

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of Environmental Impact Statement process.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or Department) has decided to cancel the preparation of the *Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0396). This notice briefly describes the history of the GNEP PEIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or copies of the Draft GNEP PEIS, please contact Dr. Rajendra Sharma, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Officer, Office of Nuclear Energy (NE-43), U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874, Telephone: 301-903-2899 or electronic mail: [rajendra.sharma@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:rajendra.sharma@nuclear.energy.gov).

For general information regarding the DOE NEPA process contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756. Additional information regarding DOE NEPA activities and access to many of DOE's NEPA documents are available on the DOE Web site at <http://www.gc.energy.gov/NEPA>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On March 22, 2006, DOE published an Advance Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Technology Demonstration Program (71 FR 14505), soliciting comments on the proposed scope, alternatives and environmental issues to be analyzed. DOE stated that the technology demonstration program would demonstrate technologies needed to implement a closed fuel cycle that enables recycling and consumption of spent nuclear fuel in a proliferation-resistant manner.

The comments that DOE received included suggestions to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement addressing the entire GNEP Program. DOE agreed and on January 4, 2007, published its Notice of Intent to prepare the *Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (GNEP PEIS) in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 331). The public scoping period for the GNEP PEIS was later extended (72 FR 15871, April 3, 2007) and concluded on June 4, 2007. DOE considered the scoping comments in preparing the

Draft GNEP PEIS. The Draft GNEP PEIS analyzed the potential environmental impacts of expanding nuclear power in the U.S. using either the existing fuel cycle or various alternative closed and open fuel cycles. DOE's stated preference in the Draft was to close the fuel cycle, although it did not identify a specific preferred alternative.

Publication of the Notice of Availability of the Draft GNEP PEIS (73 FR 61858, October 17, 2008; also see 73 FR 61845, October 17, 2008) commenced a 60-day public comment period and provided a schedule for 13 public hearings to receive comments on the Draft GNEP PEIS. Consistent with the announced schedule, DOE conducted public hearings on the Draft GNEP PEIS during November and December 2008. In response to the public requests, on December 10, 2008, DOE announced an extension of the public comment period by 90 days, *i.e.*, through March 16, 2009 (73 FR 75087). On December 24, 2008, DOE announced (73 FR 79073) an additional public hearing which was held on January 12, 2009, in the town of Pahrump in Nye County, NV. At the close of the public comment period on March 16, 2009, DOE had received more than 14,500 comment documents on the Draft GNEP PEIS.

Via this notice, DOE announces that it has decided to cancel the GNEP PEIS because it is no longer pursuing domestic commercial reprocessing, which was the primary focus of the prior Administration's domestic GNEP program. The Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, provides \$145 million for the continuation of research and development (R&D) on proliferation-resistant fuel cycles and waste management strategies. As described in the President's Fiscal Year 2010 budget request, the Department's fuel cycle R&D's focus is on "long-term, science-based R&D of technologies with the potential to produce beneficial changes to the manner in which the nuclear fuel cycle and nuclear waste is managed."

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**R. Shane Johnson,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy.*

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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:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Opportunities for public participation will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, from 1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

These times are subject to change; please contact the Federal Coordinator (below) for confirmation of times prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert L. Pence, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Avenue, MS-1203, Idaho Falls, ID 83415. Phone (208) 526-6518; Fax (208) 526-8789 or e-mail: [pencerl@id.doe.gov](mailto:pencerl@id.doe.gov) or visit the Board's Internet home page at: <http://www.inlemcab.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE 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):

- Progress to Cleanup;
- Snake River Plain Aquifer Briefing;
- Integrated Waste Treatment Unit Status;
- Integrated Approach to Dispositioning All Remote-Handled Transuranic Waste;
- Remedial Design Work Plan for Waste Area Group (WAG)-7;
- WAG-10 Record of Decision Update.

*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 comment 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://www.inlemcab.org/meetings.html>.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

**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), Paducah. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, July 16, 2009, 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Barkley Centre, 111 Memorial Drive, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Reinhard Knerr, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441-6825.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda;
- Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments;
- Federal Coordinator's Comments;
- Liaisons' Comments;

- Committee Chairs' Comments;
- Presentations;
- Administrative Issues:
  - Motions;
- Public Comments;
- Final Comments;
- Adjourn;

Breaks Taken As Appropriate.

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*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Reinhard Knerr at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.pgdpccab.org/meetings.html>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on June 22, 2009.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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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 meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. 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, July 29, 2009, 2 p.m.–8 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Holiday Inn Santa Fe, 4048 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB), 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995-0393; Fax (505) 989-1752 or E-mail: [msantistevan@doeal.gov](mailto:msantistevan@doeal.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

- 2 p.m. Call to Order by Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Jeff Casalina;  
Establishment of a Quorum, Lorelei Novak.  
A. Roll Call.  
B. Excused Absences.  
Welcome and Introductions, J.D. Campbell.  
Approval of Agenda.  
Approval of May 13–14, 2009 Meeting Minutes.
- 2:15 p.m. Old Business.
- Written Reports
  - Open Discussion from Board Members
- 2:30 p.m. New Business:
- Establishment of a Nominating Committee, Jenny Freeman
- 2:45 p.m. Ad Hoc Committee Reports.
- Community Outreach
  - Board Processes
- 3:15 p.m. Standing Committee Reports.
- Fiscal Year 2010 Work Plan Progress
- 3:30 p.m. Break.
- 3:45 p.m. Update from the New Mexico Environment Department, James Bearzi.
- 4 p.m. Report from Liaison Members.
- George Rael, Department of Energy
  - Rich Mayer, Environmental Protection Agency
  - Michael Graham, Los Alamos National Security
- 5 p.m. Dinner Break.
- 6 p.m. Public Comment Period.
- 6:15 p.m. Consideration and Action on Recommendation(s).
- 6:30 p.m. Presentation by Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Environmental Office.
- 7:30 p.m. Round Robin Discussion.
- 8 p.m. Adjourn, Jeff Casalina.
- Public Participation:* The EM SSAB, Northern New Mexico, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make