

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Semi-Annual Chairs Meeting****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Semi-Annual Chairs Meeting. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Friday, February 18, 2000, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 19, 2000, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Cavanaugh's on the Falls, 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 870-325-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Butterfield, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC, 20585, (202) 586-5542.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities.

Tentative Agenda

Friday, February 18, 2000: EM SSAB Chairs Meeting (Day 1)

8:00–8:30 a.m.—Registration
 8:30–8:45 a.m.—Welcome by Ms. Bev Cook, Manager, DOE Idaho Operations Office; Mr. Chuck Rice, Chair of INEEL CAB; and the Honorable Linda Milam, Mayor of Idaho Falls, ID
 8:45–8:50 a.m.—Introductory remarks (Martha Crosland, Director, EM Office of Intergovernmental and Public Accountability, DOE-Headquarters)
 8:50–9:00 a.m.—EM SSAB Chairs Meeting “Rules of Engagement” (Wendy Green Lowe, INEEL CAB Administrator/Facilitator)
 9:00–10:00 a.m.—Update on EM Integration Program (Mr. David Huizenga, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Integration and Disposition)
 10:00–10:15 a.m.—Break
 10:15–11:00 a.m.—Integrated Nuclear Materials Management Plan (Dave Huizenga)
 11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.—Update on Status of Stakeholder Questions from May 1999 SSAB Transportation Workshop, Cincinnati, OH (Dave Huizenga)

11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.—Lunch
 1:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m.—“Round-robin” general issues and information exchange among local EM SSABs (SSAB Chairs)
 2:45–3:00 p.m.—Break
 3:00–4:00 p.m.—Overview of the FY 2001 EM Budget and discussion of EM's 2000 Paths to Closure Process (Fred Butterfield, Office of Policy, Planning & Budget)
 4:00–4:45 p.m.—Summary/Discussion: Oak Ridge Stewardship Seminar (Oak Ridge)
 4:45–5:00 p.m.—Public Comment period (Wendy)
 5:00 p.m.—Dinner (on your own)

Saturday, February 19, 2000: EM SSAB Chairs Meeting (Day 2)

8:00–9:00 a.m.—DOE–EM Informational and Status Updates (Martha)

- Waste Management PEIS and Disposal Records of Decision
- PEIS Lawsuit Settlement
- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)
- NEPA (EIS/EA) Status Updates
- Transportation Protocols

Standardization Initiative

- DOE–EM Reorganization Implementation

9:00–10:00 a.m.—Update/Discussion on Draft Revised EM SSAB Guidance (Fred)

10:00–10:30 a.m.—Discussion: Determine Interest in Offering the EM “Environmental Laws and Regulations” Training Course for EM SSAB Chairs at next SSAB Chairs' Meeting (Martha)

10:30–11:00 a.m.—New Business/TBD (Martha)

11:00–11:15 a.m.—Public comment period (Wendy)

11:15–11:30 a.m.—Break

12:00 p.m.—Closing Remarks/Adjourn (Martha)

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.—Lunch (on your own)P='02'≤

1:00–5:00 p.m.—Opportunities for informal gatherings of EM SSAB Chairs, SSAB Administrators/Facilitators, and DOE SSAB Federal Coordinators

5:00 p.m.—Dinner (on your own)

(Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please call the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in this notice for the current agenda)P='02'≤

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board facilitator before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board Chair at their specific site, or Fred Butterfield at the address 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 Officer, Martha Crosland, and the Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Fred Butterfield, U.S. Department of Energy, are 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 before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes: A written summary 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 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. The meeting summary will also be available by writing the EM–SSAB Chair or Designated Deputy Federal Officer of every EM–SSAB that participated in the meeting.

