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Dated: October 15, 2012.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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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. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, November 1, 2012 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Friday, November 2, 2012 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Red Lion Hanford House, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, WA 99352.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tiffany Nguyen, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin Avenue, P.O. Box 550, A7-75, Richland, WA, 99352; Phone: (509) 376-3361; or Email: tiffany.nguyen@rl.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:

- Tri-Party Agreement Agencies—Annual Updates
 - U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office
 - U.S. DOE, Office of River Protection
 - State of Washington Department of Ecology
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Draft White Paper on Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) Values
- Draft Letter/Advice—Other HAB membership-related issues

- Overview of the Draft Injury Assessment Plan from the Hanford Natural Resources Trustee Council
- DOE's Land Conveyance Environmental Assessment: Overview of October 10 Public Scoping Meeting
- Board Member Orientation (for both new and current members/alternates)
- Review of EM SSAB Letters
- Committee Reports
- Board Business—Selection of new HAB Chair

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Hanford, 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 Tiffany Nguyen 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 Tiffany Nguyen 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 Tiffany Nguyen's office at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab>.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 9, 2012.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Nationwide Categorical Waivers of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Amended Limited Waivers.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is hereby granting an Amended Waiver of section 1605 of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Recovery Act Buy American provisions) in EERE-funded projects for (1) Enphase microinverters and (2) pre-insulated district heating pipe systems.

This amendment withdraws the nonavailability waiver issued on August 11, 2010 for Enphase micro-inverters, and the nonavailability waiver issued March 27, 2012 for pre-insulated district heating pipe systems.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 3, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Platt-Patrick, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), (202) 586-7691, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop EE-2K, Washington, DC 20585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of Recovery Act, Public Law 111-5, section 1605(b)(2), the head of a Federal department or agency may issue a "determination of inapplicability" (a waiver of the Buy American provision) if the iron, steel, or relevant manufactured good is not produced or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality ("nonavailability"). The authority of the Secretary of Energy to make all inapplicability determinations was re-delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), for EERE projects under the Recovery Act, in Redelegation Order No. 00-002.01E, dated April 25, 2011.

On August 11, 2010, The Assistant Secretary issued a nonavailability waiver for Enphase micro-inverters. On March 27, 2012 the Assistant Secretary issued a nonavailability waiver for pre-insulated district heating pipe systems consisting of thin wall thickness steel pipe meeting the EN13941 standard, bonded to polyurethane foam insulation, bonded to an HDPE jacket, such that all the components operate as a single pipe (including two 1.5 mm

squared area copper wires embedded in the insulation for leak detection and location); pre-insulated steel fittings with the same characteristics as the pre-insulated pipe; and pre-insulated maintenance free ball valves with an all welded valve body and a stainless steel valve ball in a spring loaded teflon seat, having the same insulation and jacket characteristics as the pipe.

As with all waivers, the Assistant Secretary reserved the right to revisit and amend this determination based on any changes in the manufacturing landscape, such as the entry into the market of new domestic manufacturers.

The remaining items covered by the February 11, 2010 Waiver (24-leaf, motorized DMX iris units, induction lamps and ballasts, commercial-scale high efficiency condensing boilers with indirect water heaters, large-format solar thermal collectors for integrated district heating systems, and turbochargers for Mitsubishi/Man 52/55B diesel generator engines) continue to be covered by the August 11, 2010 waiver and remain subject to the specifications and conditions of that waiver.

In order for the withdrawn waivers to continue to apply substantial steps to commit funds for the purchase of the formerly waived items must have been made on or before October 31, 2012.

Substantial steps to commit funds would include, but are not limited to, (1) issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) on or before October 31, 2012 (applicable only where the grantee accepts a proposal received under that RFP); (2) in the case of a sole source selection: placing an order for the goods on or before October 31, 2012; (3) commencing a bidding process on or before October 31, 2012; (4) in circumstances where the grantee solicited quotes without an RFP: the grantee purchases the goods based on a quote dated on or before October 31, 2012 and the order for the goods is placed on or before October 31, 2012; or (5) grantee has executed a contract or purchase agreement with a supplier to acquire affected goods on or before October 31, 2012.

EERE hereby provides notice that on October 3, 2012, an Amended Waiver of section 1605 of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Recovery Act Buy American provisions) in EERE-funded projects for (1) Enphase microinverters and (2) pre-insulated district heating pipe systems.

This amendment withdraws the nonavailability waiver issued on August 11, 2010 for Enphase micro-inverters, and the nonavailability waiver issued March 27, 2012 for pre-insulated district heating pipe systems. This notice

constitutes the detailed written justification required by Section 1605(c) for waivers based on a finding under subsection (b).

This waiver determination is pursuant to the delegation of authority by the Secretary of Energy to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy with respect to expenditures within the purview of his responsibility. Consequently, this waiver applies to all EERE projects carried out under the Recovery Act.

Authority: Pub. L. 111–5, section 1605.

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David T. Danielson,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Drinking Water Advisory Council: Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The EPA invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for a three-year appointment to the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (Council). The 15 member Council was established by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to provide practical and independent advice, consultation and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the activities, functions, policies, and regulations required by the SDWA. This notice solicits nominations to fill four new vacancies through December 15, 2015. To maintain the representation required by statute, nominees will be selected to represent: State and local agencies (two vacancies) and the general public (two vacancies).

DATES: Nominations should be submitted on or before November 19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to Roy Simon, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), The National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (Mail Code 4601–M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. You may also email nominations with the subject line NDWACResume2012 to Simon.Roy@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Email your questions to Roy Simon or call him at 202–564–3868, or to Jacquelyn Springer, at springer.jacquelyn@epa.gov or call her at 202–564–9904.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *National Drinking Water Advisory Council:* The Council was created by Congress on December 16, 1974, as part of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, Public Law 93–523, 42 U.S.C. 300j–5 and is operated in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2. The Council consists of 15 members, including a Chairperson, appointed by EPA's Administrator. Five members represent the general public; five members represent appropriate State and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; and five members represent private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply, of which two members shall represent small, rural public water systems. The current list of members is available on the EPA Web site at: <http://water.epa.gov/drink/ndwac/>.

The Council meets face-to-face at least once each year and likely a second meeting by conference call/webinar, generally in the spring and fall. Additionally, members may be asked to participate in ad hoc workgroups to develop policy recommendations, advice letters and reports to address specific program issues.

Member Nominations: Any interested person and/or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. The EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, the agency encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

All nominations will be fully considered, but applicants need to be aware of the specific representation required by the SDWA for the current vacancies: State and local agencies concerned with public water supply (two vacancies), and the general public (two vacancies). Other criteria used to evaluate nominees will include:

- Demonstrated experience with drinking water issues at the national, State or local level;
- Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication and consensus-building skills;
- Willingness to commit time to the Council and demonstrated ability to work constructively on committees;
- Absence of financial conflicts of interest;