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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person/virtual meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, August 12, 2026; 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. PDT.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, 2420 Stevens Center Place, Conference Room 153, Richland, Washington 99354. This meeting will be held in-person and virtually. To receive the virtual access information, please contact the Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Meegan Tripp, at the telephone number or email listed below at least two days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Meegan Tripp, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management; Phone: (509) 376–2403; or Email: meegan.tripp@hanford.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* At the request of the Assistant Secretary or Field Managers, the Board may provide community-based advice and recommendations concerning any EM program activities, such as clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship; communications; and budget priorities. The Board also provides an avenue to fulfill public participation requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Federal Facility Agreements, Consent Orders, Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements.

Tentative Agenda: (agenda topics are subject to change; please contact Meegan Tripp for the most current agenda)

- Tri-Party Agreement Agencies Updates
- Presentations to the Board
- Board Discussion

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public and public comment can be given orally or in writing. Fifteen minutes are allocated during the meeting for public comment and those wishing to make oral comment will be given a minimum of two minutes to speak. Written comments received at least two working days prior to the meeting will be provided to the members and included in the meeting minutes. Written comments received within two working days after the meeting will be included in the minutes. For additional information on public comment and to submit written comment, please contact Meegan Tripp. The EM SSAB, Hanford, welcomes the attendance of the public at its 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 Meegan Tripp at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

Meeting conduct: The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Questioning of board members or presenters by the public is not permitted.

Minutes: Minutes will be available at the following website: <https://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab/FullBoardMeetingInformation>.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on July 13, 2026, 2026, by David Borak, Committee Management Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC on July 13, 2026.

Jennifer Hartzell,

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U.S. Department of Energy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26–23–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Hunt Storage Field Abandonment

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Hunt Storage Field Abandonment, proposed by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in the above-referenced docket.¹ Columbia requests authorization to abandon injection/withdrawal wells, observation wells, special wells, all associated pipelines and aboveground appurtenances, and the Hunt Compressor Station in Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration of your comments on the proposal prior to making a decision on the project, it is important that the Commission receive your comments on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 10, 2026. Instructions for filing comments are provided on page 3.

FERC is the lead federal agency for authorizing interstate natural gas transmission facilities under the Natural Gas Act of 1938 (NGA) and the lead federal agency for preparation of the EA. The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the Hunt Storage Field Abandonment in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)² and the Commission's implementing regulations.³ The principal purposes of the EA are to: identify and assess the potential effects on the natural and human environment; describe and evaluate reasonable alternatives; identify and recommend mitigation measures; and facilitate public involvement in the environmental review process. The EA concludes that approval of the proposed project would not constitute a major

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1767969814.

² National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (Public Law [Pub. L.] 91–190, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347, as amended by Pub. L. 94–52, July 3, 1975; Pub. L. 94–83, August 9, 1975; Pub. L. 97–258, 4(b), September 13, 1982; Pub. L. 118–5, June 3, 2023; Pub. L. 119–21, July 4, 2025).

³ 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 380.