DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB). SEAB was reestablished pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) (the Act). This notice is provided in accordance with the Act.

DATES: Monday, August 15, 2011, 4 p.m.–6 p.m.

LOCATION: Teleconference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Bodette, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202) 586–0383 or facsimile (202) 586–1441; seab@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Board was reestablished to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on the Department’s basic and applied research, economic and national security policy, educational issues, operational issues and other activities as directed by the Secretary.

Purpose of the Meeting: The Natural Gas subcommittee will present an interim report to the Board.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting will start at 4 p.m. on August 15th. The meeting agenda includes presentation of an interim report from the Natural Gas Subcommittee and discussion of the recommendations. A draft of the report will be made available at http://www.shalegas.energy.gov and http://www.energy.gov/seab no later than Thursday, August 11, 2011. The meeting will conclude at 6 p.m.

Public Participation: The meeting will be conducted by teleconference and is open to the public. Individuals who would like to call–in must RSVP to Amy Bodette no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at seab@hq.doe.gov. There will be a limited number of call–in ports and RSVP is required to obtain dial–in information. Call–in ports will be made available to members of the public on a first come, first served basis. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions may do so at the meeting on Monday, August 15, 2011.

Approximately 30 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed 5 minutes. Public Comment will be available on a first come, first served basis and will be queued by the call operator. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Those not able to call in to the meeting or have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to Amy Bodette, U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585; e-mail to seab@hq.doe.gov. Timely comments may also be posted online at http://www.shalegas.energy.gov.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available on the SEAB Web site http://www.energy.gov/seab or by contacting Ms. Bodette. She may be reached at the postal address or e–mail address above.

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LaTanya Butler,
Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration


ACTION: Notice of availability and public hearings.

SUMMARY: The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), a separately organized semi–autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), announces the availability of the Draft Site–Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada National Security Site and Off–Site Locations in the State of Nevada (Draft SWEIS, DOE/EIS–0426D) for public review, as well as the locations, dates and times for public hearings. The Draft SWEIS for the continued management and operation of the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) (formerly known as the Nevada Test Site) and other NNSA-managed sites in Nevada, including the Remote Sensing Laboratory (RSL) on Nellis Air Force Base, the North Las Vegas Facility (NLVF), and the Tonopah Test Range (TTR) on the U.S. Air Force Nevada Test and Training Range, analyzes the potential environmental impacts for three alternatives: No Action Alternative, Expanded Operations Alternative and Reduced Operations Alternative. Each alternative comprises current and reasonably foreseeable activities at the NNSS and the three offsite locations.

The Council on Environmental Quality’s (CEQ) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations allow an agency to identify its preferred alternative or alternatives, if one or more exists, in a draft EIS (40 CFR 1502.14[e]). NNSA has not currently identified a preferred alternative; however, a preferred alternative will be identified in the Final SWEIS.

The U.S. Air Force, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and Nye County, Nevada, are cooperating agencies in the preparation of this Draft SWEIS. In addition, the Consolidated Group of Tribes and Organizations, which include representatives from 17 Tribes and organizations, participated in its preparation.

DATES: NNSA invites comments on the Draft SWEIS during the public comment period which ends October 27, 2011. NNSA will consider comments received after this date to the extent practicable as it prepares the Final SWEIS.

NNSA will hold five public hearings on the Draft SWEIS. Locations, dates and times are provided in the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION portion of this notice under “Public Hearings and Invitation To Comment”.


The Draft SWEIS and references are also available for review at the reading rooms listed in the 

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION portion of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information on the Draft SWEIS, including requests for copies of the document, should be directed to Ms. Linda Cohn by contact