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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c)) (the Act), the Secretary publishes in the **Federal Register** a synopsis of each arbitration panel decision affecting the administration of vending facilities on Federal and other property.

Background

This dispute concerns the alleged improper denial of the vendors' request to be transferred to another facility by the Illinois Office of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Human Services, the State licensing agency (SLA).

A summary of the facts is as follows: In 1990, complainants Mr. Donald Schone and Mr. Ray Fitzpatrick signed separate operating agreements with the SLA to manage vending facilities #405 and #406 at the Old Post Office Building, 433 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois. In approximately 1992, the SLA was informed by the United States Postal Service that this location was to be closed and a New Post Office was to be constructed across the street at 433 West Harrison. Complainants contended that they should not be required to bid on other locations, but rather that the SLA should transfer them to the New Post Office at 433 West Harrison Street to operate the two vending facilities available at that location.

The complainants requested and received a State fair hearing concerning their complaint regarding the SLA's transfer and promotion policies. The

Hearing Officer ruled that the SLA was not required to transfer Mr. Schone and Mr. Fitzpatrick to the New Post Office vending facilities without the bidding process. On April 22, 1997, the SLA adopted the Hearing Officer's ruling as final agency action. It was this decision that the complainants sought to have reviewed by a Federal arbitration panel. An arbitration hearing on this matter was held on June 17, 1999.

Arbitration Panel Decision

The central issue before the arbitration panel was whether the SLA was required by the Act (20 U.S.C. 107 *et seq.*), the implementing regulations (34 CFR part 395), and applicable State rules and regulations to transfer Mr. Donald Schone and Mr. Ray Fitzpatrick to the vending facilities in the New Post Office at 433 West Harrison Street without bidding or other procedures after the closing of the Old Post Office at 433 West Van Buren Street.

The majority of the panel found that the complainants' rights and entitlement flowed from the terms of their vendor operating agreements, which were very specific and limited. Those agreements provided rights to the operation of vending facilities located at the Old Post Office, 433 West Van Buren Street. The panel further determined that, for reasons unrelated to the actions of the SLA, the United States Postal Service closed this Federal property. Therefore, the majority of the panel ruled that the operating agreements signed by the complainants to operate vending facilities at the Old Post Office, 433 West Van Buren Street, did not give them transfer rights to the New Post Office vending facilities at 433 West Harrison.

Based upon the evidence presented, the majority of the panel rejected complainants' reliance upon the fact that a new permit had not been obtained by the SLA for the New Post Office location. The panel reasoned that the vendor operating agreements signed by the complainants in 1990 were not tied to a specific permit that would somehow give Mr. Schone and Mr. Fitzpatrick transfer rights to the New Post Office. Instead, the panel concluded that the 1990 agreements were tied to a specific location, the Old Post Office at 433 West Van Buren, which no longer existed.

One panel member dissented.

The views and opinions expressed by the panel do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the U.S. Department of Education.

Dated: October 6, 2000.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford; Notice of Open 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), Hanford. 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: Thursday, November 2, 2000, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, November 3, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Double Tree Inn, 2525 North 20th Avenue, Pasco, WA (509) 547-0701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail McClure, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550 (A7-75), Richland, WA, 99352; Phone: (509) 373-5647; Fax: (509) 376-1563.

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

Thursday, November 2, 2000

1. Tri-Party Agreement (TPA):
Regulating for Success
 - a. Discussion of the TPA in the context of the following programs: Spent Fuel Tanks, Waste Management and Environmental Restoration
 - b. For each program, there will be a discussion related to: 1) FY 2000 TPA Accomplishments; 2) Identification of important milestones in the next five years; and 3) Identification of potential schedule impacts
 - c. Discussion of recent modifications to the Tanks Interim Stabilization Consent Decree
 - d. Proposed Changes to M-45; Single Shell Tank Waste Retrieval Actions; Associated Leak Detection; Monitoring and Mitigation; and

- Single-Shell Tank Farm Closure Activities
2. Informational Discussion on the DOE-Richland Vision: Done in a Decade
 3. Introduction of Draft Advice from Dollars and Sense Committee on Contracting Criteria
 4. Re-introduction of FY 2001 Performance Measures Advice (#111)
 5. Initiate discussion of Hanford Advisory Board Chair Selection

Friday, November 3, 2000

1. Hanford Advisory Board Sounding Board on Department of Energy-Richland Vision
2. Possible adoption of Draft Advice from Dollars and Sense Committee on Contracting Criteria
3. Formal adoption of FY2001 Performance Measures Advice (#111)
4. Continued Discussion on the selection of Hanford Advisory Board Chair
5. Board Discussion on Headquarters Structure and Guidance of Site-Specific Advisory Board

Updates

Denver Stewardship Workshop
Washington State Department of Ecology Tank Waste Workshop
Fourth National Department of Energy Radioactive Waste Tank Closure Workshop

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gail McClure's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five 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 equal time to present their comments.

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 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gail McClure, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99352, or by calling her at (509) 373-5647.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 11, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; National Coal Council Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the National Coal Council Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, November 9, 2000, 9 a.m. to 12 N.

ADDRESSES: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14th & K Streets, NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margie D. Biggerstaff, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202/586-3867.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: To provide advice, information, recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and coal industry issues.

Tentative Agenda

- Call to order Mr. Steven F. Leer, Chairman.
- Remarks by Secretary of Energy, Bill Richardson (invited).
- Remarks by Mr. Robert S. Kripowicz, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy.
- Administrative business.
- Presentation by Dr. Peter Jaffe, Princeton University, on Carbon Mitigation Initiatives.
- Presentation by Mr. Stuart Dalton, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), on EPRI's Global Coal Initiative.
- Presentation by Ms. Ann Cecchetti on Politics—Results of November 7 Election and Expectations for the Future.
- Other business.
- Adjournment.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. 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 Margie D. Biggerstaff at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10 minute rule.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics, a utilized Federal Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Date and Time:

Thursday, November 2, 2000, 8:30 am-4:45 pm; Friday, November 3, 2000, 8:30 am-12:00 noon.

Place: U. S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William I. Weinig, EI-70, Committee Liaison, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 426-1101. Alternately, Mr. Weinig may be contacted by email at william.weinig@eia.doe.gov or by FAX at (202) 426-1083.

Purpose of Committee: To advise the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (EIA), on EIA technical statistical issues and to enable the EIA to benefit from the