**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES); Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Advisory Council on Education Statistics (ACES). Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** October 26–27, 2000.

**Times**

October 26, 2000

- Full Council 9 a.m.–10:45 a.m. (open)
- 10:45–11:45 a.m. (closed)
- 11:45–2:15 p.m. (open)

Statistics Committee and Policy Committee
- 2:15 p.m.–5 p.m. (open).

October 27, 2000

Statistics Committee and Policy Committee
- 9 a.m.–12 noon (open)
- Full Council 12 noon–2:30 p.m. (open).

**Location:** Department of Education, 1990 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Council on Education Statistics (ACES) is established under section 461(c)(1) of the Education Amendments of 1974, Public Law 93–380. The Council is established to review general policies for the operation of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) and is responsible for advising on standards to ensure that statistics and analyses disseminated by NCES are of high quality and are not to subject to political influence. In addition, ACES is required to advise the Commissioner of NCES and the National Assessment Governing Board on technical and statistical matters related to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

Meetings of the Council are open to the public. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e. interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and materials in alternative format) should notify Audrey Pendleton at 202–502–7300 by no later than October 13, 2000. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. The proposed agenda includes the following:

- New member swearing-in
- A status report from the NCES Commissioner on major Center initiatives; including the reauthorization of NCES and ACES;
- The closed session on the agenda involves discussion about specific cost estimates for future procurements/contracts. The public disclosure of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of section 552(b)(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.
- NCES’ International Program;
- Enhancing school and state participation in NAEP;
- Individual meetings of two ACES Committees will focus on specific topics:
  - The agenda for the Statistics Committee includes a discussion of revision of NCES statistical standards, technical issues on adult literacy surveys, and Research and Development studies.
  - The agenda for the Policy Committee includes discussion of adjustments of NAEP Data, Coordination of NAEP, TIMSS®–R, and PISA reports, and revision of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System sample frame.

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For further information regarding the document or activities described, or to provide comments, contact: Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, phone (505) 667–8690, fax (505) 665–4872. The SEA will be available under the DOE NEPA Analyses module of the DOE NEPA web site at http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nea/

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Special Environmental Analysis for Emergency Actions Taken in Response to the Cerro Grande Fire at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM

**AGENCY:** National Nuclear Security Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Special Environmental Analysis for Actions Taken in Response to the Cerro Grande Fire at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. The special environmental analysis (SEA) describes the impacts related to the emergency fire suppression, soil erosion and flood control actions by DOE starting in early May 2000 at the time of the Cerro Grande Fire and extending through November 2000. DOE prepared the SEA in compliance with the Council on Environmental Quality National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations regarding emergency actions. The SEA will be forwarded in October 2000 to the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to be used for implementation of the mitigation measures described in the document.

**ADDRESSES:** For copies of the SEA, further information regarding the document or activities described, or to provide comments, contact: Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, phone (505) 667–8690, fax (505) 665–4872. The SEA will be available under the DOE NEPA Analyses module of the DOE NEPA web site at http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nea/.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrøm, EH–42, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington,
water runoff caused by seasonally heavy rainfalls. In this respect, the actions had a significant positive cumulative impact at LANL and within the regions of influence for most resources. However, individual projects had some adverse effects, such as loss of habitat for wildlife, primarily resulting from soil and vegetation removal. The SEA does not include an analysis of the impacts that resulted from the Cerro Grande Fire itself. The fire impacts at LANL will be captured in other reports, and specifically, the Annual SWEIS Yearbook will detail the cumulative impacts of the wildfire.

Subsequent Document Preparation

Results of monitoring the mitigation effectiveness and the environmental effects of the emergency actions will be made available to the public through an annual mitigation tracking report. The first annual tracking report will be issued in January 2001 for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2000, and ending on September 30, 2001. DOE will consider any comments received on the SEA and the subsequent documents in pursuing adaptive mitigation measures. Comments should be sent to Ms. Withers as indicated in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ADDRESSES section above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 5, 2000.

Henry Garson,
NEPA Compliance Officer, Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Technical Conference

October 6, 2000.

On June 15, 2000, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway) filed in compliance with Order No. 637. A technical conference to discuss the various issues raised by Koch’s filing was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2000.

Take notice that a second technical conference to discuss the issue of segmentation on Koch’s system will be held Wednesday, October 25, 2000, at 9:00 am, in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All interested persons and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr., Acting Secretary.

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