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**FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information on general DOE floodplain and wetland environmental review requirements, contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy & Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone: (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Operable Unit 5 Remedial Action at the FEMP has been prepared in accordance with Executive Order 11988, "Floodplain Management," and 10 CFR part 1022, "DOE Regulations for Compliance with Floodplain/Wetland Environmental Review Requirements." A Notice of Floodplain/Wetland Involvement was published in the Federal Register (FR) on April 17, 1995 (60 FR 19238) and a floodplain/wetland assessment was incorporated in the Operable Unit 5 Feasibility Study. DOE is proposing to protect human health and the environment by excavating contaminated soil and sediment to prevent leaching of contaminants into the Great Miami Aquifer.

In addition, DOE is proposing to extract and treat contaminated groundwater, along with collection and treatment of contaminated stormwater runoff. In order to eliminate the threat of a release to Paddys Run, excavation may occur within the floodplain, depending on the extent of soil contamination in this area. Direct physical impact to the floodplain would result from the operation of heavy equipment during excavation of contaminated soil and sediment, and construction of a stormwater basin within the floodplain. Potential indirect impacts to the 100- and 500-year floodplains, as a result of remedial activities involving soil excavation and construction of the stormwater basin, include surface water runoff and sediment deposition into the floodplain. Several alternatives were considered and evaluated in making this determination, including: no action; excavation and off-site shipment; excavation and on-property engineered disposal facility with off-site disposal of waste exceeding waste acceptance criteria (the preferred alternative); and excavation and on-property consolidation with an earthen cover with off-site disposal of waste exceeding waste acceptance criteria. Direct and indirect impacts would occur during the implementation of any action

alternatives considered. However, minimal or no permanent change in flood elevations would be expected from any of the alternatives. The proposed remedial action has been designed to conform to applicable Federal and State regulations, including floodplain protection standards. Before this action begins, approval would be obtained from Federal and State agencies having jurisdiction.

DOE has determined that there is no practicable alternative to the proposed remedial action and that this action has been designed to minimize harm to the 100- and 500-year floodplains of Paddys Run. Engineering controls (e.g., silt fences, straw bales) will minimize any indirect impacts such as runoff and sediment deposition to the floodplain. Backfilling and regrading activities following the Operable Unit 5 Remedial Action will eliminate any long-term adverse impacts and would be implemented during remedial activities to avoid/minimize any environmental impacts.

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*NEPA Compliance Officer, Ohio Field Office.*

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### Office of Fossil Energy

#### National Coal Council and Coal Policy Committee Joint Meeting; Notice of Open Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

*Name:* National Coal Council and Coal Policy Committee.

*Date and Time:* Tuesday, February 18, 1997, 12:00 Noon.

*Place:* The Washington National Airport Hilton, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

*Contact:* Margie D. Biggerstaff, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-5), Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: 202/586-3867.

*Purpose of the Council:* To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and coal industry issues.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* To consider and act upon Council study entitled "Vision 2020: The Role of Coal in U.S. Energy Strategy."

#### Tentative Agenda

—Call to order and opening remarks by Clifford Miercort, Chairman of the National Coal Council.

—Discussion of any other business properly brought before the Council.

—Public comment—10-minute rule.

—Adjournment.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Council is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement with the Council will be permitted to do so, either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Margie D. Biggerstaff at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda.

*Transcript:* Available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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### Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

*Name:* Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Openness Advisory Panel.

*Date and Time:* Tuesday, February 11, 1997, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

*Place:* The Westin Hotel at City Center, Vista Ballroom A, 1400 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1709.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Openness Advisory Panel is to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the current status and strategic direction for the Department's classification and declassification policies and programs, as well as other aspects of the Department's ongoing Openness Initiative. The Panel's work will help institutionalize the Department's Openness Initiative.