

the TRUPACT-II shipping containers, before disposal at WIPP.

Most sites with significant quantities of TRU waste plan to use existing fixed facilities or open new facilities in the future to perform these functions; however, such facilities may not be fully operational and thus not be capable of meeting DOE's current disposal schedule. Furthermore, small quantity sites lack the capability to characterize, treat, package, and load TRU waste.

An alternative to using fixed facilities is the use of mobile systems mounted on one or more trailers or portable systems which can be transported to a site(s). These mobile systems must be capable of characterizing, processing, repackaging, and loading TRU waste into TRUPACT-II shipping containers. In addition to the physical characterization and processing to be provided by these mobile systems, the sites have a need for waste management services necessary to certify waste to WIPP WAC requirements prior to transportation and disposal at WIPP.

The CAO is pursuing this strategy of using mobile systems services to offer the DOE complex substantial advantages such as:

- More rapid deployment than the construction of fixed facilities;
- Greater flexibility in managing and configuring waste preparation; and
- Greater efficiencies and cost-effectiveness in waste preparation.

The majority of drums destined for WIPP are planned for transportation through the year 2006, with additional drum quantities to be identified, characterized, certified, and transported through the year 2033. However, the TRU-Waste inventory processing allocations may be subject to change, thus enhancing the potential for additional mobile systems processing.

Under this Mobile Systems Certification Program, a Recipient(s) must develop procedures and plans that demonstrate its proposed "characterization/certification process" meets the Quality Assurance Standards set forth by the CAO. These standards (available from CAO) are identified in CAO's Transuranic Waste Characterization Quality Assurance Program Plan, CAO-94-1010, and Quality Assurance Program Document, CAO-94-1012. Additional information is available in the National Transuranic Waste Management Plan, DOE/NTP-96-1204, and Mobile Systems Capability Plan, DOE/NTP-96-1202.

The solicitation to be issued will include a guide for submission of applications as well as identify the evaluation criteria, and program policy factors. If you are interested in receiving

the FASCAP, contact Robert Lowther at the above address or telephone/fax number. All responsible sources may submit an application, which will be considered. The solicitation is subject to the limitations on financial aid participation imposed by Section 2306 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13525).

#### Purpose

This notice is issued to announce the Mobile Systems Certification Program solicitation.

Issued in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 18, 1997.

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*Deputy Assistant Manager for Management and Administration.*

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#### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada Test 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), Nevada Test Site.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 2, 1997: 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Community College of Southern Nevada (Cheyenne Avenue Campus), High Desert Conference and Training Center, Room 1422, 3200 East Cheyenne Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030-4296, 702-651-4294.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Rohrer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, PO Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8513, phone: 702-295-0197.

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

#### April Agenda

5:30 p.m.—Call to Order

5:40 p.m.—Presentations

7:00 p.m.—Public Comment/Questions

7:30 p.m.—Break

7:45 p.m.—Review Action Items

8:00 p.m.—Approve Meeting Minutes

8:10 p.m.—Committee Reports

8:45 p.m.—Public Comment

9:00 p.m.—Adjourn

**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 Kevin Rohrer, at the 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. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

**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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Kevin Rohrer at the address listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 19, 1997.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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#### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 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: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 2, 1997; 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Information Resource Center, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Perkins, Site-Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-1590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations