

processing of wood, inorganic cooking chemicals, and water. Though concentrated by multiple effects evaporators, these liquor still contain a high percentage of water and have sufficient heating value to be considered low quality fuels. The technical topic is for safe, integrated gasification systems which can permit the separation and recovery of the inorganic cooking chemicals while concurrently producing a combustible product gas from the organics. This product gas after cleaning must be a viable low-to-medium caloric value fuel. Key technical gaps that require demonstration include: materials of construction with known life expectancy, gas clean-up and demonstration of integrating gasification, power cycle and pulp mill systems. For systems employing cold gas clean-up, the key gaps are physical scale-up of the gasification processes under development and commercial demonstration. For systems with hot gas clean up, the clean-up system itself must be added as a serious technology gap; and

(B) Forest Products Biomass Gasification Systems: Wood room waste or hog fuel is conventionally burned in specifically designed boilers so as to capture a portion of the valuable energy sources found in Forest Products mills. They suffer from low power-to-steam output ratio and high capital and maintenance costs. The technical topic is for gasification systems which can utilize these fuels being mostly half water by weight and to produce a higher quality fuel gas. Such systems are required to be able to be integrated with gas turbines and steam turbines for electric power generation. These biomass gasification combined cycle systems must be able to offer a positive contribution to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. For systems using low-temperature gasification, destruction/removal of tars and other condensable organic compound clean-up, physical scale-up, and commercial demonstration of the integrated gasification combined cycle systems is an issue and must be proven on a pilot scale.

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 \$100 million of DOE funding is planned for this solicitation through the course of the program. The estimated funding by the DOE is

planned to be shared between three to four project awards. A 50% cost share of the total estimated project costs 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 January 3, 2000. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation. Two open periods will be used to receive qualifying proposals. Initial proposals will be evaluated and selections made within six months of submittal. The proposal due date for the first evaluation period is February 29, 2000 and June 1, 2000 for the second and final.

Raymond D. Johnson,

Contracting Officer, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River

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), Savannah River. 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: Monday, January 24, 2000: 3:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Tuesday, January 25, 2000: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at: Hilton Oceanfront Resort, 23 Ocean Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Office of Environmental Quality, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, PO Box A, Aiken, SC 29802 (803) 725-5374.

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

Monday, January 24, 2000

3:30 p.m.—Executive Committee
6:30 p.m.—Public Comment Session
7:00 p.m.—Subcommittee Meetings

9:00 p.m.—Adjourn

Tuesday, January 25, 2000

8:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes, Agency Updates (approximately 15 minutes)

Public Comment Session (5-minute rule, approximately 10 minutes)

Facilitator Update (approximately 15 minutes)

Long Term Stewardship (approximately 30 minutes)

Nuclear Materials Management Subcommittee Report (approximately 45 minutes)

Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Subcommittee Report (approximately 1 1/4 hours)

Public Comment (approximately 10 minutes)

12:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Subcommittee Report continued (approximately 1 hour)

Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee Report (approximately 30 minutes)

Administrative Subcommittee Report (approximately 30 minutes)

Officer and Subcommittee Chair Elections

Presentation of the year 2000 membership candidates

Board member removal consideration

Outreach Subcommittee Report (approximately 10 minutes)

Public Comments (approximately 10 minutes)

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

If needed, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda, and administrative details. A 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 Gerri Flemming's 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 Deputy 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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gerri Flemming, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, PO Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802, or by calling (803)–725–5374.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 27, 1999.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

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), Hanford Site. 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, February 3, 2000: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Friday, February 4, 2000: 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Cavanaugh's, 1101 North Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick, WA 99336, 509–783–0611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail McClure, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, PO Box 550 (A7–75), Richland, WA, 99352; Ph: (509) 373–5647; Fax: (509) 376–1563.

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

- Tank Waste Treatment Program History and status of current plans for the treatment of the Hanford tank waste: Importance of tank waste treatment capability; pending program decisions.
- Update on Alternatives: Technical, Financial, Contractual: Fall back strategy (*i.e.*, Parallel Path); BNFL Inc. and Readiness to Proceed; What site will do if the money is not forthcoming.
- FY 2002 Budget Process Discussion of priorities guiding

development of the FY 2002 draft budget

- Discussion of the involvement of the Hanford Advisory Board and the general public in the process
- Emerging Waste Management Issues Issues surrounding the Low Level Waste and Mixed Low Level Waste Pending Records of Decision
- Idaho National Environmental and Engineering Laboratory High Level Waste Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Public Involvement Briefing on Hanford Openness Workshops Report

Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gail McClure's 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 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 equal time 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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gail McClure, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99352, or by calling her at (509) 373–5647.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee. 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: Wednesday, February 2, 2000, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, February 3, 2000, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn/Goshen Hall; 2 Montgomery Village Avenue; Gaithersburg, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Albert L. Opdenaker, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, MD 20874–1290; Telephone: 301–903–4927.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to hear reports on several activities important to the fusion energy sciences program and to begin organizing to address new changes to the Committee.

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

- Report on the work of the National Research Council's Fusion Assessment Committee
- Report on the status of the Integrated Program Planning Activity
- Discuss the FESAC review of the fusion theory and modeling program
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Thursday, February 3, 2000

- Continue Discussions
- Adjourn

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 Albert L. Opdenaker at 301–903–8584 (fax) or albert.opdenaker@science.doe.gov (email). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before 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; IE–190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.