

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e. interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov no later than November 9, 2001. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: November 16-17, 2001.

Time: November 16—Full Board 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.; Assessment Development Committee 10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.; Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology, 10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.; Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.; Full Board, 12:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.; November 17—Full Board 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Location: The Westin Fairfax, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On November 16, 2001 the full Board will convene in open session from 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. The Board will approve the agenda; hear a report from the Executive Director of the National

Assessment Governing Board; receive updates on the NAEP Program and on reauthorization; and on the "No Child Left Behind" initiative. From 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., the Board's standing committees will meet in open session.

The Assessment Development Committee (ADC) will meet in open session on Friday, November 16, 2001 from 10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. The Committee will review final recommendations on the Mathematics Framework and Specifications for the 2004 NAEP Math Assessment; review the draft NAEP Reading Framework; and receive a briefing on the Economics Framework and Specifications project for the NAEP 2005 Economics Assessment.

The Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology will meet on Friday, November 16, 2001 from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m. to discuss technical issues in potential changes to Long Term Trend Assessments; receive a summary analyses of combined state and national NAEP data; discuss proposed statistical standards for inference and comparisons; receive a summary analyses of the grade 12 score decline in NAEP; and receive a status report on the 2001 geography achievement level anchoring study.

The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet on Friday, November 16, 2001 from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m. to discuss the NAEP 2000 Science Release; the schedule for release of future NAEP reports; and annual reporting of reading and mathematics.

The Committee will receive an update on racial/ethnic categories in NAEP data collection and reporting, and discuss the Board's role in the review of background questions and criteria for review. The Committee will review background questions for the NAEP 2002 reading and writing assessments; the NAEP 2002 field test; and the long term trend assessments.

The full Board will reconvene on November 16, 2001 from 12:30 p.m.–5 p.m. to discuss measuring achievement gaps, to receive an update and discuss the NAEP 2002 Reading Revisit; hear a status report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Confirming State Results; hear recommendations and discuss the NAEP 2004 Mathematics Framework; and receive ethics training upon which the November 16, 2001 session of the Board meeting will adjourn.

On November 17, 2001, the Board will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to receive a demonstration of the Interactive NAEP Data Tool. The Board will then hear and take action on Committee reports from 9:30 a.m. to 12

p.m., whereupon the meeting will adjourn.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Dated: November 1, 2001.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; National Coal Council

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463) and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Coal Council has been renewed for a two-year period ending November 1, 2003. The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on a continuing basis, regarding general policy matters relating to coal issues.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council members are chosen to assure a well-balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the coal industry, including large and small companies, and commercial and residential consumers. The Council also has diverse members who represent interests outside the coal industry, including environmental interests, labor, research, and academia. Membership and representation of all interests will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Council has been determined essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the

public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Council will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and implementing regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rachel M. Samuel at 202/586-3279.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 1, 2001.

James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; National Petroleum Council

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463) and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Petroleum Council has been renewed for a two-year period ending November 1, 2003. The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and gas or the oil and gas industry.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Council members are chosen to assure a well-balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the petroleum industry, and from large and small companies. The Council also has diverse members who represent interest outside the petroleum industry, including representatives from environmental, labor, research, academia, and State utility regulatory commissions. Membership and representation of all interests will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Council has been determined essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Council will operate in accordance with the Federal Advisory Act and implementing regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Advance Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement To Evaluate Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration Project and Western New York Nuclear Service Center

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Advance notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing in advance its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) and Western New York Nuclear Service Center (the Center). DOE has prepared this advance notice in accordance with the Department's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [10 CFR 1021.311(b)], which state that DOE may publish an Advance Notice of Intent to provide an early opportunity to inform interested parties of a pending EIS or to solicit early public comments. DOE anticipates that the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will participate in the preparation of the Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship EIS as a joint lead agency, that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will participate as a cooperating agency, and that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will participate as an involved agency under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

DOE and NYSERDA plan to evaluate the range of reasonable alternatives in this EIS to address their respective responsibilities at the Center, including those under the West Valley Demonstration Project Act (Public Law 96-368) and other applicable requirements, including decommissioning criteria that may be prescribed by NRC in accordance with the Act.

DOE invites early public comment on the range of environmental issues and alternatives to be analyzed. DOE and NYSERDA will consider the comments

received and other relevant information in developing a preliminary scope of the EIS for publication in a subsequent Notice of Intent, which would initiate a public scoping process in accordance with DOE's NEPA implementing regulations and those of SEQRA.

This Advance Notice of Intent is consistent with DOE's March 26, 2001, Notice of Intent (66 FR 16447) to revise the strategy for completing the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Completion of the West Valley Demonstration Project and Closure or Long-Term Management of Facilities at the Western New York Nuclear Service Center* (DOE/EIS-0226-D, March 1996, also referred to as the 1996 Cleanup and Closure Draft EIS), which was issued jointly by DOE and NYSERDA. The March 2001 Notice of Intent announced that DOE intends to prepare a separate EIS on its decontamination of WVDP facilities and related waste management activities.

ADDRESSES: Address early comments on the preliminary scope of the Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship EIS to the DOE Document Manager: Mr. Daniel W. Sullivan, West Valley Demonstration Project, U.S. Department of Energy, 10282 Rock Springs Road, West Valley, New York 14171, Telephone: (716) 942-4016, facsimile: (716) 942-4703, e-mail: daniel.w.sullivan@wv.doe.gov.

The "Public Reading Rooms" section under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** lists the addresses of the reading rooms where documents referenced herein are available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: For information regarding the WVDP or the EIS, contact Mr. Daniel Sullivan as described above. Those seeking general information on DOE's NEPA process should contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-4600, Facsimile: (202) 586-7031, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756, toll-free.

Questions for NYSERDA should be directed to: Mr. Paul J. Bembia, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, 10282 Rock Springs Road, West Valley, New York 14171, Telephone: (716) 942-4900, Facsimile: (716) 942-2148, email: pjb@nyserda.org.

Those seeking general information on the SEQRA process should contact: Mr. Hal Brodie, Deputy Counsel, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Corporate Plaza West, 286 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany,