

nomination for candidates to fill vacancies on the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee (Committee).

**DATES:** Deadline for Technical Advisory Committee member nominations is June 30, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The nominee's name, resume, biography, and any letters of support must be submitted via one of the following methods:

(1) *Email to: Mark.Elless@ee.doe.gov*

(2) *Overnight delivery service to: Mark Elless, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Mail Stop EE-3B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mark Elless, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-1476; Email: *Mark.Elless@ee.doe.gov*.

*Committee Web site: <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/committee.html>.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000 (Biomass Act) [Pub. L. 106-224] requires cooperation and coordination in biomass research and development (R&D) between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Biomass Act was repealed in June 2008 by section 9008 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) [Pub. L. 110-246, 122 Stat. 1651, enacted June 18, 2008, H.R. 6124]. The Biomass Act was re-authorized in the Agricultural Act of 2014.

FCEA section 9008(d) established the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee and lays forth its meetings, coordination, duties, terms, and membership types. Committee members are paid travel and per diem for each meeting. The Committee must meet quarterly and should not duplicate the efforts of other Federal advisory committees. Meetings are typically two days in duration. At least three meetings are held in the Washington DC area, with the fourth meeting possibly held at a site to be determined each year. The Committee advises DOE and USDA points of contact with respect to the Biomass R&D Initiative (Initiative) and priority technical biomass R&D needs and makes written recommendations to the Biomass R&D Board (Board). Those recommendations regard whether: (A) Initiative funds are distributed and used consistent with Initiative objectives; (B)

solicitations are open and competitive with awards made annually; (C) objectives and evaluation criteria of the solicitations are clear; and (D) the points of contact are funding proposals selected on the basis of merit, and determined by an independent panel of qualified peers.

The committee members may serve two, three-year terms and committee membership must include: (A) An individual affiliated with the biofuels industry; (B) an individual affiliated with the biobased industrial and commercial products industry; (C) an individual affiliated with an institution of higher education that has expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (D) 2 prominent engineers or scientists from government (non-federal) or academia that have expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (E) an individual affiliated with a commodity trade association; (F) 2 individuals affiliated with environmental or conservation organizations; (G) an individual associated with state government who has expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (H) an individual with expertise in energy and environmental analysis; (I) an individual with expertise in the economics of biofuels and biobased products; (J) an individual with expertise in agricultural economics; (K) an individual with expertise in plant biology and biomass feedstock development; (L) an individual with expertise in agronomy, crop science, or soil science; and (M) at the option of the points of contact, other members (REF: FCEA 2008 section 9008(d)(2)(A)). All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance to an expertise. Appointments will be made for three-year terms as dictated by the legislation.

Nominations this year are needed for the following categories in order to address the Committee's needs: (E) An individual affiliated with a commodity trade association; (F) individuals affiliated with environmental or conservation organizations; and (I) an individual with expertise in the economics of biofuels and biobased products. Nominations for other categories will also be accepted. Nomination categories C, D, H, I, J, K, L, and M are considered special Government employees and require submittal of an annual financial disclosure form. In addition to the required categories, other areas of expertise of interest to the Committee are individuals with expertise in process engineering related to biorefineries, or biobased coproducts that enable fuel production.

Nominations are solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, universities, and companies that represent a wide variety of biomass research and development interests throughout the country. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category of interest. Each nominee must submit their resume and biography along with any letters of support by the deadline above. If you were nominated in previous years but were not appointed to the committee and would still like to be considered, please submit your nomination package again in response to this notice with all required materials. All nominees will be vetted before selection.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by DOE, membership shall include (to the extent practicable), all racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and persons with disabilities. Please note that registered lobbyists serving in an "individual capacity," individuals already serving another Federal Advisory Committee, and Federal employees are ineligible for nomination.

Appointments to the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee will be made by the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture.

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of 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 amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal**

**Register** to allow for public participation.

**DATES:** June 15, 2017: 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. June 16, 2017: 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** DoubleTree By Hilton Washington, DC—Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mark Elless, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; Email: [Mark.Elless@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Mark.Elless@ee.doe.gov) and Roy Tiley at: (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email: [rtiley@bcs-hq.com](mailto:rtiley@bcs-hq.com).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of Meeting:* To develop 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
- Panels on Near-term Motivations For and Benefits of Accelerated Development of a Bio-based Economic Engine. Points of view include States' Department of Agriculture, Congressional, and industry.

*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 must contact Dr. Mark Elless at; Email: [Mark.Elless@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Mark.Elless@ee.doe.gov) and Roy Tiley at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email: [rtiley@bcs-hq.com](mailto:rtiley@bcs-hq.com) at least 5 business days prior to 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 Co-chairs 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 Co-chairs will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The summary of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.html>.

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation**

**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), Oak Ridge Reservation. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Energy Information Center, Office of Science and Technical Information, 1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Melyssa P. Noe, Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 2001, EM-942, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 241-3315; Fax (865) 241-6932; E-Mail: [Melyssa.Noel@orem.doe.gov](mailto:Melyssa.Noel@orem.doe.gov). Or visit the Web site at [www.energy.gov/orssab](http://www.energy.gov/orssab).

**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:*

- Welcome and Announcements.
- Comments from the Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO).
- Comments from the DOE, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Environmental Protection Agency Liaisons.
- Public Comment Period.
- Presentation by DOE EM SSAB DFO: Federal Advisory Committee Act.
- Motions/Approval of May 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes.
- Status of Outstanding Recommendations.
- Alternate DDFO Report.
- Committee Reports.
- Adjourn.

*Public Participation:* The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, 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 Melyssa P. Noe 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 the agenda item should contact Melyssa P. Noe 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 Melyssa P. Noe at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <https://energy.gov/orem/services/community-engagement/oak-ridge-site-specific-advisory-board/oak-ridge-site-specific-0>.

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

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**Oxy SENM Gathering LP; Notice of Request for Temporary Waiver**

Take notice that on May 4, 2017, pursuant to Rule 204 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.204, Oxy SENM Gathering LP filed a petition for temporary waiver of the tariff filing and reporting requirements of sections 6 and 20 of the Interstate Commerce Act and parts 341 and 357 of the Commission's regulations for a crude petroleum gathering system to be located in the state of New Mexico, as more fully explained in the request.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.