Issued at Washington, DC on February 1, 2000.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy****Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products; Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy**

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) is forecasting the representative average unit costs of five residential energy sources for the year 2000. The five sources are electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, propane, and kerosene. The representative unit costs of these energy sources are used in the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products, established by Part B of Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The representative average unit costs of energy contained in this notice will become effective March 8, 2000 and will remain in effect until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Barry P. Berlin, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-41, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-9127. Eugene Margolis, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, Forrestal Building, Mail Station GC-72, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103, (202) 586-9507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 323 of the EPCA (Act) ¹ requires that DOE prescribe test procedures for the determination of the estimated annual operating costs or other measures of energy consumption for certain consumer products specified in the Act. These test procedures are found in 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

Section 323(b) of the Act requires that the estimated annual operating costs of a covered product be computed from measurements of energy use in a representative average-use cycle and from representative average unit costs of energy needed to operate such product during such cycle. The section further

requires DOE to provide information regarding the representative average unit costs of energy for use wherever such costs are needed to perform calculations in accordance with the test procedures. Most notably, these costs are used under the Federal Trade Commission's appliance labeling program, established by section 324 of the Act, and in connection with advertisements of appliance energy use and energy costs, which are covered by section 323(c) of the Act.

The Department last published representative average unit costs of residential energy for use in the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles on January 5, 1999. (64 FR 487). Effective March 8, 2000, the cost figures published on January 5, 1999 will be superseded by the cost figures set forth in this notice.

The Department's Energy Information Administration (EIA) has developed the 2000 representative average unit after-tax costs of electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, propane, and kerosene prices found in this notice. The cost

projections for heating oil, electricity, and natural gas are found in the fourth quarter, 1999, EIA *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, DOE/EIA-0226 (99/4Q), and reflect the mid-price scenario.

Projections for residential propane and kerosene prices are derived from their relative prices to that of heating oil, based on 1998 averages for these three fuels. The source for these price data is the September 1999, *Monthly Energy Review* (DOE/EIA-0035(99/09)). The *Short-Term Energy Outlook* and the *Monthly Energy Review* are available at the National Energy Information Center, Forrestal Building, Room 1F-048, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8800.

We provide the 2000 representative average unit costs in Table 1 pursuant to section 323(b)(4) of the Act, and they will become effective March 8, 2000. They will remain in effect until further notice.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 2, 2000.

Dan W. Reicher,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

TABLE 1.—REPRESENTATIVE AVERAGE UNIT COSTS OF ENERGY FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES
[2000]

Type of energy	Per million Btu ¹	In commonly used terms	As required by test procedure
Electricity	\$23.53	8.03¢/kWh ^{2 3}	\$.0803/kWh
Natural gas	6.88	68.8¢/therm ⁴ or \$7.07/MCF ^{5 6}00000688/Btu
No. 2 Heating Oil	7.86	\$1.09/gallon ⁷00000786/Btu
Propane	10.07	92¢/gallon ⁸00001007/Btu
Kerosene	8.44	\$1.14/gallon ⁹00000844/Btu

¹ Btu stands for British thermal units.

² kWh stands for kilowatt hour.

³ 1 kWh = 3,412 Btu.

⁴ 1 therm = 100,000 Btu. Natural gas prices include taxes.

⁵ MCF stands for 1,000 cubic feet.

⁶ For the purposes of this table, one cubic foot of natural gas has an energy equivalence of 1,027 Btu.

⁷ For the purposes of this table, one gallon of No. 2 heating oil has an energy equivalence of 138,690 Btu.

⁸ For the purposes of this table, one gallon of liquid propane has an energy equivalence of 91,333 Btu.

⁹ For the purposes of this table, one gallon of kerosene has an energy equivalence of 135,000 Btu.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 1, 2000.

Take notice that on January 24, 2000, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No.

1, the following revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of February 1, 2000:

Twenty-Eight Revised Sheet No. 31
Fifty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 32
Forty-Seventy Revised Sheet No. 33
Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 34
Twenty-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 35
Third Revised Sheet No. 130
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 346
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 347
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 348
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 349
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 350A
Third Revised Sheet No. 380

¹ References to the "Act" refer to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended. 42 U.S.C. 6291-6309.