

recommendations on how to increase the private sector role, including the role of private foundations, in strengthening these institutions, with particular emphasis also given to enhancing institutional planning and development, strengthening fiscal stability and financial management, and improving institutional infrastructure, including the use of technology, to ensure the long-term viability and enhancement of these institutions; (b) to advise the President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on the needs of HBCUs in the areas of infrastructure, academic programs, and faculty and institutional development; (c) to advise the Secretary in the preparation of an annual Federal plan for assistance to HBCUs in increasing their capacity to participate in Federal programs; (d) to provide the President with an annual progress report on enhancing the capacity of HBCUs to serve their students; and (e) to develop, in consultation with the Department of Education and other Federal agencies, a private sector strategy to assist HBCUs.

Agenda: The purpose of the meeting is to receive and deliberate on legislative and policy issues pertinent to the Board and the nation's HBCUs and to discuss relevant issues to be addressed in the Board's multiyear annual report.

Additional Information: Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify ReShone Moore at (202) 502-7893, no later than Thursday, September 8, 2005. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date, but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

An opportunity for public comment is available on Thursday, September 15, 2005, between 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Those members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so at the address indicated above by Thursday, September 8, 2005.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Margaret Spellings,

Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment Supporting the Department of Energy's Application to the Department of the Interior for a Public Land Order To Withdraw Public Lands Within and Around the Caliente Rail Corridor, Nevada, From Surface Entry and New Mining Claims

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability, and opportunity for public review and comment, of the environmental assessment (EA) that supports the Department of Energy's (DOE) application to the Department of the Interior, filed with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), for a Public Land Order to withdraw public lands within and surrounding the Caliente Rail Corridor. As applied for, the withdrawal would preclude surface entry and new mining claim locations for a 20 year period.

DATES: Comments should be received by DOE no later than September 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments, or requests for copies of the draft EA, should be sent to Lee Bishop, EA Document Manager, United States Department of Energy, 1551 Hillshire Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89134. Requests for copies of the draft EA may also be made by calling 1-800-225-6972. The draft EA and electronic comment forms are available at <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov>. Comments may also be faxed to 1-800-967-0739.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Bishop, EA Document Manager, at the address above or at 1-800-225-6972.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of proposed withdrawal was published in the *Federal Register* on December 29, 2003 (68 FR 74965-74968), stating that the Bureau of Land Management had received an application from DOE to withdraw for 20 years approximately 308,600 acres of public land from surface entry and mining locations while DOE evaluates the land for the potential construction, operation, and maintenance of a branch rail line. The rail line would be used for the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste as provided under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended (42 U.S.C. 10101 *et seq.*). BLM held public meetings on the application in June 2004.

In accordance with 43 CFR 2310.3-2(b)(3), DOE has prepared a draft EA to

support its application, with the BLM participating as a cooperating agency. The application seeks a Public Land Order for the purpose of precluding surface entry and the location of new mining claims which could interfere with the evaluation of the land. The proposed Public Land Order would not affect existing mining claims or other activities such as grazing rights, water rights, and recreational uses.

The draft EA may be reviewed on the Internet at <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov>. Copies of the EA may also be obtained by contacting Mr. Lee Bishop (see address above). Comments may be submitted to Mr. Bishop or through the comment form at the above website, and should be received by September 28, 2005.

Three public meetings on the draft EA will be held as follows:

Monday, September 12, 2005, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Longstreet Inn & Casino, Highway 373, Amargosa Valley, NV;

Tuesday, September 13, 2005, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Goldfield School Gymnasium, 233 Ramsey, Goldfield, NV; and

Thursday, September 15, 2005, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Caliente Youth Center, U.S. Highway 93, Caliente, NV.

Comments received will be considered in finalizing the EA. After the EA is finalized it will be formally submitted to the BLM. The BLM will subsequently make a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, who will make a final determination regarding DOE's application for a Public Land Order.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Paul M. Golan,

Principal Deputy Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

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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 (EMSSAB), Paducah. 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, September 15, 2005 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William E. Murphie, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, 1017 Majestic Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, (859) 219-4001.

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

- 5:30 p.m.
Informal Discussion
- 6 p.m.
Call to Order
Introductions
Review of Agenda
Approval of August Minutes
Election of Chair-Elect
- 6:15 p.m.
Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments
- 6:35 p.m.
Federal Coordinator's Comments
- 6:40 p.m.
Ex-officios' Comments
- 6:50 p.m.
Public Comments and Questions
- 7 p.m.
Task Forces/Presentations
- Waste Disposition Task Force
 - Water Quality Task Force
 - Long Range Strategy/Stewardship Task Force
 - Community Outreach Task Force
- 8 p.m.
Public Comments and Questions
- 8:10 p.m.
Break
- 8:20 p.m.
Administrative Issues
- Budget Review
 - Review of Workplan
 - Review of Next Agenda
- 8:30 p.m.
Review of Action Items
- 8:35 p.m.
Subcommittee Reports
- Executive Committee—Chairs Meeting Templates
- 8:50 p.m.
Final Comments
- 9 p.m.
Adjourn

Public 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 David Dollins at the address listed below or by telephone at (270) 441-6819. 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 comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the U.S. Department of Energy's 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 David Dollins, Department of Energy, Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or by calling him at (270) 441-6819.

Issued at Washington, DC on August 24, 2005.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Laboratory**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Idaho National Laboratory. 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: Monday, September 19, 2005, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2005, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Opportunities for public participation will be held Monday, September 19, from 12:15 to 12:30 p.m. and 5:45 to 6 p.m.; and on Tuesday, September 20, from 11:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 4 to 4:15 p.m. Additional time may be made available for public comment during the presentations.

These times are subject to change as the meeting progresses, depending on the extent of comment offered. Please

check with the meeting facilitator to confirm these times.

ADDRESSES: Ameritel Inn, 645 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shannon A. Brennan, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy, NE-ID Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Avenue, MS-1216, Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Phone (208) 526-3993; Fax (208) 526-1926 or e-mail: Shannon.Brennan@nuclear.energy.gov or visit the Board's Internet home page at: <http://www.ida.net/users/cab>.

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 Topics (agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please contact Shannon A. Brennan for the most current agenda):

- Status of the closure of the Tank Farm—including characteristics of the Idaho tank waste, plans for cleaning and closure of the tanks, the performance assessment, the sodium bearing waste treatment plan, and plans for disposition of the sodium bearing waste
- Status of the Radioactive Waste Management Complex cleanup
- Receive a presentation addressing retrieval, treatment, and disposal of remote-handled transuranic waste, including an explanation of what it is, where it came from, and related issues

Public 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 presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Shannon A. Brennan at the address or telephone number listed above. The request 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 comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the U.S. Department of Energy's 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 through Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Shannon A. Brennan, Federal