

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Science; Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 27, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, April 28, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Thomassen (301-903-9817; david.thomassen@science.doe.gov), or Ms. Shirley Derflinger (301-903-0044; shirley.derflinger@science.doe.gov), Designated Federal Officers, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-70, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the website: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/ober/berac.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that rise in the development and implementation of the biological and environmental research program.

Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28, 2000:

Welcoming Remarks
Opening of Meeting
Remarks from Acting Director, Office of Science
Update on Office of Biological and Environmental Research Activities
Review of Subcommittee Activities
New Business
Public Comment (10-minute rule)

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact David Thomassen or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone numbers listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before

the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on April 4, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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BILLING CODE 6450-01-P**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Los Alamos****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), Los Alamos. The 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: Wednesday, April 26, 2000, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hotel Loretto, 211 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1640 Old Pecos Trail, Suite H, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone: 505-989-1662; Fax: 505-989-1752; E-mail: adubois@doeal.gov; or Internet <http://www.nmcab.org>

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.

Tentative Agenda

Opening Activities, 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Public Comment, 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Committee Reports

Environmental Restoration
Monitoring and Surveillance
Waste Management
Community Outreach
Budget.

Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

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 Ann DuBois 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 Deputy Designated Federal Officer 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 the beginning 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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Ann DuBois at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

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Rachel M. Samuel,*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 25, 2000; 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Wellington Room, I-40 & Georgia, 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) 477-3125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to advise the Department of Energy and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

1:00 Agenda Review/Approval of Minutes
1:15 Co-Chair Comments
1:30 Task Force/Subcommittee Reports
2:00 Ex-Officio Reports
2:30 Updates—Concurrence Reports—DOE
3:00 Break
3:15 Presentation (To Be Decided)
4:15 Public Comments
4:30 Closing Comments
4:45 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 Jerry Johnson's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and every reasonable provision will be made to accommodate the request in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer 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.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX, phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday; and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry S. Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on April 4, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6253-1]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared March 20, 2000 Through March 24, 2000 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 09, 1999 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-E65053-NC Rating EC2, Croatan National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (1986), Implementation, Carteret, Craven, and Jones Counties, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed concern regarding potential water quality impacts and that the preferred alternative could potentially clearcut too much timber too rapidly for conversion to longleaf pines and consequently be counterproductive to RCW recovery. EPA recommended that the alternatives discussion be modified to take this concern into account.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65320-MT Rating EC2, Knox-Brooks Timber Sales and Road Rehabilitation, Implementation, Lolo National Forest, Super Ranger District, Mineral County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential erosion impacts, wetland impacts, aquatic effects of herbicides, and the level of monitoring to detect effects of management activities. EPA requested additional information on these issues and mitigation measures to reduce the impacts of management actions.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65321-MT Rating EC2, Mill-Key-Wey Project, Proposed Timber Harvesting, Ecosystem Burning, Road Construction and Reconstruction, Implementation, Lolo National Forest, Superior Ranger District, Mineral County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding harvests on erosive soils, wetland impacts, use of weed control chemical and the level of monitoring proposed to identify project impacts. The EPA requested additional information on these issues and

mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D-SFW-K90030-CA Rating EC2, San Dieguito Wetland Restoration Project, Implementation, Comprehensive Restoration Plan, COE Section 404 Permit, Cities of Del Mar and San Diego, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed concern due to the potential for undiscovered contaminated soil and hazardous waste. EPA requested that soil contamination be monitored and that a monitoring, emergency response, and reporting plan be included as part of the restoration program.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-J67028-CO North Fork Coal Program, Approval of Two Lease-By-Applications (LBA) and Exploration License for Iron Point and Elk Creek Coal Leases, Delta and Gunnison Counties, CO.

Summary: No formal comment letter sent to preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NPS-G02009-TX Padre Island National Seashore Oil and Gas Management Plan, Implementation, Kleberg, Kenedy and Willacy Counties, TX.

Summary: EPA previous concerns have been adequately responded to, therefore EPA has no objection to the action as proposed.

Dated: April 4, 2000.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6252-9]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa.

Weekly Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed March 27, 2000 Through March 31, 2000

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 000087, Draft EIS, AFS, ID, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Small Sales, Harvesting Dead and Damaged Timber, Coeur d'Alene River Range District, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties, ID, Due: May 15, 2000, Contact: Bob Rehnberg (208) 664-2318.

EIS No. 000088, Draft EIS, AFS, PA, Duck and Sheriff Project Area (DSP), Timber Management, Road