

As shown in Table 2, if no other changes had been made to the application process and the burden was calculated taking into account only the 8.83% increase in applicants; the burden would have increased by 11.46%. This translates into a burden adjustment of 3,870,794 hours.

Now that we have accounted for the burden change based solely on the increase in applicants, we can compare that figure to the actual burden calculated for 2011–2012. The Department's final total estimated burden for 2011–2012, which is 32,239,328, hours reflects all of the

distinct application components combined into one information collection. The burden baseline for 2011–2012 based solely on the increase in applicants was 37,645,141 hours. Table 3 shows the difference in the two calculations.

TABLE 3—BURDEN BASELINE COMPARED TO FINAL BURDEN

	<i>Baseline— 2011–2012</i>	<i>Final—2011– 2012</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Percentage Change</i>
Total Number of Applicants (Respondents)	23,611,500	23,611,500	0	0
Annual Burden	37,645,141	32,239,328	5,405,813	– 14.36

Table 3 also demonstrates the reduction in the public burden as a result of the simplification initiatives developed and implemented by the

Department. The burden decrease is 14.36%, the largest in several years, and translates into a program change decrease of more than 5.4 million hours.

Lastly, Table 4, depicts the overall burden change in total burden hours from 2010–2011 to 2011–2012.

TABLE 4—COMPARISON OF 2010–2011 OVERALL BURDEN TO 2011–2012 OVERALL BURDEN

	<i>2010–2011</i>	<i>Final—2011– 2012</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Percentage Change</i>
Total Number of Applicants (Respondents)	21,696,675	23,611,500	1,914,825	8.83
Annual Burden	33,774,347	32,239,328	– 1,535,019	– 4.54

This results in an overall program change reduction of 1,535,019 hours when compared to 2010–2011. As stated previously, this reduction is attributed to the simplification enhancements which include the redesign of FAFSA on the Web application submission, the availability of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, a simplified FOTW homepage, more personalized navigation, and lastly, improved and simplified functionality for users that need to correct or update their FAFSA data through FOTW Corrections.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4391. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202–401–0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information

Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under Section 9008(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 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: September 29, 2010 and September 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Embassy Suites Denver—Aurora, 4444 North Havana Street, Denver, Colorado 80239, (303) 375–0400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura McCann, 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; E-mail: laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov or Chrissy Fagerholm at (202) 586–2933; E-mail: christina.fagerholm@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities.
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities.
- Presentation on USDA and Department of Navy Joint Efforts.
- Presentation on IBR Projects Panel—Cellulosic Ethanol.
- Presentation on "Drop-In Fuels" Projects Panel.

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 Laura McCann at 202–586–7766; E-mail: laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov or Chrissy Fagerholm at (202) 586–2933; E-mail: christina.fagerholm@ee.doe.gov. 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 at <http://www.brdisolutions.com/publications/default.aspx#meetings>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on September 10, 2010.

Carol A. Matthews,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an Energy Parks Initiative Workshop of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, September 23, 2010, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joel Bradburne, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, (740) 897-3822, Joel.Bradburne@lex.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- Portsmouth SSAB Involvement with Energy Parks—Val Francis, Co-Chair.
- Energy Parks Initiative Presentation—Mark Gilbertson, DOE—Headquarters.
- Break.
- Questions and Answers from Comment Cards.
- Adjourn.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Joel Bradburne in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting date due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to the meeting date.

Issued at Washington, DC, on September 10, 2010.

Carol A. Matthews,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling (the Commission). The Commission was organized pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) (the Act). The Act requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register**. The Charter of the Commission can be found at: <http://www.OilSpillCommission.gov>.

DATES: Monday, September 27, 2010, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Washington Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Park Road, NW., Washington, DC 20008; telephone number: 1-202-328-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher A. Smith, Designated Federal Officer, Mail Stop: FE-30, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585; telephone (202) 586-0716 or facsimile (202) 586-6221; e-mail: BPDeepwaterHorizonCommission@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The President directed that the Commission be established to examine the relevant facts and circumstances concerning the root cause of the BP Deepwater Horizon explosion, fire, and oil spill and to develop options to guard against, and mitigate the impact of, any oil spills associated with offshore drilling in the future.

The Commission is composed of seven members appointed by the President to serve as special Government employees. The members were selected because of their extensive scientific, legal, engineering, and environmental expertise, and their knowledge of issues pertaining to the oil and gas industry. Information on the Commission can be found at its Web site: <http://www.OilSpillCommission.gov>.

Purpose of the Meeting: Inform the Commission members about the relevant facts and circumstances concerning (1) spill response following the BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, and (2) impacts of the spill on the Gulf of Mexico and approaches to long-term restoration. The meeting will provide the Commission with the opportunity to hear presentations and statements from various experts and provide additional information for the Commission's consideration.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting is expected to start on September 27 at 9 a.m. Presentations to the Commission are expected to begin shortly thereafter and will conclude at approximately 4 p.m. The meeting will continue on September 28 at 9 a.m. with presentations to the Commission. Public comments can be made on Monday, September 27 and Tuesday, September 28 from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., respectively. The final agenda will be available at the Commission's Web site: <http://www.OilSpillCommission.gov>.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public, with capacity and seats available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments each day for a total of one hour. Time allotted per