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Conway: On May 5, 1995, you provided Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 95-1 concerning improved safety of cylinders containing depleted uranium. Before receiving your recommendation, we were reviewing actions to be taken with respect to the safe storage of the inventory of depleted uranium hexafluoride. This material is stored at Portsmouth, Ohio; Paducah, Kentucky, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The elements of your recommendation that relate to renewing the protective coating of the depleted uranium hexafluoride cylinders and the exploration of additional measures to protect and handle these cylinders represent one part of the actions necessary for the program. The Department will focus on the following activities:

- Relocating cylinders from contact with the ground and keeping all cylinders from further ground contact;
- Relocating all cylinders into adequate inspection configuration, and maintaining them as such;
- Repainting cylinders as needed to avoid excessive corrosion;
- Updating handling and inspection procedures and site-specific Safety Analysis Reports; and
- Completion of an ongoing study that will include an analysis of alternative chemical forms for the material.

With respect to the last item, the Department began the long-term strategy

selection process in November 1994. This process includes engineering and cost analyses of various alternatives and appropriate documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act. As part of this effort, safety analyses of alternative chemical forms will be performed.

We have identified a plan for the cylinders containing the depleted uranium hexafluoride that will protect public health and safety and lead to an environmentally sound long-term strategy for managing the material. We also have a good understanding of the cost of this program. We accept Recommendation 95-1.

Mr. Ray Hunter, Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, is the responsible senior manager for the preparation of the implementation plan. He can be reached at (202) 586-2240.

Sincerely,
Hazel R. O'Leary.

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Golden Field Office; Notice of Federal Assistance Award to DynaMetrix Corporation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of financial assistance award in response to an unsolicited financial assistance application.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.14, is announcing its intention to enter into a cooperative agreement with DynaMetrix Corporation (DMX), to conduct research, design, and demonstration of a refiner GAP and WEAR measurement system that will be used in the pulp and paper industry. The DMX project represents an innovative, commercially viable technology that will result in increased paper quality and increased use of recycled paper in the manufacturing of paper.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding this announcement may be addressed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Blvd., Golden, Colorado 80401, Attention: John Lewis, Contract Specialist. The telephone number is 303-275-4739.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This award is a result of a DOE published Notice of Program Interest for the Pulp and Paper Industry. The DOE has evaluated the unsolicited application according to paragraphs 600.14 of the DOE Assistance Regulations, 10 CFR 600, and the criteria for selection in paragraph 600.14(e)(1). Based on this evaluation, it is recommended that the unsolicited application for Federal Assistance entitled, "Refiner Disc GAP

and WEAR Measurement Method," submitted by DMX, be accepted for support.

The DMX project is a four-phased program proposed to span 3.5 years. Phase I will be completed during the first year. Phase II will be completed during the first two years. Phases III and IV will be accomplished during the final two years. The work scope includes: Phase I—Measurement Technique Feasibility, Phase II—Design, Construct, and Write Software for the Measurement System, Phase III—Evaluate the First Prototype Measurement System, and Phase IV—Testing and Demonstration.

The objective of Phase I is to study the feasibility of the proposed measurement technique. DMX will work with the Oregon Graduate Institute (OGI) in selecting the possible materials to be examined for production of the measurement sensor. Accelerated wear tests on the selected materials will be performed by the OGI. Phase II of the project encompasses the building of three test systems. DMX will employ a contractor to develop the written specification, system design, and software program. This system will be connected to the Phase I refiner simulator and thoroughly tested in a lab environment. Phase III evaluates the prototype measurement system in a designed experiment using low consistency refining. After software modification from the first experiment, the improved system will undergo a designed experiment using a ThermoMechanical refinery at the Georgia Institute of Technology testing facility. The final Phase has two components. The first provides real world testing at Boise Cascade Corporation's West Tacoma Pulp and Paper Plant in Washington. In the second, DMX will join with J&L Fiber Services, Beloit Corporation, and Measurex Corporation to establish the manufacturing and marketing of the systems for commercial application.

The proposal has been found to be meritorious, and it is recommended that the unsolicited application be accepted for support. The DMX program represents a new technology that could result in reduced cost and improved efficiencies for the pulp and paper industry. DMX has demonstrated capabilities in the technologies directly related to the proposed project and personnel that should provide a basis for a successful project.

The proposed project is not eligible for financial assistance under a recent, current, or planned solicitation. This award will not be made for at least 14 days, to allow for public comment.