

making this decision to send 6 MT of surplus plutonium to WIPP for disposal. A schedule for shipment of the 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium to WIPP has not been established. Shipments of this surplus non-pit plutonium to WIPP, after it is operational, will be placed in the queue of waste to be shipped to WIPP. DOE anticipates resuming limited waste disposal operations at WIPP in 2016 when it is safe to do so. Significant improvements are being implemented to enhance the safety environment at WIPP including enhancements to fire suppression and unground ventilation and improvements in underground stability. DOE provides regular updates and detailed information on the status of recovery activities at WIPP on the WIPP Web site (<http://www.wipp.energy.gov/wipprecovery/recovery.html>). These safety changes and improvements are being implemented regardless of the decision to dispose of 6 MT of surplus plutonium at WIPP.

**Topic F—Cost:** Commentors were concerned about the cost of the surplus plutonium disposition alternatives and that adequate funding be provided such that DOE can move forward with disposition of the 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium at WIPP.

**Discussion:** As described in this Record of Decision, DOE/NNSA has decided to prepare 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium for disposal at WIPP. This would allow the DOE/NNSA to continue progress on the disposition of surplus weapon-usable plutonium in furtherance of the policies of the United States to ensure that surplus plutonium is never again readily used in a nuclear weapon, and to remove surplus plutonium from the State of South Carolina. Scheduling and implementation of surplus plutonium disposition activities are subject to the availability of funds as appropriated by Congress.

With respect to cost considerations, implementing the WIPP Disposal Alternative for the disposition of 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium would rely on existing facilities (with additional glovebox capability in an existing facility), structures, and pads, and when compared to the other alternatives evaluated in the *SPD Supplemental EIS*, would reduce the potential need for constructing and equipping additional facilities, and consequently reduce the need for future facility deactivation and decommissioning at SRS. Blending with inert materials for disposal at WIPP is a proven process that is ongoing at SRS for disposition of plutonium material from the DOE-STD-3013 surveillance process and other non-pit plutonium.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Laboratory

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Laboratory. 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:** Wednesday, April 27, 2016 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

The opportunity for public comment is at 10:40 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

This time is subject to change; please contact the Federal Coordinator (below) for confirmation of times prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton Garden Inn, 1741 Harrison Street N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert L. Pence, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Avenue, MS-1203, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415. Phone (208) 526-6518; Fax (208) 526-8789 or email: [pencerl@id.doe.gov](mailto:pencerl@id.doe.gov) or visit the Board's Internet home page at: <http://inlcab.energy.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 Topics** (agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please contact Robert L. Pence for the most current agenda):

- Recent Public Involvement
- Idaho Cleanup Project Overview
- Update on Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU)
- Department of Environmental Quality Report
- U.S. Geological Survey Groundwater Report
- Organic Contamination in the Vadose Zone Rebound Report/Results
- Annual Environmental Monitoring
- Environmental Permitting
- EM SSAB Chairs Meeting Report

**Public Participation:** The EM SSAB, Idaho National Laboratory, 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 Robert L. Pence 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

presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Robert L. Pence at the address or telephone number listed above. The request 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 Robert L. Pence, Federal Coordinator, at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://inlcab.energy.gov/pages/meetings.php>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 30, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a combined meeting of the Environmental Monitoring and Remediation Committee and Waste Management Committee of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico (known locally as the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board [NNMCAB]). 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:** Wednesday, April 27, 2016; 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** NNMCAB Office, 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506. Phone (505) 995-0393; Fax (505) 989-1752 or Email: [menice.santistevan@em.doe.gov](mailto:menice.santistevan@em.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,