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At these meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. These meetings are posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Whether, or not you attend one of these meetings, you are invited to submit written comments on the draft EIS. Comments should be filed with Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. All comments must be filed by September 19, 2006, and should reference Project No. 2216-066. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Library" link.

The Commission staff will consider comments made on the draft EIS in preparing a final EIS for the project. Before the Commission makes a licensing decision, it will take into account all concerns relevant to the public interest. The final EIS will be part of the record from which the Commission will make its decision.

For further information, contact Steve Kartalia at (202) 502-6131 or at [Stephen.Kartalia@ferc.gov](mailto:Stephen.Kartalia@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8204-3]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office

#### Notification of an Upcoming Closed Meeting of the Science Advisory Board's Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards Committee—Closed Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a closed meeting of the SAB's Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards Committee to recommend to the Administrator the recipients of the Agency's 2006 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards.

**DATES:** August 21-23, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** This closed meeting will take place at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Members of the public who wish to obtain further information regarding this announcement may contact Ms. Vivian Turner, Designated Federal Officer, by telephone: (202) 343-9697 or e-mail at: [turner.vivian@epa.gov](mailto:turner.vivian@epa.gov).

The SAB mailing address is: U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: [http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/staa\\_rev\\_panel\\_fy2006-fy2009.htm](http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/staa_rev_panel_fy2006-fy2009.htm).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and section (c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), EPA has determined that the meeting will be closed to the public. The purpose of the meeting is for the SAB to recommend to the Administrator the recipients of the Agency's 2006 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards. These awards are established to honor and recognize EPA employees who have made outstanding contributions in the advancement of science and technology through their research and development activities, as exhibited by publication of their results in peer reviewed journals. This meeting is closed to the public because it is concerned with selecting which employees are deserving of awards, a personnel matter with privacy concerns, which is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and section (c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, minutes of the meeting will be kept for Agency and Congressional review.

Dated: July 25, 2006.

**Stephen L. Johnson,**  
Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Proposed Approval of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project's Transuranic Waste Characterization Program at Idaho National Laboratory

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; opening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "we") is announcing the availability of, and soliciting public comments for 45 days on, the proposed approval of the radioactive, transuranic ("TRU") waste characterization program implemented by the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project ("AMWTP") at Idaho National Laboratory ("INL"). This waste is intended for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant ("WIPP") in New Mexico. In accordance with the WIPP Compliance Criteria, EPA evaluated the AMWTP/INL's characterization of TRU debris and solid waste from AMWTP/INL during an inspection conducted March 27-March 31, 2006. Using the systems and processes developed as part of the Department of Energy's ("DOE's") Carlsbad Field Office ("CBFO"), EPA verified whether DOE could adequately characterize TRU waste consistent with the Compliance Criteria. The results of EPA's evaluation of the AMWTP/INL program and the proposed approval are described in EPA's inspection report, which is available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. We will consider public comments received on or before the due date mentioned in **DATES**.

This notice summarizes the waste characterization processes evaluated by EPA and EPA's proposed approval. As required by 40 CFR 194.8, at the end of a 45-day comment period, EPA will evaluate public comments received, finalize the report responding to the relevant public comments, and issue the final report and an approval letter to DOE's CBFO. Based on previous EPA inspections and approvals, AMWTP/INL is currently approved to dispose of debris and solid waste at WIPP. AMWTP/INL is permitted to continue waste characterization and disposal in accordance with prior site approvals