

schools and parents sufficient time to prepare and respond to the requirements of the USCO provision.

Discussion: We believe a deadline for offering the transfer option to students attending a persistently dangerous school must appropriately balance the concerns of the States and local educational agencies with the needs of the individual students attending a persistently dangerous school or who are the victims of a violent criminal offense at school. Notification of the option to transfer to a safe school at the start of the school year would result in students not being able to transfer to a safe school until after the school year has begun. We believe that the benefits of having students transfer in advance of the school year include greater continuity and an easier transition for the students.

Changes: The Deputy Under Secretary establishes a deadline requiring each LEA to offer students who attend persistently dangerous schools the opportunity to transfer to a safe school at least 14 calendar days before the start of the 2003–2004 school year. This deadline will also apply in each school year thereafter. The Deputy Under Secretary also establishes a deadline requiring each local educational agency to offer students who are victims of violent criminal offenses while at school or on school grounds the opportunity to transfer to a safe school beginning at the start of the 2003–2004 school year. This deadline will also apply in each school year thereafter.

Final Deadlines

The Deputy Under Secretary establishes a final deadline requiring each State to identify schools that meet its definition of a persistently dangerous school in sufficient time to permit LEAs to offer students in schools identified as persistently dangerous the option to transfer to a safe school at least 14 calendar days before the start of the 2003–2004 school year. This deadline will also apply in each school year thereafter.

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2003–2004 school year. This deadline will also apply in each school year thereafter.

We recognize that the start of the school year will vary from LEA to LEA. The opportunity to transfer provided by USCO must be offered to affected students at least 14 calendar days before the start of the school year in their LEA. Changes to this policy, consistent with statutory requirements and these deadlines, may be made as needed by the State.

Waiver of Delayed Effective Date

Under the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. 553), the Secretary generally establishes an effective date for regulations 30 days after the final notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Due to the changes postponing the implementation dates in this notice of final implementation, and the seriousness of attending a persistently dangerous school or being a victim of a violent criminal offense, the Secretary waives the delayed effective date for good cause under 5 U.S.C. 533(d)(3).

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Dated: June 11, 2003.

Eric Andell,

Deputy Under Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences 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**.

DATES: Thursday, July 31, 2003, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, August 1, 2003, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878, USA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Albert L. Opdenaker, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290; Telephone: 301–903–4927.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to complete action on the charge related to exploring the possibility of using fusion energy for non-electric applications. In addition, the Committee will be given a charge on Fusion Science and Engineering Workforce Development and the organization of the panel for dealing with that charge and perhaps some preliminary thoughts on which directions to pursue would be explored at this meeting.

Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, July 31, 2003

- Office of Fusion Energy Sciences Perspective
- Report from the Panel on non-Electric Applications
- Discussion of the Report
- Presentation of a Scientific Paper TBD
- Public Comments

Friday, August 1, 2003

- Discussion of Workforce Development Charge
- Status of International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Activities
- Planning for Next Meeting

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. 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 Albert L. Opdenaker at 301–903–8584 (fax) or albert.opdenaker@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable

provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: We will make the minutes of this meeting available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading 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

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.

DATES: July 17, 2003, 8 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Crystal City Hotel at National Airport, Crystal 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:

- Development of recommendations to the Biomass R&D Board on the future

direction for federal biomass research and development activities, and methods for facilitating consultations and partnerships among Federal and State agencies, agricultural producers, industry, consumers, the research community, and other interested groups.

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 (e-mail). 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 Co-Chairs 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 Co-Chairs 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 of the meeting 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,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). 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: July 10, 2003 from 8:30 am to 5 pm, and July 11, 2003 from 8:30 am to 4 pm.

ADDRESSES: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, One Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, CA 94720, 510-495-2892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William J. Raup, Office of Communications and Outreach Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone 202/586-2214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives and programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Briefings on, and discussions of:

- EERE Programmatic Update
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) Program Discussion and Tour of LBNL facility
- Regional Office Update

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact William J. Raup at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral presentations must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statements in the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading 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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