

**ADDRESSES:** Boatman's First National Bank, Centennial Room, 8th and Fillmore, Amarillo, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Williams, Program Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3121.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Committee:* The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

*Tentative Agenda*

- 1:30 p.m. Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes
- 1:35 p.m. Co-Chairs' Comments
- 1:45 p.m. Subcommittee Reports—Policy & Personnel/Community Outreach—Program and Training
- 2:00 p.m. Task Force Reports—Transition—Air Monitoring
- 2:10 p.m. Updates—Occurrence Reports
- 2:25 p.m. Break
- 2:40 p.m. Presentation, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Dr. Paul Chapp and Rick Collins
- 3:40 p.m. Discussion, Preparation/Disposal Options for Plutonium
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Tom Williams' office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Tom Williams

at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 6, 1996.

Rachel Murphy Samuel,  
*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee  
Management Officer.*

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**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation.

**DATES:** Wednesday, December 5, 1996—6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Roane County Courthouse, 200 East Race Street, Commissioners Conference Room, Kingston, Tennessee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Perkins, Site-Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-1590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

*Tentative Agenda:*

*December Meeting Topics*

This meeting will include Board members providing trip reports from visits to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project, Envirocare of Utah and the Nevada Test Site, and a trip report regarding the Susceptibility and Risk Symposium.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Sandy Perkins at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading

Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, or by writing to Sandy Perkins, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or by calling her at (423) 576-1590.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 5, 1996.

Rachel Murphy Samuel,  
*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee  
Management Officer.*

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**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL).

**DATES:** Tuesday, November 19, 1996 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Mountain Savings Time (MST); Wednesday, November 20, 1996 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. MST. There will be a public comment availability session Tuesday, November 19, 1996 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. MST.

**ADDRESSES:** Holiday Inn Westbank, 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Information 1-800-708-2680 or Marsha Hardy, Jason Associates Corporation Staff Support 1-208-522-1662.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

*Tentative Agenda:* The EM SSAB, INEL will meet to discuss the Waste Isolation Pilot Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and the Strategic Laboratory Mission Plan. The Board will be updated on the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Facility, Test Area North Groundwater, and the INEL Ten Year Plan. Presentations will be given to the Board on High-Level Waste at

INEL, the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant Remedial Investigation Feasibility Study, and the Radioactive Waste Management Complex Remedial Investigation Feasibility Study. For a most current copy of the agenda, contact Woody Russell, DOE-Idaho, (208) 526-0561, or Marsha Hardy, Jason Associates, (208) 522-1662. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

**Public Comment Availability:** The two-day meeting is open to the public, with a Public Comment Availability session scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 1996 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. MST. The Board will be available during this time period to hear verbal public comments or to review any written public comments. If there are no members of the public wishing to comment or no written comments to review, the board will continue with its current discussion. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Information line or Marsha Hardy, Jason Associates, at the addresses or telephone numbers listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 5, 1996.

Rachel M. Samuel,  
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## Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. CW-004]

### Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Granting of an Extension for an Interim Waiver to General Electric Appliances From the DOE Clothes Washer Test Procedure (Case No. CW-004)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Today's notice grants an extension of the Interim Waiver previously granted to General Electric Appliances (GEA). Interim Waiver CW-

004 was granted to GEA on April 4, 1996, and published in the Federal Register on April 24, 1996, for its clothes washer with non-traditional wash temperature selections and automatic water fill capability. The Department has not yet issued a Decision and Order and is extending the Interim Waiver by 180 days.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

P. Marc LaFrance, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Mail Station EE-431, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-8423.

Eugene Margolis, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, Mail Station GC-72, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103, (202) 586-9507.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products (other than automobiles) was established pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, (EPCA) 42 U.S.C. 6291 et seq., which requires DOE to prescribe standardized test procedures to measure the energy consumption of certain consumer products, including clothes washers. The intent of the test procedures is to provide a comparable measure of energy consumption through which manufacturers can establish compliance and that will assist consumers in making purchasing decisions. These test procedures appear at Title 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

DOE amended the test procedure rules to provide for a waiver process by adding § 430.27 to 10 CFR Part 430. (45 FR 64108, September 26, 1980.) Thereafter, DOE further amended the appliance test procedure waiver process to allow the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (Assistant Secretary) to grant an Interim Waiver from test procedure requirements to manufacturers that have petitioned DOE for a waiver from such prescribed test procedures. (51 FR 42823, November 26, 1986).

The waiver process allows the Assistant Secretary to temporarily waive the test procedures for a particular basic model when a petitioner shows that the basic model contains one or more design characteristics which prevent testing according to the prescribed test procedures or when the prescribed test procedures may evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy consumption as to provide materially inaccurate comparative data. Waivers generally

remain in effect until final test procedure amendments become effective, resolving the problem that is the subject of the waiver.

The Interim Waiver provisions, added by the 1986 amendment, allow the Assistant Secretary to grant an Interim Waiver when it is determined that the applicant will experience economic hardship if the Application for Interim Waiver is denied, if it appears likely that the Petition for Waiver will be granted, and/or the Assistant Secretary determines that it would be desirable for public policy reasons to grant immediate relief pending a determination on the Petition for Waiver. An Interim Waiver remains in effect for a period of 180 days or until DOE issues its determination on the Petition for Waiver, whichever is sooner, and may be extended for an additional 180 days, if necessary.

On October 9, 1995, GEA filed a Petition for Waiver and an Application for Interim Waiver regarding its clothes washer model WZSE5310. The design features of this model that differ from those covered by the existing clothes washer test procedure are: five wash temperatures (a cold, three warm and a hot) in a factory preset primary mode, 34 wash temperature selections in a secondary programming mode which may be substituted for the factory preset temperatures, and a consumer activated choice of a manual or automatic water fill capability. Current test procedures do not contain provisions for testing clothes washers with these features. On April 4, 1996, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 430, Section 430.27(g), the Department granted GEA an Interim Waiver on the grounds that it is "likely that the Petition for Waiver will be granted" and for "public policy reasons." On April 24, 1996, both the Interim Waiver and Petition for Waiver were published in the Federal Register. 61 FR 18125. The Interim Waiver was granted for 180 days.

Currently, the Department is considering adoption of revisions to the clothes washer test procedure found at 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix J, which may resolve some or all of the issues addressed in the Interim Waiver granted to GEA. Therefore, a decision regarding the Petition for Waiver for the GEA clothes washer is being delayed. Accordingly, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 430, Section 430.27 (h), the Department is granting GEA an extension to the Interim Waiver.

The Interim Waiver is based upon the presumed validity of all statements and assertions submitted by GEA. The Interim Waiver may be revoked or modified at any time upon a