

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Approximately \$2,700,000 in federal funds are expected to be available to fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making 2 or more cooperative agreement awards each with a duration of five years or less. A minimum 50% non-federal cost-share is required for the *total* project which includes research, development and demonstration. The minimum research and development cost share is 30%. Collaborations between industry, industry organizations, university, and National Laboratory participants are encouraged. The issuance date of the solicitation is on or about May 3, 1999. The solicitation will be available in its full text via the internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/PSD/proc-div.html>. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Supplemental notice of open meeting.

On April 6, 1999, the Department of Energy published a notice announcing an open meeting of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics 64 FR 16727. This notice provides additional detail on the tentative agenda published. The meeting will open in room 8E-089, followed by concurrent morning sessions on Thursday, April 29, 1999 and Friday, April 30, 1999. Please refer to the poster in Room 8E-089 for the concurrent session room numbers.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****National Stakeholder Forum on Central Internet Database**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of a National Stakeholder Forum.

**SUMMARY:** DOE is sponsoring a forum on the development of a Central Internet Database ("CID" or "database") that will contain specified information on DOE managed waste, contaminated environmental media, and facilities. DOE is developing this database and sponsoring this forum pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement between DOE, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., and several other organizations. The purposes of this forum are: (1) To inform and discuss with stakeholders the current status of the development of the database and review the data that will be contained in the database; (2) to engage in a dialogue with stakeholders about the continued development of, and possible enhancements to, the outline and structure of the database; (3) to discuss Internet linkages to other data sources; and (4) to discuss opportunities for ongoing stakeholder involvement in the development and implementation of the database. The forum is open to the public. However, pre-registration is strongly recommended to assist DOE in logistical planning for the forum. Detailed registration information is provided below.

**DATES:** June 3-4, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Columbia Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 10207 Wincopia Circle, Columbia, MD 21044.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James D. Werner, 202-586-9280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****1. Background**

On December 12, 1998, DOE and the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. (NRDC), on its own behalf and that of 38 other plaintiff organizations, settled a lawsuit (*Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. Richardson, et al.*, Civ No. 97-936 (SS)). The terms of the settlement agreement require DOE to complete three major items: (1) Develop and implement a Central Internet Database (CID) containing specified information on DOE waste, facilities, and contaminated media, as well as information on waste transfers; (2) conduct a study of DOE's long-term stewardship activities; and (3) establish a \$6.25 million fund, to be administered by an independent organization (RESOLVE, Inc.), enabling recipient

organizations to conduct technical and scientific reviews of DOE's environmental management activities. In connection with the development of this database, DOE agreed to hold at least two national stakeholders forums to discuss with members of the public issues relating to the development of the database. The first of these forums is the subject of this notice.

Additional information on the settlement agreement is available through an Internet web site (see URL given below) or by contacting the DOE point of contact, James D. Werner, at the address listed below.

**2. Central Internet Database Requirements**

From 1980 to 1996, the Department compiled, on a national basis, information about its waste, contaminated media, and spent nuclear fuel in a system, called the "Integrated Database" or "IDB." The new database (the CID) will, in part, supplant the IDB and will include more information and make it more readily accessible than the IDB. The CID will contain specified information on the wastes, contaminated media, facilities, spent nuclear fuel, and materials in inventory managed by DOE's Offices of Environmental Management, Defense Programs, Science, and Nuclear Energy. The database will also include data from the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) sites, if they have been returned to DOE for management, as well as sites governed by Section 151(b) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act that have been transferred to DOE ownership. (To date, no sites have been transferred to DOE under section 151(b). FUSRAP sites that have not already been cleaned up, are currently managed by the Army Corps of Engineers).

Under the terms of the settlement, DOE will include in the CID, data that are presently available and collected by DOE on a national level, or that are presently planned to be collected in the future by DOE on a national level. For example, specific information will be provided on waste types and volumes of material and waste in storage, as well as newly generated, treated, and disposed waste; the mass of spent nuclear fuel in storage and the annual receipts of spent nuclear fuel; the major chemical constituents and radionuclides of concern; the program responsible for generation and disposition; and the location, managing program, approximate square footage, status, and type of contamination for DOE facilities. The database will not include any information that is classified,

controlled, or proprietary. DOE also committed to make the database available to the public on the Internet through a web-based reporting tool (e.g., web site) that provides the capacity to generate standard reports and perform searches and queries.

