

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL)

DATES:

Tuesday, January 20, 1998 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time (MST)

Wednesday, January 21, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. MST. There will be public comment sessions on Tuesday, January 20, 1998 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. MST and Wednesday, January 21, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: Doubletree Hotel Boise Downtown, 1800 Fairview Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: INEEL Information (1-800-708-2680) or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp. (208-522-1662).

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: The EM SSAB, INEEL will finalize recommendations on the Proposed Plans for Waste Area Groups 8 and 9, the proposed remedial action for Waste Area Group 3, and the role of the Board. The Board will also receive a presentation on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2000 and on the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permitting for the Calcliner at the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant, and will have an interactive session with members of the Idaho legislature on the roles and responsibilities of the Board. For a most current copy of the agenda, contact Woody Russell, DOE-Idaho, (208) 526-0561, or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp., (208) 522-1662. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The two-day meeting is open to the public, with public comment sessions scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 1998 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. MST and Wednesday, January 21, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30

p.m. MST. The Board will be available during this time period to hear verbal public comments or to review any written public comments. If there are no members of the public wishing to comment or no written comments to review, the board will continue with its current discussion. 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 the INEEL Information line or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp., at the addresses or telephone numbers 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 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 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved prior to publication.

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 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 7, 1998.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia)****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia).

DATES: Wednesday, January 21, 1998: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: South Broadway Cultural Center, 1025 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Zamorski, Acting Manager, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185 (505) 845-4094.

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

6:00 p.m.—Kirtland Air Force Base Working Group Meeting
 7:00 p.m.—Call to Order/Roll Call—Jamie Welles
 7:02 p.m.—Public Comments
 7:12 p.m.—Approval of Agenda
 7:14 p.m.—Approval of 11/19/97 Minutes
 7:19 p.m.—Chair's Report—Jamie Welles
 7:24 p.m.—Break
 7:34 p.m.—Basic Radiological Principles—Presentation
 7:44 p.m.—Basic Radiological Principles—Discussion
 7:54 p.m.—Mixed Waste Landfill—Presentation
 8:04 p.m.—Mixed Waste Landfill—Discussion
 8:14 p.m.—Los Alamos National Laboratory NEWNET and the Community Radiation Monitoring Group—Presentation
 8:34 p.m.—Self-Evaluation Committee Report
 8:44 p.m.—New/Other Business
 8:54 p.m.—Public Comments
 8:58 p.m.—Announcement of Next Meeting—February 18, 1998
 9:00 p.m.—Adjourn

A final agenda will be available at the meeting Wednesday, January 21, 1998.

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 Mike Zamorski'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 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. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 98-09; Energy Biosciences

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant preapplications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Basic Energy Sciences of the Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites preapplications from potential applicants for research funding in the Energy Biosciences program area. The intent in asking for a preapplication is to save the time and effort of applicants in preparing and submitting a formal project application that may be inappropriate for the program. The preapplication should consist of a two-to-three-page concept paper on the research contemplated for an application to the Energy Biosciences program. The concept paper should focus on the scientific objectives and significance of the planned research, and include an outline of the approaches planned, and any other information relating to the planned research. No budget information or biographical data need be included; nor is an institutional endorsement necessary. The preapplication gives us the opportunity to advise potential applicants on the suitability of their research ideas to the mission of the DOE Energy Biosciences program. A response indicating the appropriateness of submitting a formal application will be sent from the Division of Energy Biosciences office in time to allow for

an adequate preparation period for a formal application.

DATES: For timely consideration, all preapplications should be received by February 27, 1998. However, earlier submissions will be gladly accepted. A response to timely preapplications will be communicated by April 17, 1998. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is June 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Preapplications referencing Program Notice 98-09 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, ER-17, Division of Energy Biosciences, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, Attn: Program Notice 98-09. Fax submissions are acceptable at (301) 903-1003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Pat Snyder, Division of Energy Biosciences, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, ER-17, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone (301) 903-2873; E-mail pat.snyder@oer.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Potential applicants should submit a brief preapplication which consists of two to three pages of narrative describing research objectives. These will be reviewed relative to the scope and the research needs of the Energy Biosciences program. The Energy Biosciences program has the mission of generating *fundamental* biological information about plants and non-medical related microorganisms that can provide support for future energy related biotechnologies. The objective is to pursue *basic* biochemical, genetic and physiological investigations that may contribute towards providing alternate fuels, petroleum replacement products, energy conservation measures as well as other technologies such as phytoremediation related to DOE programs. Areas of interest include bioenergetic systems, including photosynthesis; control of plant growth and development, including metabolic, genetic, and hormonal and ambient factor regulation, metabolic diversity, ion uptake, transport and accumulation, stress physiology and adaptation; genetic transmission and expression; plant-microbial interactions, plant cell wall structure and function; lignocellulose degradative mechanisms; mechanisms of fermentations, genetics of neglected microorganisms, energetics and membrane phenomena; thermophily (molecular basis of high temperature tolerance); microbial interactions; and one-carbon metabolism, which is the basis of biotransformations such as methanogenesis. The objective is to

discern and understand basic mechanisms and principles.

Funds are expected to be available for new grant awards in FY 1999. The magnitude of these funds available and the number of awards which can be made will depend on the budget process. The awards made during FY 1997 averaged close to \$100,000 per year, mostly for a three-year duration. The principal purpose in using preapplications at this time is to reduce the expenditure of time and effort of all parties. Information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures may be found in the 10 CFR part 605 and the Application Guide for the Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Program. Electronic access to ER's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the Internet using the following Web Site address: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 5, 1998

John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director for Resource Management, Office of Energy Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (FESAC).

DATES: Thursday, January 22, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Auditorium, Germantown, Maryland 20874.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Albert L. Opdenaker, III, Executive Assistant, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences, U.S. Department of Energy, Germantown, MD 20874, Telephone: 301-903-4941.