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**Claudio Prieto,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Office of Special Education Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Correction notice.

**SUMMARY:** On August 30, 1999, a notice inviting applications for new awards under the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Grant Applications under Part D, Subpart 2 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 47310). The notice contained a "chart" that provided closing dates and other information regarding the transmittal of applications for the FY 2000 competitions. The chart inadvertently listed "November 13, 2000" as the intergovernmental review deadline date for one competition. This notice provides a correction to the chart on page 47328 of that notice by changing the intergovernmental review deadline date to April 4, 2000 for the Student Initiated Research Projects (84.324B) competition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on this notice contact Debra Sturdivant, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, room 3527, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2641. FAX: (202) 205-8717 (FAX is the preferred method for requesting information). Telephone: (202) 205-8038. Internet: [Debra\\_Sturdivant@ed.gov](mailto:Debra_Sturdivant@ed.gov).

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Dated: September 30, 1999.

**Judith E. Heumann,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Study on Long-Term Stewardship Activities and Issues

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a study on long-term stewardship.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is preparing a national study on long-term stewardship to examine the institutional and programmatic issues facing DOE as it completes the environmental cleanup program at its sites. The study, which will incorporate input from the public, is being prepared to comply with the terms of a settlement agreement that resolved a lawsuit brought against DOE by the Natural Resources Defense Council and other plaintiffs. DOE invites the general public, other Federal agencies, Native American Tribes, state and local governments, and all other interested parties to comment on the scope of the study.

**DATES:** The scoping period will extend to January 4, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted in writing to: Steven Livingstone, Project Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, PO Box 45079, Washington, DC 20026-5079; Or electronically at [www.em.doe.gov/lts](http://www.em.doe.gov/lts) or to [Steven.Livingstone@em.doe.gov](mailto:Steven.Livingstone@em.doe.gov); Or by fax at 202-586-4314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James D. Werner, Program Director, or Steven Livingstone, Project Manager, Office of Strategic Planning and Analysis (EM-24), Office of Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0119, phone: 202-586-9280, fax: 202-586-4314.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE is preparing a national study on the possible consequences of long-term stewardship according to the terms of a

settlement agreement that resolved a lawsuit brought against DOE by the Natural Resources Defense Council and 38 other plaintiffs (*Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. Richardson, et al.*, Civ. No. 97-936 (SS) (D.D.C. Dec. 12, 1998)). The study, which will incorporate input from the public, will examine the institutional and programmatic issues facing DOE as it completes the environmental cleanup program at its sites. The settlement agreement states that, "in the study, DOE will discuss, as appropriate, alternative approaches to long-term stewardship and the environmental consequences associated with those alternative approaches." Long-term stewardship, under the agreement, refers to:

the physical controls, institutions, information and other mechanisms needed to ensure protection of people and the environment at sites where DOE has completed or plans to complete "cleanup" (e.g., landfill closures, remedial actions, removal actions, and facility stabilization). This concept of long-term stewardship includes, *inter alia*, land-use controls, monitoring, maintenance, and information management.

### Goals

The goal of the study on long-term stewardship is to inform decision-makers and the public about the long-term stewardship issues and challenges facing DOE, and the potential options for addressing these issues.

The study will:

- Describe DOE's long-term stewardship responsibilities, the status of current and ongoing stewardship obligations, activities and initiatives, and the plans for future activities.

- Analyze the national issues that DOE needs to address in planning for and conducting long-term stewardship activities.

- Promote information exchange on long-term stewardship among DOE, Tribal nations, state and local governments, and private citizens.

The study is not intended to:

- Be a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document or its functional equivalent.

- Identify or address site-specific issues, except as examples in the context of presenting national issues.

- Address issues specific to nuclear stockpile stewardship, other activities related to national security, or the Central Internet Database required by the settlement agreement.

### Long-Term Stewardship Study Development Process

According to the terms of the settlement agreement, DOE will follow

the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) procedures for public scoping, 40 CFR 1501.7(a)(1)-(2), even though this study will not be a NEPA document or its functional equivalent. This process will provide DOE with input about the topics and issues that should be included in the study, within the general parameters established by the settlement agreement. Scoping includes opportunities for interested parties to learn about the goals of the study, comment on what issues or topics the study should consider, and discuss key elements of the study with DOE staff. DOE will consider all relevant comments and suggestions in developing the scope of the study. Once the scoping process is completed, DOE will make publicly available a summary document describing how comments were considered. To ensure consideration in the preparation of the study, scoping comments should be transmitted or postmarked by the date indicated at the beginning of this Notice. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. DOE encourages the public to submit comments through an Internet Web Site ([www.em.doe.gov/lts](http://www.em.doe.gov/lts)), as this will provide an opportunity for commentators to track the progress of their comments on the Web Site. All comments received will be made available for review on the Web Site.

DOE is conducting a public scoping workshop from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., October 28, 1999 at the Oak Ridge Mall, Community Room, 333 Main Street, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 37830 to provide an opportunity for information exchange and constructive discussions between DOE and interested parties on the types of issues DOE should examine in the long-term stewardship study. This workshop is scheduled to coincide with a related meeting on October 26-27, 1999 for site-specific advisory boards focusing on long-term stewardship. At this workshop, DOE staff will discuss the objectives of the study and the study process, describe how public input will be incorporated into the study, and address questions. The facilitated workshop will provide for interaction among participants so as to promote full and open discussion. Any member of the public desiring further information concerning the workshop on the long-term stewardship study can contact James D. Werner or Steven Livingstone at the address and phone numbers provided above.

