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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Changes in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new or revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include: Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Erosion Control; Composting Facility; Deep Tillage; Fish Passage; Stream Habitat Management; Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mined; Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined; Underground Outlet; and Vegetative Barrier. These standards are used to convey national guidance when developing Field Office Technical Guide Standards used in the States. NRCS State Conservationists who choose to adopt these practices for use within their States will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guides. These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land or on land determined to be wetlands.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** Comments will be received until November 27, 2000. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after November 27, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Single copies of these standards are available from NRCS Conservation Engineering Division (CED) in Washington, DC. Submit individual inquiries and return any comments in writing to William Hughey, National Agricultural Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Post

Office Box 2890, Room 6139-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890; telephone: (202) 720-5023. The standards are also available and can be downloaded from the Internet at: [http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/practice\\_std.html](http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/practice_std.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 60 days, NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments, and a final determination of change will be made.

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 14, 2000.

**Pearlie S. Reed,**

*Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

### Annual Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. October 25, 2000.

**PLACE:** Harrisburg Hilton and Towers, One North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

**STATUS:** Most of the meeting will be open to the public. If there is a need for an executive session (closed to the public), it will be held at about 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

*Portions Open to the Public:* The primary purpose of this meeting is to (1) Review the independent auditors' report of Commission's financial statements for fiscal year 1999-2000; (2) Review the Commission's annual reports for fiscal years 1999-2000; (3) Consider a proposed budget for fiscal year 2001-2002; (4) Review and discuss the recent developments in South Carolina related to the Barnwell disposal facility; (5) Review information on LLRW generation within the compact; and (6) Elect the Commission's officers.

*Portions Closed to the Public:* Executive Session, if deemed necessary, will be held at about 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Richard R. Janati, Chairman Seif's Staff member on the Commission, at 717-787-2163.

**Richard R. Janati,**

*Chairman's Staff Member on the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economic Development Administration

#### Performance Review Board; membership

The following individuals are eligible to serve on the Performance Review Board in accordance with the Senior Executive Service Performance Appraisal System of the Economic Development Administration.

Gerald R. Lucas  
Charles R. Sawyer  
Pedro R. Garza  
William J. Day, Jr.  
Hugh L. Brennan

**Vicki G. Brooks,**

*Executive Secretary, Economic Development Administration Performance Review Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Advisory Committee on Africa: Notice of Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration/Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa, Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Africa was established to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Deputy Secretary of Commerce on commercial policy issues in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**TIME AND PLACE:** October 12, 2000 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The meeting will take place at the Main Department of Commerce Building, Room 4830, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

#### AGENDA:

1. Overview of trade and investment finance programs of U.S. Government

agencies in Africa, including Export-Import Bank, OPIC and TDA.

2. Report of President Clinton's visit to Nigeria and Tanzania.

3. Update on situation in Ethiopia.

4. Discussion of African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) implementation.

*Public Participation:* The meeting will be open to public participation. Seating will be available on a first-come first-served basis. Members of the public who plan to attend are requested to advise Ms. Alicia Robinson, Office of Africa, tel: 202-482-5148, fax: 202-482-5198, e-mail: [alicia\\_robinson@ita.doc.gov](mailto:alicia_robinson@ita.doc.gov).

Dated: September 19, 2000.

**Gerald M. Feldman,**  
*Director, Office of Africa.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (National Advisory Committee); Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education.

#### What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to announce the public meeting of the National Advisory Committee and invite third-party oral presentations before the Committee. This notice also presents the proposed agenda and informs the public of its opportunity to attend this meeting. The notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

#### When and Where Will the Meeting Take Place?

We will hold the public meeting on December 11-13, 2000 from 9:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202. You may call the hotel on (703) 415-5000 to inquire about rooms.

#### What Access Does the Hotel Provide for Individuals with Disabilities?

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request

received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

#### Who Is the Contact Person for the Meeting?

Please contact Ms. Bonnie LeBold, who is the Executive Director of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, if you have questions about the meeting. You may contact her at the U.S. Department of Education, Room 7007-MS 7592, 1990 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, telephone: (202) 219-7009, fax: (202) 219-7008, e-mail: [Bonnie\\_LeBold@ed.gov](mailto:Bonnie_LeBold@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

#### What Is the Authority for the National Advisory Committee?

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c.

#### What are the Functions of the National Advisory Committee?

The Committee advises the Secretary of Education about:

- The establishment and enforcement of the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA.
- The development of standards and criteria for specific categories of vocational training institutions and institutions of higher education for which there are no recognized accrediting agencies, associations, or State agencies in order to establish the interim eligibility of those institutions to participate in Federally funded programs.
- The relationship between: (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.
- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe.

#### What Items Will be on the Agenda for Discussion at the Meeting?

Agenda topics will include an update on the Title IV Distance Education Demonstration Program, a panel discussion by Federal and higher education agency representatives on transfer of credit issues, the review of agencies that have submitted petitions for initial recognition or renewal of recognition, and the review of agencies that have submitted interim reports.

#### What Agencies Will the Advisory Committee Review at the Meeting?

The Advisory Committee will review the following agencies during its December 11-13, 2000 meeting.

#### Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

##### *Petition for Initial Recognition*

1. Midwifery Education Accreditation Commission (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation of direct-entry (non-nurse) midwifery certificate and undergraduate and graduate degree educational programs and institutions offering those types of programs)

##### *Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (Current scope of recognition: the accreditation of clinical training programs in marriage and family therapy at the master's, doctoral, and postgraduate levels. Requested scope of recognition: the current scope of recognition plus the preaccreditation of clinical training programs in marriage and family therapy at the master's, doctoral, and postgraduate levels ["Candidacy"] of programs)

2. American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of programs in legal education that lead to the first professional degree in law, as well as freestanding law schools offering such programs)

3. Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of first-professional master's degree and professional master's level certificate and diploma programs in acupuncture and Oriental medicine)

4. Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of graduate programs in health services administration)