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**Arne Duncan,**

Secretary of Education.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada Test Site

**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), Nevada Test Site. 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, May 12, 2010 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Atomic Testing Museum, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise Rupp, Board Administrator, 232 Energy Way, M/S 505, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030. Phone: (702) 657-9088; Fax (702) 295-5300 or E-mail: [ntscab@nv.doe.gov](mailto:ntscab@nv.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, waste management, and related activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

1. Presentation—Current Non-EM Activities at the Nevada Test Site
2. Presentation—Mixed Waste Storage Unit
3. Sub-Committee Updates
  - Industrial Sites Committee
  - Membership Committee
  - Outreach Committee
  - Soils Committee
  - Transportation/Waste Committee
  - Underground Test Area Committee

**Public Participation:** The EM SSAB, Nevada Test Site, 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 Denise Rupp 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 Denise Rupp at the 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 to Denise Rupp at the address listed above or at the following Web site: <http://www.nv.doe.gov/ntscab/MeetingMinutes.aspx>.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Coal Council

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Coal Council

(NCC). 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:** Friday, May 21, 2010 9 a.m. to Noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The Fairmont Hotel, 2401 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael J. Ducker, U.S. Department of Energy; 4G-036/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290; Telephone: 202-586-7810.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of Meeting:** To conduct an open meeting of the NCC and to approve of a new NCC study topic.

#### Tentative Agenda:

- Welcome and Call to Order by NCC Chair Michael Mueller
- Remarks by Secretary Steven Chu, Department of Energy
- Presentation by Walter Crickmer on Biomass/Coal Blending to Generate Electricity
- Council Business:
  - Finance Report by Committee Chairman Joe Hopf
  - Secretary's Report by NCC Secretary Larry Grimes
  - Election of Officers for the 2010/2011 Term of the Council
- Presentation by Roger Bezdek on Green Transmission: An Opportunity for Clean Coal Technologies
- Other Business
- Adjourn

**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 potential items on the agenda, you should contact Michael J. Ducker, 202-586-7810 or [Michael.Ducker@HQ.DOE.GOV](mailto:Michael.Ducker@HQ.DOE.GOV) (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 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 NCC will prepare meeting minutes within 45 days of the meeting. The minutes will be posted on the NCC Web site at <http://www.nationalcoalcouncil.org/>

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Docket No. EERE-2010-BT-BC-0012]

#### Building Energy Codes

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Request for Information.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is soliciting information on how it can better assist the states to adopt, implement, enforce, and assess compliance with the current model building energy codes or their equivalent. DOE is interested in better understanding the barriers and issues involved and the needs, resources, materials and other technical assistance required to accomplish the goal of increased adoption and compliance with the latest model building energy codes, Standard 90.1-2007, *Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings* (or equivalent), for commercial buildings and the 2009 *International Energy Conservation Code* (or equivalent) for low-rise residential buildings.

DOE is publishing this request for information to allow interested parties to provide suggestions, comments, and other information. This notice identifies several areas in which DOE is particularly interested in receiving information; however, any input and suggestions considered relevant to the topic are welcome.

**DATES:** Written comments and information are requested by May 21, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons may submit comments in writing, identified by docket number EERE-2010-BT-BC-0012, by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:*

*HelpUpdateStateCodes@ee.doe.gov.*

Include EERE-2010-BT-BC-0012 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S.

Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2J, Building Energy Codes, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Phone (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed paper original.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 6th Floor, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Phone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed paper original.

- *Internet:* <http://www.energycodes.gov/HelpUpdateStateCodes>. Please use the input form and complete all required fields.

- *Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents, or comments received, visit the U.S. Department of Energy, Resource Room of the Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024, (202) 586-2945, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards at the above telephone number for additional information regarding visiting the Resource Room.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margo Appel or Jean Boulin, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Ms. Appel (202) 586-9495, e-mail: [margo.appel@ee.doe.gov](mailto:margo.appel@ee.doe.gov) or Mr. Boulin (202) 586-9870, e-mail: [jean.boulin@ee.doe.gov](mailto:jean.boulin@ee.doe.gov).

Christopher Calamita, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, Forrestal Building, Mailstop GC-71, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-1777, e-mail: [christopher.calamita@hq.doe.gov](mailto:christopher.calamita@hq.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority and Background

Any strategy to realize the goal of the President and the Secretary of Energy (Secretary)—to achieve 83-percent reductions in energy use by the year 2050—must address the energy performance of the buildings sector. Increases in stringency to building energy codes, along with increased adoption by states and localities and paired with rigorous compliance verification, can provide significant reductions in building energy use. This is consistent with section 304(d) and (e) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act which requires DOE to provide technical and financial assistance to states. (42 U.S.C. 6833(d) and (e))

A number of states are in the process of, or planning to, update, implement, and enforce their building energy codes. Further, many states will implement plans to assess and improve compliance with their updated codes, in response to assurances received by their governors in response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5), of which the Secretary was notified. This presents a unique opportunity to increase current efforts to ensure that states, municipalities, and local governments, are able to adopt the latest energy codes and increase compliance rates.

In view of the above, DOE believes it is important to provide interested parties with an opportunity to submit information they feel will assist DOE in compiling information.

#### Public Participation

##### A. Submission of Information

DOE will accept information in response to this notice under the timeline provided in the **DATES** section above. Information submitted to the Department by e-mail should be provided in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or text file format. Those responding should avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption, and wherever possible, comments should include the electronic signature of the author. Comments submitted to the Department by mail or hand delivery/courier should include one signed original paper copy. No telefacsimiles will be accepted. Comments submitted in response to this notice will become a matter of public record and will be made publicly available.

##### B. Issues on Which DOE Seeks Information

*DOE is particularly interested in receiving information on the following issues/topics:*

- (1) Problems, issues, and barriers to the adoption, implementation, enforcement, and improved compliance with improved building energy codes.
- (2) Training needed for designers, builders, code officials, owners, and others to support upgraded codes to meet Standard 90.1-2007 (or code that achieves equivalent or greater energy savings) for commercial buildings and the 2009 IECC (or code that achieves equivalent or greater energy savings) for residential buildings. Training and assistance needed to develop and implement a plan to achieve compliance with upgraded codes by 2017.
- (3) Processes, information, materials and tools necessary to upgrade building