In addition to this workshop, DOE is pursuing opportunities to inform the public about the study and the scoping process. These will include using

existing forums and entities, such as the Environmental Management Advisory Board, Site-Specific Advisory Boards, and State and Tribal Governments Working Group, and other stakeholder organizations examining issues which relate to issues to be examined in the study.

Based on the results of the scoping process, DOE will prepare a draft study that will be released for public comment. We anticipate issuing a draft study in Spring 2000. The public review process for the study will meet certain DOE requirements for public review, 10 CFR 1021.313, made applicable under the terms of the settlement agreement. This process is intended to allow public comment on the draft study that DOE will use to complete the final study. DOE will issue a Notice of Availability describing the public review process for the draft study. A public comment period will extend for no less than 45 days after publication of the draft study. DOE will prepare a final study, including a comment response summary document, for release to the public.

### Background

In the last decade, DOE has made significant progress in its cleanup program to reduce risks and "mortgage" costs for maintaining safe conditions at its sites. DOE's experience in planning and completing cleanups has demonstrated that cleanup to levels acceptable for unrestricted use will not be accomplished at many sites.<sup>1</sup> Residual contamination, buried waste, and other hazards may remain at sites after cleanup is completed for several reasons:

- **Technical and Economic Limitations**—There are a number of situations where no acceptable remediation strategy exists because of the type of contaminant and/or its location. Even when current remediation technologies can restore sites and facilities to conditions suitable for unrestricted use, the cost of doing so may be prohibitive.

- **Worker Health and Collateral Ecological Impacts**—In determining the remediation approach for particular sites, it is necessary to balance the short-term risk to workers with the potential longer-term risk to the general public and the environment. In addition, there are situations where remedial actions would result in significantly greater

<sup>1</sup> Estimating the Cold War Mortgage: The 1995 Baseline Environmental Management Report (Volumes 1 & 2), March 1995, DOE/EM-0232. The 1996 Baseline Environmental Management Report (Volumes 1, 2, & 3), June 1996, DOE/EM-0290. Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure, June 1998, DOE/EM-0362.

ecological damage than if the contaminated site was left undisturbed.

Whenever site cleanup does not result in the site's release for unrestricted use, DOE anticipates that long-term stewardship will be necessary.

#### Related Information

DOE is developing a background document, From Cleanup to Stewardship, A Companion Report to 'Paths to Closure' and Background Information to Support the Scoping Process Required for the 1999 PEIS Settlement Study that provides the best available information on DOE's long-term stewardship obligations, activities, and related issues. This background document may assist persons interested in submitting scoping comments by providing a basis for more informed discussion of stewardship needs, and the potential links between existing and future cleanup decisions (such as risks, costs, technologies, and future land use) and the level of effort required to conduct long-term stewardship activities. The primary source of information and assumptions about DOE sites is the data set used to develop the 1998 Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure report. DOE is using this information to identify sites where contaminated facilities, water, soil, and/or engineered units would likely remain after cleanup is complete, and to estimate the scope of long-term stewardship activities needed. The background document is anticipated to be available this month. When available, copies of the background document or other related information can be obtained by contacting:

- The Internet Web Site at [www.em.doe.gov/lts](http://www.em.doe.gov/lts), which contains information on long-term stewardship related issues produced by DOE and outside sources.

- The Center for Environmental Management Information, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, North, SW, Suite 8200, Washington, DC 20024, 1-800-736-3282 ("1-800-7EM-DATA"), in DC, 202-863-5084.

- DOE Reading Rooms (for locations of the DOE Reading Rooms or other public information repositories containing background information, please contact the Center for Environmental Management Information at the above address and telephone).

Signed in Washington DC, this 30th day of September, 1999.

**James D. Werner,**

*Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Analysis, Office of Environmental Management.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Office of Science; Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee, Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). 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:** Wednesday, November 3, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 4, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Gaithersburg Washingtonian Marriott Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Long; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U. S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, MD 20874-1290; Telephone: (301) 903-5565.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include discussions of the following:

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

- Welcome and Introduction
- Remarks from Dr. Martha Krebs, Director, Office of Science
- News from Basic Energy Sciences
- Discussion on implementing a research program in Complex Systems
- Brief overviews of the programs in BES

Thursday, November 4, 1999

- Review of the 1999-2000 charge to BESAC and updates of ongoing activities
- Overview of the Intense Pulsed Neutron Source at Argonne National Laboratory
- Overview of the Manuel Lujan, Jr. Neutron Scattering Center at Los Alamos National Laboratory

**Public Participation:** The 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 oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Sharon Long at 301-903-6594 (fax) or [sharon.long@science.doe.gov](mailto:sharon.long@science.doe.gov) (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the 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 through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 1, 1999.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah; Meeting

**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 these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATE:** Thursday, October 21, 1999; 6 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** Paducah Information Age Park Resource Center, 2000 McCracken Blvd., Paducah, Kentucky, 42001.

**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 and waste management activities.