

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Inland Waterways Users Board;  
Request for Nominations****AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DOD.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 302 of Public Law 99-662 established the Inland Waterways Users Board. The Board is an independent Federal advisory committee. The Secretary of the Army appoints its 11 members. This notice is to solicit nominations for four (4) appointments or reappointments to two-year terms that will begin after August 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Attention: Inland Waterways Users Board Nominations Committee, 103 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), (703) 697-8986.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The selection, service, and appointment of Board members are covered by provisions of Section 302 of Public Law 99-662. The substance of those provisions is as follows:

a. *Selection.* Members are to be selected from the spectrum of commercial carriers and shippers using the inland and intracoastal waterways, to represent geographical regions, and to be representative of waterborne commerce as determined by commodity ton-miles statistics.

b. *Service.* The Board is required to meet at least semi-annually to develop and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on waterways construction and rehabilitation priorities and spending levels for commercial navigation improvements, and report its recommendations annually to the Secretary and Congress.

c. *Appointment.* The operation of the Board and appointment of its members are subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) and departmental implementing regulations. Members serve without compensation but their expenses due to Board activities are reimbursable. The considerations specified in Section 302 for the selection of the Board members, and certain terms used therein, have been interpreted, supplemented, or otherwise clarified as follows:

(1) *Carriers and Shippers.* The law uses the terms "primary users and shippers." Primary users have been

interpreted to mean the providers of transportation services on inland waterways such as barge or towboat operators. Shippers have been interpreted to mean the purchasers of such services for the movement of commodities they own or control. Individuals are appointed to the Board, but they must be either a carrier or shipper, or represent a firm that is a carrier or shipper. For that purpose a trade or regional association is neither a shipper or primary user.

(2) *Geographical Representation.* The law specifies "various" regions. For the purpose of selecting Board members, the waterways subjected to fuel taxes and described in Public Law 95-502, as amended, have been aggregated into six regions. They are (1) The Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries above the mouth of the Ohio; (2) the Lower Mississippi River and its tributaries below the mouth of the Ohio and above Baton Rouge; (3) the Ohio River and its tributaries; (4) the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana and Texas; (5) the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway east of New Orleans and associated fuel-taxed waterways including the Tennessee-Tombigbee, plus the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway below Norfolk; and (6) the Columbia-Snake Rivers System and Upper Willamette. The intent is that each region shall be represented by at least one Board member, with that representation determined by the regional concentration of the individual's traffic on the waterways.

(3) *Commodity Representation.* Waterway commerce has been aggregated into six commodity categories based on "inland" ton-miles shown in Waterborne Commerce of the United States. These categories are (1) Farm and Food Products; (2) Coal and Coke; (3) Petroleum, Crude and Products; (4) Minerals, Ores, and Primary Metals and Mineral Products; (5) Chemicals and Allied Products; and (6) All other. A consideration in the selection of Board members will be that the commodities carried or shipped by those individuals or their firms will be reasonably representative of the above commodity categories.

d. *Nomination.* Reflecting preceding selection criteria, the current representation by the four (4) Board members whose terms will expire is one member each representing regions 3 and 6, and two members representing region 1. Also, two of these Board members represent carriers and two represent a carrier/shipper.

Two of the four members whose terms will expire are eligible for reappointment. Nominations to replace

Board members whose terms expire may be made by individuals, firms or associations. Nominations will:

(1) State the region to be represented.

(2) State whether the nominee is representing carriers, shippers or both.

(3) Provide information on the nominee's personal qualifications.

(4) Include the commercial operations of the carrier and/or shipper with whom the nominee is affiliated. This commercial operations information will show the actual or estimated ton-miles of each commodity carried or shipped on the inland waterways system in a recent year (or years) using the waterway regions and commodity categories previously listed.

Nominations received in response to **Federal Register** notice published on March 17, 2005 (70 FR 13016) have been retained for consideration. Renomination is not required but may be desirable.

e. *Deadline for Nominations.* All nominations must be received at the address shown above no later than April 3, 2006.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Science; Notice of  
Establishment of the Climate Change  
Science Program Product  
Development Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of establishment of advisory committee.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 102-3.65, title 41, Code of Federal Regulations and following consultation with the other Federal agencies responsible for preparing Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment Products that are required to comply with Section 106 of the Global Change Research Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-606), notice is hereby given that the Climate Change Science Program Product Development Advisory Committee has been established for a two-year period.

