

provided for a main vending facility and nine satellite vending routes. The panel rejected the explanation of USPS for terminating the permit agreement and ruled that the termination was in violation of the Randolph-Sheppard Act for a number of reasons. First, the panel found that the Act does not prohibit vending routes where blind vendors are not regularly onsite at each location. Secondly, the panel found that having an onsite requirement only for blind vendors and not for commercial vendors was not supported by a reading of the Act. Therefore, the panel concluded that USPS could not unilaterally withdraw its participation in a vending facility permit agreement as this was a violation of the Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. 107 *et seq.*, and the implementing regulations in 34 CFR part 395.

The panel directed USPS to pay damages as established by the SLA and the blind vendor. The panel retained jurisdiction concerning the matter of payment of damages.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain a copy of the full text of the arbitration panel decision from Suzette E. Haynes, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3232, Mary E. Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2738. Telephone: (202) 205-8536. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the TDD number at (202) 205-8298.

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Dated: January 28, 2003.

Robert H. Pasternack,
Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Notice of Renewal of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, App.2, and section 102-3.65, title 41, Code of Federal Regulations and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel has been renewed for a two-year period, beginning in January 2003.

The Panel will provide advice to the Director of the Office of Science (DOE), and the Assistant Director, Mathematical & Physical Sciences Directorate (NSF), on long-range planning and priorities in the national high-energy physics program. The Secretary of Energy has determined that renewal of the Panel is essential to conduct business of the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law upon the Department of Energy. The Panel will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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James N. Solit,
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, February 20, 2003, 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, 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 p.m.—Call to Order; Introductions;

Approve November Minutes;
Review Agenda; Board Retreat

6:10 p.m.—DDFO's Comments

- Budget Update
- Environment, Safety and Health (ES&H) Issues
- Environmental Management (EM) Project Updates
- Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Status
- Other

6:30 p.m.—Ex-officio Comments

6:40 p.m.—Public Comments and Questions

6:50 p.m.—Review of Action Items

7:05 p.m.—Break

7:15 p.m.—Presentation

- Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) Permit Discussion (Water Task Force)
- Request for Letter of Support from Active Citizens for Truth (ACT) (M. Kemp)

8 p.m.—Public Comments and Questions

8:10 p.m.—Task Force and Subcommittee Reports

- Water Task Force
- Waste Operations Task Force
- Long Range Strategy/Stewardship
- Community Concerns
- Public Involvement/Membership

8:40 p.m.—Administrative Issues

- Review of Work Plan
- Review of Next Agenda
- Federal Coordinator Comments
- Final Comments

9 p.m.—Adjourn

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 David Dollins at the address listed above or by telephone at (270) 441-6819. 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 (DDFO) 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 as the first item of the meeting agenda.

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 Department of Energy's Environmental Information Center and Reading Room at 115 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday thru Friday or by writing to David Dollins, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or by calling him at (270) 441-6819.

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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 No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. This notice announces the

meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

DATES: February 24-25, 2003, 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Crystal City Hotel at National Airport, Farragut Room, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Ferrell, 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:

- Presentations by representatives from USDA, DOE, DOI, EPA, NSF, OFEE, and OSTP on their respective biomass research and development activities for FY03 and FY04. Meeting will include a joint meeting of the Committee and the Biomass R&D Board members.

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. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact John Ferrell at 202-586-7766 or *Bioenergy@ee.doe.gov* (email). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chair of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; Room 1E-190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed three-year extension to the Form DOE-887, "Department of Energy Customer Surveys."

DATES: Comments must be filed by April 1, 2003. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Herbert Miller. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-287-1705) or e-mail (*herbert.miller@eia.doe.gov*) is recommended. The mailing address is Energy Information Administration, EI-70, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Mr. Miller may be contacted by telephone at 202-287-1711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Miller at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- Background
- Current Actions
- Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and