

information that is not responsive to a particular question but may, nevertheless, be helpful.

### 3.2 Questions Regarding the Prevention of Testing Irregularities.

#### 3.2.1 Best Practices and Policies.

Describe the best practices and policies that SEAs and LEAs have implemented to prevent testing irregularities. What evidence exists that these are best practices? Where have these best practices been adopted? What are the general lessons learned from those adoptions? How might such best practices be effectively used in the future? Are there barriers to the adoption of these best practices at the SEA or LEA level? What controls are most effective in preventing testing irregularities?

3.2.2 *School Culture*. What role does school culture play in test security? For example, how has professional development been used to train school officials to help prepare students and parents for academic testing? What are SEAs and LEAs doing to ensure that educators are prepared? Are SEAs providing sufficient information to LEAs about their expectations regarding the integrity of academic testing? Have the consequences for misconduct during the testing process been clearly communicated to school officials?

3.2.3 *Contractual Provisions*. For those States that have assessment contracts, what provisions are included in these contracts to help prevent testing irregularities? What contractual provisions have been effective in preventing testing irregularities? What evidence exists that these provisions are effective? What provisions have States included in their quality assurance contracts to help analyze risks?

3.2.4 *Federal, State, and Local Roles*. What are the most appropriate roles for the Department, SEAs, and LEAs in preventing testing irregularities?

#### Questions Regarding the Detection of Testing Irregularities

3.2.5 *Detection Analyses*. How are testing irregularities generally detected? What are the different types of analyses that can be used to detect testing irregularities? What are the best practices and policies that SEAs and LEAs have used to detect testing irregularities? What is each type of analysis used for? How should the results of these analyses be interpreted? Can different types of analyses be used in conjunction with one another or to complement one another? What evidence exists that these are best practices? What is the appropriate sequence of events when seeking to

determine whether testing irregularities have occurred? Specifically, what steps should be taken and in what order?

#### Questions Regarding the Review and Investigation of Alleged Testing Irregularities

3.2.6 *Contractual Provisions*. What provisions have States included in their assessment contracts to help detect irregularities (e.g., provisions related to the use of high-quality control plans)? What contractual provisions have been most effective in detecting testing irregularities?

3.2.7 *Federal, State, and Local Roles*. What are the appropriate roles for the Department, SEAs, and LEAs in responding to allegations of testing irregularities? Who are the parties involved in an investigation at the SEA and LEA levels?

3.2.8 *Responses to Alleged Testing Irregularities*. If testing irregularities are detected, what are the best practices for investigating them? What forensic analyses should be used? What cooperative practices between SEAs and LEAs have yielded positive outcomes? What are barriers to investigating testing irregularities?

3.2.9 *Managing Wrongdoing*. If alleged testing irregularities are a result of wrongdoing, under what circumstances is it appropriate to impose strict and meaningful sanctions against wrongdoers? Are educators subject to standards of professional conduct, laws, or regulations that dictate the type of sanctions that might be imposed on an individual who violates the law or compromises professional standards? How should intent of wrongdoing be determined, and by what entity? What can be done to restore the credibility of a school system that has been tarnished by alleged or actual wrongdoing?

#### Questions Regarding Online and Computer-Based Assessments

3.2.10 *Changes in Technology*. In a world where academic assessments are increasingly delivered online and by computer, how do responses to the questions listed above change when applied to online and computer-based assessments?

3.2.11 *Computer-based Assessment Protection*. What mechanisms or processes exist to ensure that the results of computer-based assessments are accurate and free from tampering? What are the best practices and policies that SEAs and LEAs have implemented in this area? What evidence exists that these are best practices? What are the potential threats to, and weak points in, computer-based assessment systems?

Where are there likely opportunities for tampering and testing irregularities within the context of computer-based assessments?

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**Michael Yudin,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** On December 23, 2011, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of open meeting announcing a meeting on January 19, 2012, of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah. This notice announces the cancellation of this meeting. The meeting is being cancelled because the board will not have a quorum due to scheduling conflicts by members. The next regular meeting will be held on February 16, 2012.

**DATES:** The meeting scheduled for January 19, 2012, announced in the

December 23, 2011, issue of the **Federal Register** (FR Doc. 2011–32913, 76 FR 80355), is cancelled. The next regular meeting will be held on February 16, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Reinhard Knerr, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS–103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001; Phone: (270) 441–6825.

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting: Correction.

**SUMMARY:** On December 20, 2011, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of open meeting announcing a meeting on January 25, 2012 of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico (76 FR 78909). This document makes a correction to that notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB), 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995–0393; Fax (505) 989–1752 or Email: [msantistevan@doeal.gov](mailto:msantistevan@doeal.gov).

**Corrections**

In the **Federal Register** of December 20, 2011, in FR Doc. 2011–32535, on page 78909, please make the following correction:

In that notice under **ADDRESSES**, first column, third paragraph, the meeting address has been changed. The original address was NNMCAB Offices, 96 Cities of Gold Road, Suite 3, Pojoaque, New Mexico 87506. The new address is Cities of Gold Conference Center, 10–A Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506. The reason for this change is the renovations at the original location will not be completed by the meeting date.

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

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

**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), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, February 2, 2012, 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joel Bradburne, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, (740) 897–3822, [Joel.Bradburne@lex.doe.gov](mailto:Joel.Bradburne@lex.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

**Tentative Agenda**

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda
- Approval of January Minutes
- Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments
- Federal Coordinator's Comments
- Liaisons' Comments
- Presentations by Fluor-B&W:
  - Information Portfolio, Karen Price
  - Fluor-B&W Community Commitment Plan Update, Jerry Schneider
- Administrative Issues
- Subcommittee Updates
- Public Comments
- Final Comments from the Board
- Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to

accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Joel Bradburne at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. 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 Joel Bradburne at the address or telephone number listed above. 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. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Joel Bradburne at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.ports-sab.energy.gov/>.

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

**Filings Instituting Proceedings**

*Docket Numbers:* RP12–292–000.  
*Applicants:* Dauphin Island Gathering Partners.

*Description:* Dauphin Island Gathering Partners submits tariff filing per 154.204: Negotiated Rates 2012–01–06 to be effective 1/6/2012.

*Filed Date:* 1/6/12.  
*Accession Number:* 20120106–5069.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/18/12.

*Docket Numbers:* RP12–293–000.  
*Applicants:* Trailblazer Pipeline Company LLC.

*Description:* Trailblazer Pipeline Company LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: Negotiated Rate Filing—United Energy to be effective 1/7/2012.

*Filed Date:* 1/6/12.