

specific Closure Module and then fill the tanks with grout.

In parallel with tank closures, DOE will evaluate and consult with SCDHEC on closure methods and regulatory revisions that will allow accelerated closure and reduction of risk associated with the HLW tanks. DOE remains committed to closure of the HLW tanks in accordance with the approved General Closure Plan.

DOE has selected the Stabilize Tanks—Fill with Grout alternative for several reasons. First, DOE has confidence in the method due to the demonstrated performance of the reducing grout and the successful waste removal and closure process employed for Tanks 17 and 20. On the basis of the analysis in the EIS, the selected alternative is superior to the Fill with Sand and Fill with Saltstone options in terms of binding residual waste in the tanks and thereby preventing future environmental contamination. This alternative would likely require the least tank cleaning of any alternative and would therefore minimize worker exposures and waste management concerns while meeting the performance objectives. In addition, this alternative was found to be the environmentally preferable alternative.

As described in the EIS, bulk waste removal has been demonstrated to remove about 97 percent of the radioactive material content, measured in curies, from a HLW tank. Spray water washing has been shown to remove slightly less than an additional one percent and generates additional wastewater that requires processing. DOE will employ spray water washing or an enhanced cleaning method only if it is necessary to meet the performance objectives.

In accordance with the General Closure Plan, DOE must demonstrate whether residual waste (that is, waste that will remain in the tank following any necessary cleaning, and that will be immobilized in the grout used to stabilize the tank) is low-level or transuranic waste in accordance with the Waste Incidental to Reprocessing provision in DOE Order 435.1. However, because DOE must meet overall performance standards in any case, the regulatory status of the residual waste does not affect the assessment of environmental impacts.

Mitigation

DOE is committed to environmental stewardship and to operating the SRS in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, DOE Orders, permits, and compliance agreements. In addition to good engineering practice, closure of the

HLW tanks will follow the approved Industrial Wastewater Closure Plan for the F- and H-Area High-Level Waste Tank Systems, known as the General Closure Plan, and the individual Tank Closure Modules required by the General Closure Plan. This process will serve to ensure that risks are minimized and the environmental and health and safety impacts of tank closure are within the bounds described in the Final EIS. DOE considers this process to be standard operating procedures that do not require a mitigation action plan under 10 CFR 1021.331(a).

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

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), Rocky Flats. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, September 5, 2002, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Jefferson County Airport Terminal Building, Mount Evans Room, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO, 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855; fax (303) 420-7579.

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

1. Annual work plan development.
2. End-state discussion, specifically addressing proposal to set surface soil cleanup level at 50 pCi/g.
3. Begin to draft recommendation on proposed end-state strategy.
4. Other Board business may be conducted as necessary.

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 Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions 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. Each individual 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 Public Reading Room located at the Office of the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855. Hours of operations for the Public Reading Room are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Deb Thompson at the address or telephone number listed above. Board meeting minutes are posted on RFCAB's Web site within one month following each meeting at: <http://www.rfcab.org/Minutes.HTML>.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, September 11, 2002, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, September 12, 2002, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The Marriott Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878, USA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Albert L. Opdenaker, Office of Fusion