

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 13, 2005. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to:

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Attn: Richard Langston, ME-61, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at (202) 287-1339 or by e-mail at richard.langston@hq.doe.gov and to

Sharon Evelin, IM-11, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874, or by fax at 301-903-9061 or by e-mail at Sharon.evelin@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Richard Langston at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package contains: (1) *OMB No.*: 1910-XXXX; (2) *Cooperative Audit Requirements*; (3) *Type of Review*: Initial Review; (4) *Purpose*: To establish internal audit procedures and reporting requirements for management contractors; (5) *Respondents*: There are 27 management contractor respondents; (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: There is an estimated burden of 270 hours.

Statutory Authority: Sections 644 & 646 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7254 and 7256.

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Sharon Evelin,

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. 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 20, 2005, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Thomassen (301-903-9817; david.thomassen@science.doe.gov), or Ms. Shirley Derflinger (301-903-0044; shirley.derflinger@science.doe.gov), Designated Federal Officers, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-70/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the Web site: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/announce.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, April 20, and Thursday, April 21, 2005

- Comments from Dr. Raymond Orbach, Director, Office of Science
- Report of Subcommittee on The Need for Enhanced Research on Cloud Parameterization Methods and Abrupt Climate Change

- Status Report on Restructuring of Aerosol Research Program
- Discussion of new charge to review Terrestrial Carbon Cycle Research
- Report by Dr. Ari Patrinos, Associate Director of Science for Biological and Environmental Research
- Discussion on Opportunities in Neural Prosthesis Research
- Status of GTL Roadmap and Facility solicitation
- Update on Environmental Remediation Sciences Division restructuring
- EMSL update
- Status of upcoming EMSL review
- Discussion of BER Long Term Performance Goals
- Science talk
- New business
- Public comment (10 minute rule)

Public Participation: The day and a half 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 David Thomassen or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone numbers listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five 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. This notice is being published 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues.

Minutes: The minutes of this 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.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 6, 2005.

Carol Matthews,

Acting Advisory Committee Officer.

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