

with DOE and Clean Line representatives.

- January 22, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Arkansas State University—Marked Tree Student Center, 33500 Highway 63 E, Marked Tree, AR 72365
- January 24, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Gateway Baptist Church Center, 1915 Rosemark Road, Atoka, TN 38004
- January 28, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Pickle Creek Center, 822 NE 6th Street, Guymon, OK 73942
- January 29, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Beaver County Fairgrounds—Pavilion Building, 1107 Douglas Avenue, Beaver, OK 73932
- January 31, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Woodward Convention Center—Meeting Room 1, 3401 Centennial Lane, Woodward, OK 73801
- February 4, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Muskogee Civic Center Room D, 425 Boston Street, Muskogee, OK 74401
- February 5, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Cushing Youth and Community Center, 700 South Little, Cushing, OK 74023
- February 7, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Enid Convention Hall—Grand Ballroom, 301 South Independence, Enid, OK 73701
- February 11, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Van Buren Public Library, 1409 Main Street, Van Buren, AR 72956
- February 12, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Lake Point Conference Center—Event Center, 61 Lake Point Lane, Russellville, AR 72802
- February 19, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Arkansas State University—Newport, Student Community Center—M&P I&I NEDC Room (First room on the left), 7648 Victory Boulevard, Newport, AR 72112
- February 21, 2013, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Carmichael Community Center Auditorium, 801 S. Elm, Searcy, AR 72143

DOE will also announce the public scoping meetings via local news media, industry newsletters, and posting on the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://energy.gov/nepa/public-comment-opportunities> and on the Plains & Eastern EIS Web site at <http://PlainsandEasternEIS.com> at least 15 days prior to each meeting.

The scoping meetings will start with an informal open house to facilitate dialogue between project officials and the public. DOE will then provide an overview of the proposed project and lead a short, informal question-and-answer period to clarify the information presented and to answer questions about the NEPA process. The public will have an opportunity to view maps and project information and present

comments on the scope of the Plains & Eastern EIS. Representatives from DOE, Clean Line, and involved agencies will be available to answer questions and provide additional information to meeting attendees. A court reporter will be available at each scoping meeting to record oral comments from meeting attendees.

In addition to providing comments at the public scoping meetings, DOE will accept written comments as described in the **ADDRESSES** section. DOE will consider all comments postmarked or received during a 90-day public scoping period beginning with publication of this notice and ending on March 21, 2013. DOE will consider comments postmarked or received after that date to the extent practicable.

DOE expects to publish the draft EIS in the fall of 2013. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will publish a Notice of Availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**, which will begin a minimum public comment period of 45 days. DOE will announce how to comment on the draft EIS and will hold public hearings during the public comment period. People who would like to receive a copy of the draft EIS when it is issued should submit a request as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section and specify their format preference.

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Patricia Hoffman.

Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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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 a meeting 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, January 10, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Simonton, Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy

Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, (740) 897–3737, Greg.Simonton@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

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda
- Approval of November Minutes
- Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments
- Federal Coordinator's Comments
- Liaisons' Comments
- Presentations
- Administrative Issues
- Subcommittee Updates
- Public Comments
- Final Comments from the Board
- 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 Greg Simonton at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Greg Simonton at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Greg Simonton at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.ports-ssab.energy.gov/>.

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Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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