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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

Goals:

- Identify activities and actions for formalizing the Friends of Fernald concept and plan for the May 20 Forum.
- Identify the full range of historical information, artifacts, and displays desired to portray the history of the Fernald site.
- Review status and identify plan for completing the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board (FCAB) history and integrating with other history activities.

8:30 a.m. Call to Order.

8:35 a.m. Updates and

Announcements.

- February EM SSAB Chairs' Call.
- Spring EM SSAB Chairs' meeting planning and presentation.
- Update on coordination with Rocky Flats Citizens' Advisory Board.
- Local Stakeholder Organization status update.
- Brief site update.

8:45 a.m. Friends of Fernald

Discussion.

- Status of Fernald Living History Discussions.
- Plan for May 20 Forum.

10 a.m. Break.

10:15 a.m. Post-Closure Historical Information.

- What is the desired set of materials and information?
- What further role is there for the FCAB?

11:15 a.m. Fernald History Activities.

- FCAB history status.
- Planning to complete FCAB history.

12 p.m. FCAB Meeting Calendar and 2006 Activities.

12:15 p.m. Public Comment.

12:30 p.m. Adjourn.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board chair either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board chair at the address or telephone number listed below. Requests must be received five days

prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions 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. This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting date due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved.

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 by writing to the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board, MS-76, Post Office Box 538704, Cincinnati, OH 43253-8704, or by calling the Advisory Board at (513) 648-6478.

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Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Comments on Draft Roadmap on Manufacturing Research and Development for the Hydrogen Economy

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy requests comment on its draft Roadmap on Manufacturing Research and Development (R&D) for the Hydrogen Economy. This draft roadmap is designed to guide research and development of manufacturing processes to reduce the cost and enhance the reliability of critical hydrogen and fuel cell components and systems.

DATES: The draft roadmap will be open for public comment until April 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The draft roadmap is available at <http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov>. Address all

comments on this roadmap via the Web site at http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/manufacturing_form.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. JoAnn Milliken, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Mail Station EE-2H, Attn: JoAnn Milliken, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, Phone: (202) 586-2480, e-mail JoAnn.Milliken@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The mission of DOE's Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infrastructure Technologies Program is to research, develop and validate fuel cell and hydrogen production, delivery, and storage technologies. Hydrogen from diverse domestic resources will then be used in a clean, safe, reliable, and affordable manner in fuel cell vehicles and stationary power applications. Development of hydrogen energy will ensure that the United States has an abundant, reliable, and affordable supply of clean energy to maintain the Nation's prosperity throughout the 21st century.

The President established the Hydrogen Fuel Initiative and the Manufacturing Initiative to meet critical national needs that involve energy security, environmental quality, and economic well-being. The Hydrogen Fuel Initiative aims to reverse America's growing dependence on imported oil by developing the technology needed for commercially viable hydrogen-powered fuel cells. The Manufacturing Initiative, which addresses the entire manufacturing sector in the United States, will strengthen American manufacturing, create new jobs, and help U.S. manufacturers become more competitive in the global marketplace. The Roadmap on Manufacturing R&D for the Hydrogen Economy describes activities at the intersection of these two initiatives. Manufacturing covers a broad range of components and systems related to hydrogen production and delivery, fuel cells, and hydrogen storage. The transition to a hydrogen economy will take decades. Significant challenges must be overcome to move from today's components and systems, built using laboratory-scale fabrication technologies, to high-volume commercially manufactured products. Essential manufacturing needs for the initial transition to a hydrogen economy include distributed production and delivery, on-board vehicle storage, and polymer electrolyte membrane fuel cells.

The roadmap identifies the challenges to manufacturing the hydrogen

production, storage, and fuel cell technologies that will be required for the initial transition to the hydrogen economy. R&D of manufacturing processes will play a pivotal role in reducing cost of hydrogen technologies and in building the supplier base needed to move the U.S. toward a clean and sustainable energy future.

Based on the results of a July 2005 workshop, the roadmap consolidates recommendations of hydrogen and fuel cell experts from industry, universities, and national laboratories. Led by the DOE and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the workshop and roadmap are the result of a collaboration of the Interagency Working Group on Manufacturing R&D established through the President's National Science and Technology Council. See the press release from Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman at <http://www.energy.gov/print/3098.htm>. The roadmap is posted on the Internet at the Web site identified in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

The goal of the DOE Hydrogen Program is to develop the technology needed for commercially viable hydrogen-powered fuel cells by 2015. Through public-private partnerships, the DOE is working to reduce the cost and enhance the durability of hydrogen technologies to enable industry to put fuel cell vehicles in the showroom and provide hydrogen at refueling stations by 2020.

For more information about the DOE Hydrogen Program, visit <http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov>.

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Douglas L. Faulkner,
Acting Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of the Birmingham, AL 8-hour Ozone Redesignation and Maintenance Demonstration for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that EPA has found that the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs) in the Birmingham,

Alabama 8-hour ozone redesignation and maintenance demonstration, dated January 27, 2006, by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for transportation conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of EPA's finding, the Birmingham area can use the MVEBs from the submitted Birmingham, Alabama 8-hour ozone maintenance plan for future conformity determinations.

DATES: These MVEBs are effective March 10, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanetta Wood, Environmental Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, Air Quality Modeling and Transportation Section, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Ms. Wood can also be reached by telephone at (404) 562-9025, or via electronic mail at wood.amanetta@epa.gov. The finding is available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp.htm> (once there, click on the "Transportation Conformity" text icon, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions").

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that EPA has already made. EPA Region 4 sent a letter to ADEM on February 2, 2006, stating that the MVEBs in the submitted Birmingham, Alabama 8-hour ozone maintenance plan, dated January 27, 2006, are adequate. The Birmingham, Alabama 8-hour ozone maintenance area is comprised of Jefferson and Shelby Counties. EPA's adequacy comment period ran from November 17, 2005, through December 19, 2005. During EPA's adequacy comment period no adverse comments were received. This finding has also been announced on EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm>, (once there, look for "What SIP submissions are currently under EPA Adequacy Review?"). The adequate MVEBs are provided in the following table:

| BIRMINGHAM AREA MVEBS [Tons per day] | |
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| VOC | 23 |

**BIRMINGHAM AREA MVEBS—
Continued
[Tons per day]**

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| NO _x | 42 |

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which EPA determines whether a SIP's MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudice EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if EPA finds the MVEBs adequate, the Agency may later determine that the SIP itself is not approvable.

EPA has described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999, memorandum entitled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999, Conformity Court Decision"). EPA has followed this guidance in making this adequacy determination. This guidance is incorporated into EPA's July 1, 2004, final rulemaking entitled, "Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments for the New 8-hour Ozone and PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Miscellaneous Revisions for Existing Areas; Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Response to Court Decision and Additional Rule Changes" (69 FR 40004).

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: February 13, 2006.

A. Stanley Meiburg,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.
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