

surface water entering the area from regional canals. The proposed redistribution of freshwater flow across a broad front is expected to restore or enhance freshwater wetlands, tidal wetlands, and nearshore bay habitat.

The study will evaluate alternatives based on their ability to improve water deliveries to the natural system, protect and conserve water resources, protect or restore fish and wildlife and their associated habitat, restore and manage wetland and associated upland ecosystems, sustain economic and natural resources, improve water quality, and other performance criteria being developed by the Project Delivery Team.

d. Preliminary Alternatives: Additional alternatives will be drafted which may be revised pending model results and public feedback.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project will include an evaluation of adverse environmental impacts, including but not limited to, water quality, socio-economic, archaeological and biological. In addition to adverse impacts, the evaluation will also focus on how well the plans perform with regard to specific performance measures.

e. Issues: The EIS will address the impacts concerning freshwater overland flow into Biscayne Bay; and water quality, particularly in the estuaries and receiving waters of Biscayne Bay and the reef tract.

The EIS will also address environmental issues, such as: Flood protection; aesthetics and recreation; fish and wildlife resources, including protected species; cultural resources; and other impacts identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

f. Scoping: A scoping letter and public workshops will be used to invite comments on alternatives and issues from Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and individuals.

Public meetings will be held over the course of the study; the exact location, dates, and times will be announced in public notices and local newspapers.

g. DEIS Preparation: The integrated draft PIR, which will include a draft EIS, is currently scheduled for publication in July 2005.

Dated: February 21, 2003.

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Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics, a utilized Federal Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 3, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Room 8E-089, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William I. Weinig, EI-70, Committee Liaison, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 287-1709. Alternately, Mr. Weinig may be contacted by e-mail at william.weinig@eia.doe.gov or by FAX at (202) 287-1705.

Purpose of the Committee: To advise the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (EIA), on EIA technical statistical issues and to enable the EIA to benefit from the Committee's experience concerning other energy-related statistical matters.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, April 3, 2003

- A. Opening Remarks by the ASA Committee Chair, the EIA Administrator and the Director, Statistics and Methods Group, EIA, Room 8E-089.
 - B. Major Topics (Room 8E-089 unless otherwise noted)
 1. EIA's Survey Quality Effort: Where is EIA Going?
 - A. Overview of EIA's Survey Quality Initiatives
 - B. Survey Quality Efforts of the Office of Coal, Nuclear, Electric and Alternate Fuels
 - C. Survey Quality via Performance-Based Service Contracting
 2. New Confidentiality Law and EIA's Response
 3. An Alternative Natural Gas Production Estimation Procedure
 4. EIA's (Draft) Electricity Transmission Study (Room 5E-069)
 5. Public Questions and Comments
- Friday, April 4, 2003, Room 8E-089*

C. Major Topics

1. Redesign of the EIA-906
 2. Using Data from Combined Heat and Power Plants to Estimate Natural Gas Industrial Prices (Room 5E-069)
 3. ASA Committee Suggestions for the Fall, 2003 Meeting
 4. Public Questions and Comments
- D. Closing Remarks by the Chair

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chair of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Written statements may be filed with the committee either before or after the meeting. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. William I. Weinig, EIA Committee Liaison, at the address or telephone number listed above.

Minutes: A Meeting Summary and Transcript will subsequently be available through Mr. Weinig who may be contacted at (202) 287-1709 or by e-mail at william.weinig@eia.doe.gov.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 3, 2003.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River

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), Savannah River. 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: Monday, March 24, 2003, 1 p.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Augusta Sheraton Hotel, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, GA 30909.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Science Technology & Management Division, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802; Phone: (803) 725-5374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations