

least 35% with the clear potential to evolve to 45%. Co-production facilities must have the capability of attaining 60% thermal efficiency. Plants larger than 100MW must be capable of achieving 45% efficiency.

Airborne Emissions: Emissions shall not be greater than one-half the amount allowed by current New Source Performance Standards for coal-fired electric power generating stations, or local regulations where system deployment is being considered.

Solid Wastes: All solid wastes must be benign with regard to disposal. Preference will be given to concepts in which solid waste generation is minimized through the production of usable by-products.

Acceptable Fuels: The ultimate goal is the development of advanced power generation systems in which biomass is the predominant fuel (> 95 percent of heat input). Initial commercial systems capable of utilizing biomass as the primary fuel (> 65 percent of heat input) are acceptable, so long as such initial systems are capable of evolving to configurations in which biomass would be the predominant fuel. However, preference will be given to initial systems in which biomass provides greater than the minimum acceptable level of heat input, provided that the proposers can demonstrate that there is no substantial increase in technical risk. Blending of gasification products with other gaseous fuels (e.g. natural gas, propane, etc.) in order to enhance the system's reliability and cost performance may be considered.

Biomass Fuel Flexibility: Given the tremendous variation in the compositional characteristics across the many biomass families (e.g., woods, herbaceous crops, manures, etc.), it is recognized that a single power system may not be appropriate to utilize all biomass. Accordingly, the R&D proposed and performed as a result of this solicitation may address a specific but significant subset of available biomass.

Performance Attributes: Preference will be given to concepts that allow load-following with minimal degradation of efficiency, and that are amenable to construction using factory assembled modular components based upon standard designs.

Note: *Biomass* refers to plant materials and/or animal waste used as a source of fuel. *Animal Waste* refers to the manure produced and any associated bedding material mixed within the manure and excludes animal processing waste. *Unsegregated Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), hazardous waste, and medical waste will not be considered to be biomass.* Segregated MSW is an acceptable

fuel for this solicitation and would include non-recyclable paper and non-treated wood waste. There is no interest in receiving applications for aerobic or anaerobic digesters, landfill gas, or animal gas production.

It is not the intent of this solicitation to accelerate R&D on advanced power generation systems that are already being developed within this or other DOE power systems R&D programs. However the use of other advanced power systems components being developed by DOE's Offices of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE), and Fossil Energy (FE) (e.g., turbines, fuel cells, gas cleaning, membranes, catalysts, etc.) as part of the overall process is allowable and encouraged if consistent with the objectives of the solicitation. Collaboration with other EE or FE participants is encouraged to maximize project effectiveness. Multi-disciplinary teams consisting of partners having significant expertise related to biomass supply issues and resource utilization, technology developers, and equipment manufacturers, energy service companies or A&E firms servicing the power industry, or power markets, and power generating companies are strongly encouraged to propose. Applications submitted by or on behalf of (1) another Federal agency; (2) a Federally Funded Research and Development Center sponsored by another Federal agency; or (3) a Department of Energy (DOE) Management and Operating (M&O) contractor will not be eligible for award under this solicitation. However, an application that includes performance of a portion of the work by a DOE M&O contractor will be evaluated and may be considered for award subject to the provisions to be set forth in Program Solicitation DE-PS26-01NT41130 (NOTE: The limit on participation by an M&O contractor for an individual project under this solicitation cannot exceed 20% of the total project cost).

Applicants that are seeking financial assistance under this solicitation are subject to the eligibility requirements of Section 2306 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct); further guidance will be included in the Program Solicitation. DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (cooperative agreement) awards with a project performance period of up to six (6) months. Projects resulting from this Announcement are considered research and development projects.

Approximately \$1,000,000 of DOE funding is planned for this solicitation. DOE has determined that a minimum cost share of twenty percent (20%) of the total estimated project cost is

required; details of the cost sharing requirement and the specific funding levels will be contained in the program solicitation.

Prospective applicants should routinely access the NETL Electronic Business Center at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicit/index.html>. Please note that the "Business Alert Registration/Notification" is not currently functional, and cannot be relied upon for electronic notification of availability of the solicitation. Telephone requests, written requests, e-mail requests or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

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Dale A. Siciliano,

Deputy Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

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), Nevada Test Site. 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**.

DATES: Wednesday, April 4, 2001; 6:30 pm-8:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: Community Room of the Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Rohrer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8513, phone: 702-295-0197, fax: 702-295-5300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

5:30–6:30 Open house and information displays

6:30–8:30 Discussion on the Nevada Test Site Low-level Waste Facility

Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

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 Kevin Rohrer, at the 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.

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 by writing to Kevin Rohrer at the address listed above.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats**

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), Rocky Flats. 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, April 5, 2001; 6 pm to 9:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: Broomfield City Hall, One DesCombes Drive, Broomfield, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO, 80021; telephone (303) 420–7855; fax (303) 420–7579.

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

1. Quarterly regulator update by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
2. Update by the Stewardship Committee on long-term stewardship issues
3. Presentation on and discussion of institutional controls by staff of Colorado Attorney General's Office
4. Review of the Stewardship Working Group's draft report
5. Update on activities of the Environmental Restoration Committee
6. Other Board business may be conducted as necessary

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 Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions 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 five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room located at the Office of the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420–7855. Hours of operations for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Deb Thompson at the address or telephone number listed above.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy****Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under the Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the Federal Register to allow for public participation.

DATES: March 21, 2001, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Department of Energy, Room 1E–245, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas E. Kaempf, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586–7766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased industrial products.

Tentative Agenda

Agenda will include discussions on the following:

- Advisory Committee Rules
- Strategic Plan
- DOE Request for Proposal (RFP) Process for Financial Assistance
- USDA Panel on Programs
- Review of Existing Programs
- Portfolio and Gap Analysis
- Budget
- Education
- Work Plan and Program for Process Between Meetings

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. 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 these items on the agenda, you should contact Douglas E. Kaempf at 202–586–7766 or Bioenergy@ee.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before