

and activities authorized by Title VIII of EPACKT.

*Tentative Agenda:* (Subject to change; updates will be posted on the Committee's Web site at: <http://hydrogen.energy.gov>).

- Public Comment (10 minutes)
- Discussion of the HTAC Annual Report

*Public Participation:* In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the meeting of HTAC and to make oral statements during the specified period for public comment. The public comment period will take place between 2:00 p.m. and 2:10 p.m. on February 15, 2013. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, please email [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov) at least 5 business days before the meeting. Please indicate if you will be attending the meeting, whether you want to make an oral statement, and what organization you represent (if appropriate). Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up for the public comment period. Oral comments should be limited to two minutes in length. 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 and to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the committee, you may do so either by submitting a hard copy at the meeting or by submitting an electronic copy to via email to: [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov).

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at the Committee's Web site at: <http://hydrogen.energy.gov>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 23, 2013.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Science, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee (BERAC). The 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:** Thursday, February 21, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 22, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton Washington DC/ Rockville Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. David Thomassen, Designated Federal Officer, BERAC, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-23/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. Phone (301) 903-9817; fax (301) 903-5051 or email:

[david.thomassen@science.doe.gov](mailto:david.thomassen@science.doe.gov). The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the Committee's Web site: <http://science.energy.gov/ber/berac/meetings/>.

#### 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 Topics

- Update from the Office of Science
- Report from the Office of Biological and Environmental Research
- News from the Biological Systems Science and Climate and Environmental Sciences Divisions
- Discussion of charge to prioritize scientific user-facilities for the Office of Science
- Updates on Knowledgebase (KBase) and Next-Generation Ecosystem Experiments (NGEE)

- Workshop updates
- Science talk
- New Business
- Public Comment

*Public Participation:* The 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 at the address or telephone number 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.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 45 days at the BERAC Web site: <http://science.energy.gov/ber/berac/meetings/berac-minutes/>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Science.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee (ASCAC). The 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:** Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** American Geophysical Union (AGU), 2000 Florida Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20009-1277.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melea Baker, Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research; SC-21/ Germantown Building; U. S. Department of Energy; 1000 Independence Avenue SW; Washington, DC 20585-1290; Telephone (301) 903-7486

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Energy on scientific priorities within the field of advanced scientific computing research.

#### *Tentative Agenda Topics:*

- View from Washington
- View from Germantown
- Report from DOE data-intensive science and Facilities prioritization subcommittees
- Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (CSGF) Longitudinal Study
- Update on Exascale including technical talks from ASCR researchers
- Facilities update
- ESnet-5
- Co-design