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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

**Proposal To Issue and Modify
 Nationwide Permits; Public Hearing**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing

SUMMARY: On July 1, 1998, the Corps of Engineers published a Notice document containing its proposal to issue 6 nationwide permits (NWP), modify 6 existing NWPs, add one new NWP condition, and modify 6 existing NWP conditions. The Corps also suspended the use of NWP 29 to authorize single family housing causing the loss of greater than 1/4 acre of waters of the United States and proposed to permanently modify NWP 29 to lower the acreage limit to 1/4 acre. The Corps will hold a public hearing on the NWPs contained in that proposal. In addition, at least one public hearing will be held in each Corps Division, the primary focus of which is to solicit comments on regional issues relating to the proposed new and modified NWPs, especially regional conditioning. The hearing is open to the public. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearing or in writing at the Chief of Engineers at the address given below. Filing of a written statement would be helpful and facilitate the job of the court reporter. The hearing will be transcribed. Persons wishing to testify are requested to limit their statements to 10 minutes. The

hearing will be held in accordance with the Corps public hearing regulations in 33 CFR Part 327. The legal authority for this hearing is Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. 403). The hearing record will remain open until August 31, 1998.

DATES: The hearing will commence at 10:00 AM on August 19, 1998, and end at 4:00 PM or before, if all speakers present have had an opportunity to speak. Written comments to supplement the hearing record may be submitted until August 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held at the National Guard Association Building, One Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D. C. Written comments may be submitted to HQUSACE, CECW-OR, Washington, D. C. 20314-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Olson or Mr. Sam Collinson, CECW-OR, at (202) 761-0199.

In addition, Division Engineers will be holding regional public hearings to receive comments on regional issues relating to the new and modified NWPs, especially regional conditioning. Regional public hearings will be held in the following cities:

- Albany, New York.
- Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Galveston, Texas.
- Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Jacksonville, Florida.
- New York, New York.
- Omaha, Nebraska.
- Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Sacramento, California.
- Seattle, Washington.
- St. Louis, Missouri.

The dates and times for the regional public hearings will be announced by Corps districts in their public notices.

Dated: July 1, 1998.

Approved:

Charles M. Hess

Chief, Operations, Construction, and Readiness Division, Directorate of Civil Works.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice

is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, July 28, 1998: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Pantex Plant, Building 16-12, Amarillo, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

Tentative Agenda

8:30 a.m.

Welcome—Agenda Review—
 Approval of Minutes

8:45 a.m.

Co-Chair Comments

9:00 a.m.

Security System Upgrade Presentation

10:00 a.m.

Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE

10:30 a.m.

National Pollutant Discharge
 Elimination System Compliance
 Presentation

11:30 a.m.

Ex-Officio Reports

12:00 p.m.

Task Force/Subcommittee Minutes

12:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks/Adjourn

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Jerry Johnson'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 at any time throughout the meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and