The Committee will draft specific CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Products at the request of the Department of Energy in accordance with the Guidelines for producing the CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Products. The Committee will update

the Department of Energy on the progress during the development of the products and will agree upon the contents of the products before advising the Department to adopt the language. The Committee will function solely as an advisory body. The Secretary of Energy has determined that establishment of the Climate Change Science Program Product Development Advisory Committee is essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law upon the Department of Energy. The Committee will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Rachel Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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**James N. Solit,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Extension of Scoping Period and Rescheduled Scoping Meetings for the Notice of Intent To Prepare the Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site, Richland, WA

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is extending the scoping period for the Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington (TC & WM EIS) and rescheduling the public scoping meetings.

**DATES:** The scoping period for the TC & WM EIS is extended from March 6, 2006, through April 10, 2006. The scoping meetings have been rescheduled as follows. Registration for the meetings will begin at 6 p.m. There will be an opportunity for informal discussions with DOE project personnel and staff from the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), followed by brief presentations by DOE and Ecology at 7 p.m. After the presentations, meeting participants will be invited to provide their comments on

the scope of the EIS. The meetings are scheduled to end at 10 p.m.

Seattle, Washington; March 21, 2006.

Seattle Center, 305 Harrison Street, Northwest Rooms Building, Lopez Room, Seattle, WA 98109.

Portland, Oregon; March 22, 2006. Red

Lion Portland—Convention Center, 1021 NE Grand Avenue, Marquam/Fremont/Broadway Room, Portland, OR 97232.

Hood River, Oregon; March 23, 2006.

Columbia Gorge Hotel, 4000 Westcliff Drive, Benson Ballroom, Hood River, OR 97031.

Tri-Cities (Richland, Kennewick, Pasco) Washington, March 28, 2006. Trade Recreation and Agricultural Center (TRAC), 6600 Burden Blvd., Meeting Room #4, Pasco, WA 99302.

**ADDRESSES:** To request information on the TC & WM EIS or to submit comments on the scope of this EIS contact: Mary Beth Burandt, Document Manager, Office of River Protection, U.S. Department of Energy, Post Office Box 450, Mail Stop H6-60, Richland, WA 99352, Electronic mail: [TC&WMEIS@saic.com](mailto:TC&WMEIS@saic.com). Fax: 509-376-3661, Telephone and voice mail: 509-373-9160.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on DOE's NEPA process, contact: Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 2, 2006, DOE issued a Notice of Intent to prepare the TC & WM EIS for the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington (71 FR 5655). The original scoping period was to continue through March 6, 2006, and four scoping meetings were scheduled for Hood River and Portland, OR and for Seattle and Richland WA on February 21, 22, 23 and 28 respectively. In response to requests from the public, DOE is extending the scoping period through April 10, 2006, and the four scoping meetings have been rescheduled as listed in **DATES** above.

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**John Spitaleri Shaw,**

*Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; DOE/Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee (ASCAC). 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:** Wednesday, March 15, 2006, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, March 16, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** American Geophysical Union, (AGU), 2000 Florida Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009-1277

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melea Baker, Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research; SC-21/ Germantown Building; U. S. Department of Energy; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20585-1290; Telephone (301)-903-7486, (E-mail: [Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov](mailto:Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance on the advanced scientific computing research program.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include discussions of the following:

*Wednesday, March 15, 2006*

Introduction  
Advisory Committee Operations  
Office of Science Overview  
Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) Overview  
Scientific Discovery Through Advanced Computing (SciDAC) Recompetition  
ASCR High Performance Computing Facilities and Testbeds  
ASCR High Performance Networks and Associated Research  
View from OMB  
Distributed Network Environment Research  
Public Comment

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ASCR Performance Measures  
SciDAC Conference Report  
Applied Mathematics Research Program Status  
ASCR Partnerships with other Offices in SC  
Education, Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (CSGF), Early Career Principal Investigator (ECPI)