As explained above, this notice announces the first national stakeholder forum to discuss the development of the CID. DOE will sponsor at least one additional stakeholder forum; the second forum will be held no sooner than one year after the date on which DOE announces that the database is operational. The subject of the second forum will be the operation of the database, including its structure and linkages to other databases. DOE is required to maintain the database for a minimum of five years following the second national stakeholder forum. Before the expiration of this five-year period, upon request, DOE will hold a third national stakeholder forum to discuss whether the Department should continue operation of the database.

### 3. Draft Forum Agenda

The following is a draft agenda for the forum. Members of the public are invited to review the draft agenda and provide comments on it in the manner described below.

#### June 3

- 8:30—Welcome and Introductions
- 9:30—Overview and Status Reports on the Database by DOE and Stakeholders
- 11:00—Public Comments and General Discussion
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Sessions on Specific Topics—  
Topics may include the following:
  - Data sources, level of detail, and availability
  - User Interface—Look and feel of interface
  - Database search and query capabilities
  - Database deployment, training, and documentation
  - Updating and maintaining the database
  - Opportunities for ongoing stakeholder involvement with database development and deployment
- 5:45—Adjourn

#### June 4

- 8:30—Agenda Review and Announcements
- 9:00—Reports from Previous Day Sessions
- 10:30—Discussion Regarding Sessions
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Discussion of Outstanding Issues

- 1:45—Next Steps—Upcoming Activities and Action Items
- 2:15—Closing Comments
- 2:30—Adjourn

Comments on the draft agenda should be sent to James D. Werner at the following address: Office of Strategic Planning and Analysis (EM-24), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

The Department will consider comments received on the draft agenda in reaching its determination on the final agenda. The final agenda will be made available through the Internet Web Site referenced below.

### 4. Ongoing Communication Mechanisms

In order to communicate current information about activities related to the settlement to stakeholders and the public, DOE has established an Internet Web Site at <http://www.em.doe.gov/settlement>. This site includes:

- Text of Settlement Agreement
- Stakeholder Forum Information
- Forum Agenda
- Registration Information
- Background Materials (available 5/22/99)
- Project Plan—provides an overview of the proposed design of the database and the tentative implementation schedule
- Fact Sheets and Updates on Settlement-Related Activities
- Overall Status of Settlement Implementation

### 5. Registration Information

Registration information can be obtained from the Internet Web Site referenced above, or by calling the Center for Environmental Management Information at 1-800-736-3282 (in the Washington, DC area, 202-863-5084). In addition, any member of the public desiring further information concerning the database and forum can contact James D. Werner at the address provided above. The deadline for registration is May 19, 1999.

Pursuant to the settlement agreement, DOE will consider providing funding for reasonable travel expenses (not to exceed \$50,000 per forum) associated with attendance at the forum by members of the plaintiff organizations or other organizations that can demonstrate need and are working on issues related to DOE's environmental management activities. The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) will process and evaluate these applications and determine eligibility. Applications are due no later than May 14, 1999. For

further information about how to apply for funding of travel expenses, please contact ELI as outlined below:

Eric Feldman, Environmental Law Institute, 1616 P Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036, Phone: 202-939-3823, Fax: 202-939-3868, Email: [feldman@eli.org](mailto:feldman@eli.org)

Information on how to apply for travel expense funding can also be obtained from the Internet Web Site referenced above or by calling the Center for Environmental Management Information at 1-800-736-3282 (in the Washington, DC area, 202-863-5084).

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**James D. Werner,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy; National Coal Council Notice of Open Meeting

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Coal Council. That Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, May 18, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

**ADDRESSES:** Embassy Suites, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margie D. Biggerstaff, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202/586-3867.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Council: To provide advice, information, recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and coal industry issues.

### Tentative Agenda

- Approval of agenda, E. Linn Draper, Jr., Chairman of the National Coal Council.
- Opening remarks, E. Linn Draper, Jr., Chairman of the National Coal Council.
- Remarks of Secretary of Energy, Bill Richardson (invited).
- Administrative business.
- Presentation by Steve Miller, Center for Energy and Environmental Development, Coal: Improving Public Perception of the Nation's Largest Domestic Energy Resource.
- Presentation by Ben Yamagata, Van Ness, Feldman, Fuel Diversity Economic