

applications will be limited to a programmatic review that will result in encouraging or discouraging submission of a comprehensive application. However, discouraged applicants are not prohibited from submitting full applications. A response to the pre-applications will be communicated to the applicant within two weeks after the closing date for the pre-application. All pre-applications must be submitted through the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) system in accordance with the instructions in the solicitation. The solicitation will be available on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) webpage located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about March 1, 2002. The deadline for submission of pre-applications and comprehensive applications will be identified in the solicitation. Applicants can obtain access to the solicitation from the address above or through DOE/NETL's website at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dona G. Sheehan, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-107, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, E-mail Address: sheehan@netl.doe.gov, Telephone Number: 412/386-5918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In an effort to determine the needs of the gas infrastructure industry, NETL sponsored visioning and road mapping workshops allowing representatives from natural gas organizations and industries to define and prioritize research directions necessary to maintain and expand the natural gas infrastructure. The input from these workshops has been summarized in a report entitled "Pathways for Enhanced Integrity, Reliability and Deliverability" and is publicly available on the NETL Website at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/scng/publications/naturalg.pdf>. Applicants are encouraged to review the information contained in this document.

To support the pipeline infrastructure, NETL is requesting R&D applications which will result in the development of technology which supports the current and future natural gas infrastructure. The solicitation will focus on research in the following areas: (1) Transmission systems, (2) distribution systems and (3) technologies which clearly affect both areas. Applicants may propose research in any area which supports the industries needs; however, the proposed work must address, but not necessarily limited to, research needs identified in the visioning and road mapping workshops. In addition to the proposed

R&D effort, applicants will be required to include a discussion of the costs and benefits to ensure that the technology being developed has the potential to result in a useful commercial product which will be utilized by the natural gas infrastructure industry. DOE anticipates issuing cost-shared financial assistance (Cooperative Agreement) awards. DOE reserves the right to support or not support, with or without discussions, any or all applications received in whole or in part, and to determine how many awards will be made. Multiple awards are anticipated. Approximately \$1.5 million of DOE funding is planned.

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 an award under this solicitation. An application may include performance of work by a DOE M&O contractor but that work must not exceed 15% of the total contract value. If a project which includes National Laboratory participation is approved for funding, DOE intends to make an award to the applicant for its portion of the effort and to provide direct funding for the National Laboratories portion of the effort as a Field Work Proposal (FWP).

DOE has determined that a minimum cost share of 25 percent of the total project cost is required for this solicitation. Details of the cost sharing requirement and the specific funding levels will be contained in the solicitation.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov. The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should register at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. 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.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA, on February 21, 2002.

Dale A. Siciliano,

Deputy Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

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 meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 4, 2002, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2002, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Red Lion Hotel/Hanford House, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, WA (509-946-7611).

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, April 4, 2002

- Introduction of Draft Advice on the Tri-Party Agreement Draft Change Package for the Central Plateau Project
- Introduction of Draft Advice on the Hanford Institutional Controls Plan
- Discussion of Top-to-Bottom Review and Introduction of Draft Advice
- Discussion on FY03 and FY04 Budgets
- Overview of Hanford Exposure Scenario (aka Ad Hoc Task Force) Workshop and Introduction of Draft Advice on the Risk Framework for the Central Plateau

Friday, April 5, 2002

Adoption of the following pieces of draft advice:

- Tri-Party Agreement Draft Change Package for the Central Plateau Project
- Institutional Controls Plan
- Risk Framework for the Central Plateau Committee Updates
- Hanford Solid Waste Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 27, 2002.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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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, March 27, 2002, 1 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Office of Los Alamos Site Operations, Room 100, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Menice Manzanaras, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995-0393; fax (505) 989-1752 or e-mail: mmanzanaras@doeal.gov.

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

- 1-5 p.m.—Public Comment
 - Recruitment/Membership
 - Report from Chair—Groundwater Statement
 - Report from Staff
 - Report from DOE
 - Report from Committees
 - 5-6 p.m.—Dinner Break
 - 6-9 p.m.—Update on Waste Removal at LANL
 - Recommendations to DOE
 - Public Comment
- Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

This agenda is subject to change at least one day in advance of 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 Menice Manzanaras 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 a maximum of five minutes to present their comments at the beginning of the meeting.

Minutes: 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 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM. Hours of operation for the Public

Reading Room are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Menice Manzanaras at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://www.nnmccab.org>.

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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, Paducah

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. 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, March 21, 2002, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Don Seaborg, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO), Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441-6806.

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 and waste management activities.

Tentative Agenda

- 5:30 p.m.—Informal Discussion
- 6:00 p.m.—Call to Order; Approve Minutes; Review Agenda
- 6:10 p.m.—DDFO's Comments; Action Items; Budget Update; ES&H Issues; Board Recommendation Status
- 6:30 p.m.—Ex-officio Comments
- 6:40 p.m.—Public Comments and Questions
- 6:50 p.m.—Task Force and Subcommittee Reports
 - Groundwater Operable Unit
 - Budget, Finance & Administration
 - Surface Water Operable Unit
 - Community Concerns
 - Waste Task Force
 - Public Involvement