

**June 18, 2002—Washington, DC Metropolitan Area, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Monroe/Arlington Rooms, Days Inn Crystal City, 2000 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.**

**June 20, 2002—Miamisburg, OH, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Carnegie Center, Lower Level Room, 426 East Central Avenue, Miamisburg, OH.**

**June 24, 2002—Amarillo, TX, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Oak Room, College Union Building, Washington Street Campus, Amarillo College, 24th and Jackson Streets, Amarillo, TX.**

**June 26, 2002—Idaho Falls, ID, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Grand Teton Room, Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, ID.**

These meetings will also be advertised in the local media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Please direct comments on the proposed relocation and scope of the EA, requests for copies of the EA, and questions concerning the project to: Mr. Timothy A. Frazier, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 66, Miamisburg, OH 45343-0066, Telephone: (937) 865-3748, Facsimile (937) 865-4489, Electronic mail: *Tim.Frazier@hq.doe.gov*. For general information on DOE's NEPA process, please contact Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or leave message at 1-(800) 472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

DOE and its predecessor agencies have been developing HS/RPSs and supplying them to user agencies for more than 35 years. The radioisotope used in these systems is plutonium-238 (Pu-238), a non-fissile, non-weapons-usable form. A HS/RPS converts thermal energy that is generated by the spontaneous radioactive decay of Pu-238 to electrical energy. These systems have demonstrated their value as key technologies in various harsh, remote, and inaccessible environments, such as space, where it is impractical to provide the fuel and maintenance that conventional electrical power sources would need. The HS/RPS assembly and test operations have been conducted at the Department's Mound site for over 15 years. The HS/RPS assembly and test operations are contained in one building at the Mound site. The HSs are assembled in glove boxes (large enclosures that separate workers from equipment used to process hazardous and nuclear materials while allowing

the workers to be in physical contact with the equipment) using parts manufactured or procured by the Mound site and encapsulated Pu-238 shipped from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. The RPSs are assembled in a large inert atmosphere chamber and then tested.

The Mound site was established in 1946 as the first permanent installation associated with the Atomic Energy Commission. Until the early 1990s, the Mound site manufactured critical nuclear weapons components. The site is currently being environmentally restored under a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Section 120 agreement. DOE plans to complete the environmental restoration and release the site for public use by February 2006. It is anticipated that the future use of the site will involve establishment of an industrial park.

**Purpose and Need**

It is DOE's responsibility to maintain the availability of HS/RPS for other Federal agencies, as needed. The radioisotope Pu-238 used in the assembly of HS/RPS is a special nuclear material requiring security and safeguards. As long as other programs requiring security and safeguards were also conducted the security costs at the site were spread among all such programs. However, once the site is cleaned up and released for public use, HS/RPS operations would be the only such DOE program remaining at the site, and all of the security costs would then have to be borne by that program. In 1999, the Department consolidated HS/RPS operations in a single building to minimize the security and safeguards costs. However, due to additional security measures for the special nuclear materials necessitated by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, those costs have increased considerably. These security costs could render continuation of the program, as currently configured at the Mound site, impractical. Hence the Department proposes to evaluate modifications to its HS/RPS operations at the Mound site as well as alternative DOE sites which already have the added security/safeguards infrastructure in place for other ongoing programs and which would also have facilities suitable for the transfer of assembly and test operations for HS/RPSs.

The EA will analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the HS/RPS operations at Mound and each of the alternative sites, including any other reasonable site(s) identified

during scoping, as well as the transportation routes associated with alternative sites. The following issues have been tentatively identified for analysis in the EA: health and safety, waste management, pollution prevention, hazardous materials, radiation materials, water resources, air quality, earth resources, land use, infrastructure, transportation, noise, ecological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic, and environmental justice. This list is neither intended to be all-inclusive nor is it a predetermination of potential environmental impacts. The list is presented to facilitate comment on the scope of the EA.

The purpose of this Notice is to encourage public involvement in the NEPA process and to solicit comments on the proposed scope of the EA and the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives. Comments will be considered in preparation of the EA, which is expected to be issued for public and agency comments in July 2002. The Department will finalize the EA and decide whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact or prepare an EIS.

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**William D. Magwood, IV,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah**

**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 (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, June 20, 2002, 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** W. Don Seaborg, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441-6806.

**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.

*Tentative Agenda:*

- 5:30 p.m.—Informal Discussion  
 6:00 p.m.—Call to Order; Introductions; Approve May Minutes; Review Agenda  
 6:10 p.m.—DDFO's Comments
- Budget Update
  - ES & H Issues
  - EM Project Updates
  - CAB Recommendation Status
  - Other
- 6:30 p.m.—Ex-officio Comments  
 6:40 p.m.—Public Comments and Questions  
 6:50 p.m.—Action Item Review  
 7:05 p.m.—Break  
 7:10 p.m.—Presentations
- Environmental Review by Southern Illinois Univ. Students
- 8:10 p.m.—Break  
 8:20 p.m.—Task Force and Subcommittee Reports
- Water Task Force
  - Waste Operations Task Force
  - Long Range Strategy/Stewardship
  - Nomination and Membership/Public Involvement
- 9:05 p.m.—Administrative Issues
- Review of Workplan
  - Review of Next Agenda
  - Federal Coordinator Comments
- 9:20 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 Pat J. Halsey at the address or by telephone at 1-800-382-6938, #5. Requests must be received five 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 five minutes to present their comments as the first item of the meeting 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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Environmental Information Center and Reading Room at 115 Memorial Drive,

Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday thru Friday or by writing to Pat J. Halsey, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or by calling her at 1-800-382-6938, #5.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Fernald

**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), Fernald. 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:** Saturday, June 15, 2002, 8:30 p.m.—12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Crosby Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road, Hamilton, OH.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Doug Sarno, Phoenix Environmental, 6186 Old Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, at (703) 971-0030 or (513) 648-6478, or e-mail; [djsarno@theperspectivesgroup.com](mailto:djsarno@theperspectivesgroup.com).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda:*

- 8:30 a.m.—Call to Order  
 8:30—8:45 a.m.—Chair's Remarks and Ex Officio Announcements  
 8:45—9:30 a.m.—Update on Site Acceleration Activities  
 9:30—10:30 a.m.—Silos Update  
 10:30—10:45 a.m.—Break  
 10:45—11:30 a.m.—Budget and Schedule for Long-Term Stewardship and Records Disposition  
 11:30—11:45 a.m.—Results of Design Charrette and Next Steps  
 11:45—12:00 p.m.—Public Comment  
 12:00 p.m.—Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board chair either

before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board chair at the address or telephone number listed below.

Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Gary Stegner, Public Affairs Office, Ohio Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 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 five minutes to present their comments. This **Federal Register** notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting date due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to the meeting date.

*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 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board, % Phoenix Environmental Corporation, MS-76, Post Office Box 538704, Cincinnati, OH 43253-8704, or by calling the Advisory Board at (513) 648-6478.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Agency information collection activities: Submission for OMB review; Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA has submitted the energy information collection listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and a three-year extension under section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)