

ACTION: Subsequent arrangement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Article VIII.C of the Agreement for Cooperation Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy, signed April 4, 1972, as amended, the American Institute in Taiwan and the Tapei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) hereby jointly determine that the provisions in Article XI of the Agreement may be effectively applied with respect to the plan proposed by TECRO in February 2006 for the alteration in form or content of irradiated fuel elements at the hot laboratory of the Institute of Nuclear Energy Research, Lungtan, Taiwan. The facility is hereby found acceptable to both parties pursuant to Article VIII.C of the Agreement for the sole purpose of alteration in form or content of irradiated fuel elements for the period ending December 31, 2010.

In accordance with section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, we have determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

For the Department of Energy.

Richard S. Goorevich,

Director, Office of International Regimes and Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Renewal of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1015, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (the Board) has been renewed for an additional 60 days, beginning March 20, 2006.

The Board will provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on educational issues, and on any other activities and operations of the Department of Energy as the Secretary may direct.

The Board members are selected to assure well-balanced representation in fields of importance to the Department of Energy. Membership of the Board will continue to be determined in

accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and implementing regulations.

The extension of the Board has been determined to be in the public interest, important and vital to the conduct of the Department's business in connection with the performance of duties established by statute for the Department of Energy. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel M. Samuel, U.S. Department of Energy, MA-70, FORS, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-3279.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory 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. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 20, 2006, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William E. Murphie, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, 1017 Majestic Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, (859) 219-4001.

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

5:30 p.m. Informal Discussion

6 p.m. Call to Order
Introductions
Review of Agenda
Approval of March Minutes
Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments
6:15 p.m. Federal Coordinator's Comments
6:35 p.m. Ex-officios' Comments
6:40 p.m. Public Comments and Questions
6:50 p.m. Task Forces/Presentations
7 p.m. • Kentucky Research Consortium for Energy and the Environment
• Ecology Summary
• Water Disposition/Water Quality Task Force—End State Maps
8 p.m. Public Comments and Questions
8:10 p.m. Break
8:20 p.m. Administrative Issues
• Preparation for May Presentation
• Budget Review
• Review of Workplan
• Review of Next Agenda
8:30 p.m. Review of Action Items
8:35 p.m. Subcommittee Report
• Executive Committee—Chairs Meeting Preparation
8:50 p.m. Final Comments
9 p.m. Adjourn

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact David Dollins at the address listed below or by telephone at (270) 441-6819. 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 comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the U.S. Department of Energy's Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Environmental Information Center and Reading Room at 115 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday

through Friday or by writing to David Dollins, Department of Energy, Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or by calling him at (270) 441-6819.

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Carol Matthews,

Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, April 24, 2006, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, April 25, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-1023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy; assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy methane hydrate research and development program.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, April 24

- Welcome and Introductions
- Joint meeting with the Interagency Coordinating Committee—9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Briefings on recent accomplishments, planned activities, issues and concerns by the Department of Energy; U.S. Geological Survey; Minerals Management Service; Bureau of Land Management; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Naval Research Laboratory; and National Science Foundation. Discussion of major interagency issues, including activities in other nations, FY2007 budgets, reauthorization, interagency coordination and Interagency Roadmap

- Five minutes will be allowed for questions and comments after each presentation

- BP Project Presentation
- Chevron Project Presentation

Tuesday, April 25

- Discussion of Energy Policy Act of 2005 requirements
- Discussion and Recommendations to DOE regarding planning and future activities
- Adjourn

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. 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 of the items on the agenda, you should contact Edith Allison at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10 minute rule.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

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Carol Matthews,

Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: 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 the Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.

L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

DATES: April 13, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Spring Hill Suites by Marriott, Route 66 Room, 15 West 90 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neil Rossmeissl, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-8668 or Harriet Foster at (202) 586-4541; E-mail: harriet.foster@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting

To provide 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:
- Receive update on collaboration with USDA
 - Review status of Roadmap update
 - Receive an update on the status of the FY 2006 joint solicitation
 - Meet with representatives from Chicago-area biomass interests
 - Review status of 2005 Annual Report
 - Finalize procedure for acceptance of a minority report
 - Discuss Analysis, Policy, and other subcommittee business
 - Discuss 2006 annual recommendations
 - Discuss 2006 and 2007 meeting schedule
 - Discuss Committee public relations efforts

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 should contact Neil Rossmeissl at 202-586-8668 or the Biomass Initiative at 202-586-4541 or harriet.foster@ee.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before 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 Chair of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties.