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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Dr. W. Sedgfield White, Chicago Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439, Phone: (630) 252-2101, Fax: (630) 252-2835.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The major part of the proposed action would be outside of the 100-year floodplain or jurisdictional wetland; however, the beamline enclosure would cross under Indian Creek at the edge of a floodplain/wetland. Construction of the beamline enclosure underground would require temporary diversion of the creek. The design of the creek diversion will keep the floodplain area well removed from the 8 GeV Fixed Target Facility.

The impacted wetland was delineated and described by qualified experts for an earlier project proposed for this general area (DOE/EA 1198, Neutrino Beams at the Main Injector Project). Since construction of that project involved tunneling far beneath the wetland, the wetland assessment identified no potential for construction impacts on the wetland. However, construction of the underground beamline for the 8 GeV Fixed Target Facility would be performed with excavation, not tunneling, techniques, and would require temporary diversion of Indian Creek. Therefore, the effects of this proposed action on the jurisdictional wetlands must be assessed, and measures must be analyzed which can avoid or mitigate impacts to wetland habitats, in accordance with Federal and State regulations. Consultation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Office of Water Resources, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also will be initiated to determine requirements for the permits prior to starting the project.

Issued in Argonne, Illinois on 18th day of February 1999.

John P. Kennedy,

Acting Manager, Chicago Operations Office.
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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: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, March 16, 1999, 8 a.m.—6 p.m.; Wednesday, March 17, 1999, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

There will be public comment sessions following presentations on Tuesday, March 16, 1999 from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 17, 1999, from 4 p.m. 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: The Miles & Virginia Willard Fine Arts Center, 498 A Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy Green Lowe, INEEL Board Facilitator, Jason Associates Corp. (208-522-1662) or visit the Board's Internet homepage at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab>. You may also contact Mr. Charles Rice, INEEL Board Chair, c/o Jason Associates Corporation.

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 receive presentations on contamination at the Power Burst Facility/Auxiliary Reactor Area (Waste Area Group 5), the results of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, and a review of the Proposed Plan; the implications to INEEL resulting from the Nevada Test Site Plutonium Migration Report; cost estimating for remediation at INEEL and how costs are presented in proposed plans; and laboratory directed research and development and the University Research Consortium. Discussions will

be held on the DOE-Idaho management transition including the introduction of Acting Manager, Warren Bergholz; the Millennium Grant and DOE-Idaho's options for using it for the Experimental Breeder Reactor-I, and the strategy for pursuing development of a space port in Idaho. Status reports will be given on the High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental Impact Statement; the Advanced Mixed-Waste Treatment Project; Pit 9 and Waste Area Group 7 (Radioactive Waste Management Complex); the recently discovered inadvertent destruction of records; and the recent Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. The INEEL Board will finalize its recommendation on DOE-Idaho's planned Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request. 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. Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting. Please contact Jason Associates for the most current agenda or visit the board's Internet site. 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 and Wednesday, March 16 and 17, 1999. The Board will be available during these time periods to hear verbal public comments or to review any written public comments. If there are 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. Gerald Bowman, the Designated Federal Officer and Assistant Manager for Laboratory Development, 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.

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 by writing to Charles M. Rice, INEEL Citizens' Advisory Board Chair, 477 Shoup Ave., Suite 205, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402 or by calling Wendy Green Lowe, the Board Facilitator, at (208) 522-1662.

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Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with 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: Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Laboratory Operations Board Date and Time: Thursday, March 11, 1999, 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Place: The Sphinx Club at Almas Temple, Oasis Room, 1315 K Street, NW, Washington DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Laboratory Operations Board is to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the strategic direction of the Department's laboratories, the coordination of budget and policy issues affecting laboratory operations, and the reduction of unnecessary and counterproductive management burdens on the laboratories. The Laboratory Operations Board's goal is to facilitate the productive and cost-effective utilization of the Department's laboratory system and the application of best business practices.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, March 11, 1999

12:30–12:45 P.M. Opening Remarks—
Co-Chairs: E. Moniz & J. McTague
12:45–1:45 P.M. Review of Laboratory
Profile Report
1:45–2:15 P.M. Presentation of 1998
Metrics Data
2:15–3:15 P.M. Roadmap and Portfolio
Analysis Presentation

3:15–4:15 P.M. Presentation of Case
Studies and Discussion of External
Members Report on Laboratory
Management Structure and
Governance

4:15–4:30 P.M. Public Comment
Period 4:30 P.M. Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The Chairman of the Laboratory Operations Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a way which will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, DC, the Laboratory Operations Board welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Laboratory Operations Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Minutes: Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Laboratory Operations Board may also be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 22, 1999.

Jim Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Amendment to Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: On December 3, 1998, the Department of Energy issued a notice which announced a competitive solicitation for applications for grants and cooperative agreements for information dissemination, public outreach, training, and related technical

analysis activities involving renewable energy and energy efficiency. The solicitation had two closing dates—January 8, 1999 and March 31, 1999.

The purpose of this announcement is to: (1) Extend the second closing date until April 16, 1999; (2) announce new Program Areas of Interest for competition, which were not contained in the December 3 solicitation; (3) identify Program Areas of Interest contained in the December 3 solicitation (Attachment A) which are being cancelled for the second closing date because funds are expected to be exhausted under the first round of awards; (4) modify certain Program Areas of Interest; and (5) indicate that certain technical amendments will be made to the solicitation. It is estimated that funding of up to \$1 million will be available under renewable energy programs and up to \$1 million will be available under energy conservation programs for awards for project funding in FY 1999 and FY 2000. The anticipated project periods are from six months to three years, and awards are expected by July 1999. Proposals received in response to this solicitation will be subjected to the objective merit review procedures for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

ADDRESSES: The formal amendment to the solicitation is expected to be issued by early March 1999. It will be available as solicitation number DE-PS01-99EE10649 through the Department of Energy's Business Opportunities at Headquarters Procurement Services Homepage located at www.pr.doe.gov/solicit.html. Interested applicants that do not have Internet access may request a copy of the solicitation by sending a request with a virus-free diskette and self-addressed, stamped, a diskette mailer to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Headquarters Procurement Services, Attn.: Document Control Specialist, MA-543, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Ms. Jacqueline Kniskern, MA-542, Office of Headquarters Procurement Services, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, facsimile number (202) 426-0168, e-mail at jacqueline.kniskern@hq.doe.gov. E-mail is the preferred method for submission of comments and/or questions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy supports the Department of Energy's strategic objectives of increasing the efficiency and