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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy; Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Monday, April 24, 2006, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, April 25, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-1023.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy; assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy methane hydrate research and development program.

### Tentative Agenda

*Monday, April 24*

- Welcome and Introductions
- Joint meeting with the Interagency Coordinating Committee—9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Briefings on recent accomplishments, planned activities, issues and concerns by the Department of Energy; U.S. Geological Survey; Minerals Management Service; Bureau of Land Management; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Naval Research Laboratory; and National Science Foundation. Discussion of major interagency issues, including activities in other nations, FY2007 budgets, reauthorization, interagency coordination and Interagency Roadmap

- Five minutes will be allowed for questions and comments after each presentation

- BP Project Presentation
- Chevron Project Presentation

*Tuesday, April 25*

- Discussion of Energy Policy Act of 2005 requirements
- Discussion and Recommendations to DOE regarding planning and future activities
- Adjourn

### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Edith Allison at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10 minute rule.

### Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under the Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.

L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

**DATES:** April 13, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Spring Hill Suites by Marriott, Route 66 Room, 15 West 90 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neil Rossmeissl, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-8668 or Harriet Foster at (202) 586-4541; E-mail: [harriet.foster@ee.doe.gov](mailto:harriet.foster@ee.doe.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Purpose of Meeting

To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

#### Tentative Agenda

- Agenda will include the following:
- Receive update on collaboration with USDA
  - Review status of Roadmap update
  - Receive an update on the status of the FY 2006 joint solicitation
  - Meet with representatives from Chicago-area biomass interests
  - Review status of 2005 Annual Report
  - Finalize procedure for acceptance of a minority report
  - Discuss Analysis, Policy, and other subcommittee business
  - Discuss 2006 annual recommendations
  - Discuss 2006 and 2007 meeting schedule
  - Discuss Committee public relations efforts

### Public Participation

In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Neil Rossmeissl at 202-586-8668 or the Biomass Initiative at 202-586-4541 or [harriet.foster@ee.doe.gov](mailto:harriet.foster@ee.doe.gov) (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chair of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties.