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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex

**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), Pantex. 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, November 27, 2001; 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Party Barn, 7200 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120; phone (806) 477-3125; fax (806) 477-5896 or e-mail [jjohnson@pantex.gov](mailto:jjohnson@pantex.gov).

#### 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

1:00 Agenda Review/Approval of Minutes  
1:15 Co-Chair Comments  
1:30 Task Force/Subcommittee Reports  
2:00 Ex-Officio Reports  
2:15 Break  
2:30 Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE  
3:00 Presentation (To Be Announced) 24 hr. information line: (806) 372-1945  
4:00 Questions/Public Questions/Comments  
5:00 Adjourn

#### 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 Jerry Johnson's

office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and every reasonable provision will be made to accommodate the request 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 five minutes to present their comments.

#### Minutes

Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday; and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry S. Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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### Long-Term Stewardship Study

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the public availability of the final Long-Term Stewardship Study. The Study presents and discusses issues associated with the long-term stewardship of DOE sites where contaminated facilities, water, soil, and/or engineered units are likely to remain after cleanup activities are finished. The Study also provides DOE's responses to comments on the Draft Study. DOE prepared the Study in response to a settlement agreement.

**ADDRESSES:** You can obtain copies of the Study and other information related to

long-term stewardship from the following sources:

- Long-Term Stewardship Information Center Internet site at the following address: [www.em.doe.gov/lts](http://www.em.doe.gov/lts).
- The Center for Environmental Management Information, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, North, SW., Suite 8200, Washington, DC 20024, 1-800-736-3282 (1-800-7EM-DATA). In Washington, DC, the phone number is 202-863-5084.
- DOE Reading Rooms (for locations of the DOE Reading Rooms or other public information repositories containing background information, please contact the Center for Environmental Management Information at the above address and telephone).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Letitia O'Connor, Office of Long-Term Stewardship (EM-51) on (202) 586-6570 or (202) 586-9280.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The Department of Energy has prepared this Long-Term Stewardship Study to comply with the terms of a settlement agreement between DOE and 38 plaintiffs [*Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. Richardson, et al.*, Civ. No. 97-936 (SS) (D.D.C. December 12, 1998)]. The Study presents information and discusses issues associated with long-term stewardship. The Study defines long-term stewardship as the physical controls, institutions, information and other mechanisms needed to ensure protection of people and the environment at sites where DOE has completed or plans to complete "cleanup" (e.g., landfill closures, remedial actions, removal actions, and facility stabilization). Depending on specific circumstances, long-term stewardship could include any combination of land-use controls, monitoring, maintenance and information management.

#### Study Development Process

In accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement, DOE followed the Council on Environmental Quality National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing procedures for public scoping, 40 CFR § 1501.7(a)(1)–(2), and, in general, DOE's NEPA procedures for public review of environmental impact statements, 10 CFR 1021.313, even though the Study is not a NEPA document or its functional equivalent.

DOE identified the issues addressed in the Study by conducting a public scoping process, soliciting public