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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Solicitation: "Development of Feed System for Alternative Feedstocks for Gasification"

Objectives: Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-99FT40432, the Department of Energy seeks applications for innovative technical approaches to co-feed alternative feedstocks with coal to a gasifier to broaden the base of fuels utilized in a gasifier. This solicitation is specifically aimed at identifying opportunities and constraints to the use of co-feeding alternative feedstocks and the development and testing of technologies for co-feeding coal with alternatives feedstocks such as biomass, municipal solid waste, animal wastes, other difficult-to-feed industrial streams, and lower quality coals or coal wastes. This solicitation is limited to those technologies, processes, and concepts that are applicable for co-feeding to a gasifier under pressure and with coal being the primary component of the feedstock.

Eligibility: Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is considered to be full and open. All interested parties may apply. The solicitation will contain a complete description of the technical evaluation factors and relative importance of each factor.

Areas of Interest: The Department is interested in obtaining applications to improve gasification systems for co-feeding alternative feedstocks into gasifiers under pressure in the following areas of interest: (1) Wet Gasification Systems: Liquid feed systems primarily designed to handle feed materials that are hydrocarbon liquids or are solids slurried in water. Technical topics include: (a) property alteration or conversion to be suitable as a liquid or slurry feed; and (b) new or improved feed system equipment and design; and (2) Dry Gasification Systems: Co-mixtures of dry materials with coal that incorporate significantly different material properties to be fed with uniform and consistent performance. Technical topics include: (a) equipment and processes to modify the alternative feed materials and blend into acceptable co-mixtures; and (b) equipment modifications and improvements to the feed system.

Awards: DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (cooperative agreements) for each project selected. DOE reserves the right to support or not

support, with or without discussions, any or all applications received in whole or in part, and to determine how many awards may be made through the solicitation subject to funds available. Approximately \$9.5 million of DOE funding is planned for this solicitation (\$1.5 million Project Period I, \$4 million Project Period II, and \$4 million for Project Period III). The estimated funding by the DOE is planned to be \$0.5 million per award for Project Period I and \$1.5 million to \$2.0 million for Project Period II, with remaining funds for Project Period III. The DOE intends to solicit Renewal Applications for subsequent Project Periods only from those organizations selected for Project Period I. Cost sharing by the applicant is required, and details of the cost sharing requirement are contained in the solicitation.

Solicitation Release Date: The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release on or about April 2, 1999. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation.

Richard D. Rogus,

Contracting Officer, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Advisory Board; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory Board. 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 22, 1999, 1:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m., and Friday, April 23, 1999, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue S.W. (Room 1E-245), Washington, D.C. 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James T. Melillo, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Environmental Management Advisory Board (EM-1), 1000 Independence Avenue S.W. (Room 5B-171), Washington, D.C. 20585. The telephone number is 202-586-4400. The Internet address is james.melillo@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management Advisory Program from the perspective of affected groups, as well as state, local, and tribal governments. The Board will contribute to the effective operation of the Environmental Management Program by providing individual citizens and representatives of interested groups an opportunity to present their views on issues facing the Office of Environmental Management and by helping to secure consensus recommendations on these issues.

Tentative Agenda*

Thursday, April 22, 1999

1:00 p.m.—Public Meeting Opens.
Opening Remarks.
Privatization Committee Report.
Technology Development & Transfer Committee Report.
Break.
Worker Health & Safety Committee Report.
Accelerating Closure Committee Report.
Public Comment Period.
6:00 p.m.—Wrap up—Adjourn.

Friday, April 23, 1999

8:30 a.m.—Public Meeting Opens.
Science Committee Report.
Long Term Stewardship Committee Report.
Break.
Public Comment Period.
Board Business.
Public Comment Period.

12:15 p.m.—Meeting Adjourns

* Times are approximate. A final agenda will be available at the start of the meeting.

Public Participation: This 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 an oral statement regarding any of the items on the agenda, please contact Mr. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above, or call the Environmental Management Advisory Board office at 202-586-4400, and we will reserve time for you on the agenda. You may also register to speak at the Meeting Site on April 22-23, or ask to speak during the public comment period. Those who call in and or register in advance will be given the opportunity to speak first. Others will be accommodated as time permits. The Board Chair will conduct the meeting in an orderly manner.

Minutes: We will make the minutes of this meeting available for public review and copying by May 23, 1999. Please come to the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room (Room 1E-190) in the Forrestal Building to view these documents. The Room is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. except on Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on March 22, 1999.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

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), Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. 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: Thursday, April 15, 1999: 5:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Paducah Information Age Park Resource Center, 2000 McCracken Boulevard, Paducah, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John D. Sheppard, Site-Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (502) 441-6804.

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

5:30 p.m. Call to Order
5:45 p.m. Approve Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m. Public Comment/Questions
6:30 p.m. Presentations
7:30 p.m. Break
7:45 p.m. Presentations
9:00 p.m. Public Comment
9:30 p.m. Administrative Issues
10:00 p.m. Adjourn

Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

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 John D. Sheppard 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 Deputy Designated Federal Officer 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 at the times indicated on the agenda.

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 Environmental Information and Reading Room at 175 Freedom Boulevard, Highway 60, Kevil, Kentucky between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, or by writing to John D. Sheppard, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, or by calling him at (502) 441-6804.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6316-3]

California State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Within the Scope Request; Opportunity for Public Hearing

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for public hearing and public comment.

SUMMARY: The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has notified EPA that it has approved amendments to the zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) requirements of the low-emission vehicle (LEV) program, including the repeal of the ZEV requirements for model years 1998 through 2002. By letter dated February 26, 1997, California requested that EPA

confirm CARB's finding that its amendments are within-the-scope of section 209(b) of the Clean Air Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. 7543(b), of a waiver of federal preemption for the California LEV program regulations, which EPA approved on January 13, 1993.

EPA has tentatively scheduled a public hearing for April 23, 1999, to hear comments concerning CARB's request. Before this notice, EPA received submissions to the docket on this matter from the state of Massachusetts, CARB, and aftermarket associations. EPA requests comments from interested parties as to the relevance and merit of these previous submissions to the within-the-scope waiver request. If EPA does not receive a request for a public hearing, then EPA will not hold a hearing, and instead consider CARB's request based on written submissions to the docket.

DATES: EPA has tentatively scheduled a public hearing for April 23, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EPA will hold a hearing only if a party notifies EPA by April 5, 1999, expressing its interest in presenting oral testimony regarding CARB's requests or other issues noted in this notice. By April 7, 1999, any person who plans to attend the hearing should call David Dickinson of EPA's Vehicle Programs and Compliance Division at (202) 564-9256 to learn if we will hold a hearing. Any party may submit written comments by May 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: EPA will make available for public inspection at the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center written comments received from interested parties, in addition to any testimony given at the public hearing. The Air Docket is open during working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at EPA, Air Docket (6102), Room M-1500, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. The reference number for this docket is A-97-20. Parties wishing to present oral testimony at the public hearing should provide written notice to David Dickinson at the address noted below. In addition, parties should send their written comments (in duplicate) regarding the within-the-scope waiver request to David Dickinson at the same address. If EPA receives a request for a public hearing, EPA will hold the public hearing in the first floor conference room at 501 3rd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Dickinson, Group Manager, Vehicle Programs and Compliance Division (6405J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone: