

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Success Dam Seismic Remediation Project, CA**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District (Corps), intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Federal action to remediate seismic dam safety concerns at the Lake Success Project located on the Tule River, near Porterville, CA. The proposed action is being conducted through the Corps' Dam Safety Assurance Program for the evaluation of existing dams.

ADDRESSES: Submit questions or comments regarding the subject dam safety project to Mr. Matt Davis, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1325 J. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922, fax (916) 557-7856, or e-mail:

Matthew.G.Davis@usace.army.mil.

Requests to be placed on a mailing list for this project should also be sent to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Matt Davis, (916) 557-6708.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1.

Background Information. Based on current engineering knowledge, the Corps has determined that Success Dam near Porterville, CA, in Tulare County, has a fairly high likelihood of failure in the event of an earthquake. All studies that have been conducted show that the dam is likely to fail under relatively low levels of earthquake shaking. The estimated probability of a damaging earthquake that would breach or overtop the dam in its current condition is 1 in 285. Historical records indicate that at least three times between 1857 and 1952, earthquakes shook the future Success Dam site sufficiently that the current dam would have been seriously damaged with a likely release of the reservoir had the dam been present. However, no such earthquakes have occurred in the 44 years since the dam was built. Given the potential for seismicity at and near the Success Dam, along with the characteristics of the materials comprising the dam and its foundation, remediation work is required to prevent loss of life, extensive downstream damage, functional loss of the project, and loss

of all project benefits. The project is currently being operated at a reduced capacity to deal with the risk until a permanent solution is implemented to address the dam safety concern.

2. *Proposed Action and Alternatives.* The Corps' tentatively preferred alternative is to construct a new roller compacted concrete (RCC) dam immediately downstream of the existing earthen dam. In addition to the no-action alternative, other alternatives to be evaluated include a new earthen embankment dam immediately downstream of the existing dam, and modifications to the existing dam consisting of upstream jet grout with removal and replacement of the downstream foundation. The proposed RCC dam alternative would not provide any additional storage capacity beyond the existing dam. However, additional storage for flood protection and irrigation water would be provided under the separately authorized dam spillway raise project. Construction of the spillway raise project may be integrated into the construction of the dam safety project. The exact nature and extent of alternatives will be determined based on public and agency input during the scoping period and preparation of the Draft EIS.

3. *Issues to be Addressed.* The Draft EIS will address environmental issues concerning the proposed action. Issues will be identified based on public input during the scoping period and during preparation of the Draft EIS. Issues identified initially as potentially significant include: hydrology, biological resources, recreation, land use, visual quality, traffic safety, cultural resources, noise, and air quality.

4. *Public Involvement.* The Corps will hold a public scoping meeting to receive public comments and to solicit input regarding environmental issues of concern to the public and the alternatives that should be addressed in the Draft EIS. The public scoping meeting place, date and time will be advertised in the Draft EIS. The public scoping meeting place, date and time will be advertised in advance in local newspapers, and meeting announcement letters will be sent to interested parties. Written comments may also be submitted via mail and should be directed to Mr. Matt Davis (see **ADDRESSES**).

5. *Cooperating Agencies.* Federal agencies interested in participating as a Cooperating Agency are requested to submit a letter of intent to Colonel Ronald N. Light, District Engineer (see **ADDRESSES**).

6. *Availability of Draft EIS.* The Corps intends to issue the Draft EIS in the spring of 2006. The Corps will announce availability of the draft in the **Federal Register** and other media, and will provide the public, organizations, and agencies with an opportunity to submit comments, which will be addressed in the Final EIS.

Dated: June 13, 2005.

Ronald N. Light,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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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. This notice announces the meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

DATES: July 19, 2005; 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neil Rossmessl, 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) 586-7766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased industrial products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions on the following:

- Reevaluation of Vision targets
- Evaluation of Committee accomplishments
- Development of recommendations to incoming Committee members

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 202-586-7766 or the Biomass Initiative at laura.neal@ee.doe.gov (email). 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. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the 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.

Issued at Washington, DC on June 23, 2005.

R. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, July 27, 2005; 1 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Jemez Complex, Santa Fe Community College, 6401 Richards Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Menice Manzanares, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995-0393; Fax (505) 989-1752 or E-mail: mmanzanares@doeal.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- 1 p.m.—Call to Order by Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO), Ted Taylor
 - Establishment of a Quorum
 - Welcome and Introductions by Chairman, Tim DeLong
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2005
- 1:15 p.m.—Board Business
 - A. Report from Chairman, Tim DeLong
 - B. Report from Department of Energy, DDFO, Ted Taylor
 - C. Report from Executive Director, Menice S. Manzanares
 - D. Consideration and Action on Bylaws Amendment Number 7
 - E. New Business
- 2 p.m.—Break
- 2:15 p.m.—Reports
 - A. Waste Management Committee, Jim Brannon
 - B. Community Involvement Committee, Grace Perez
 - C. Environmental Monitoring, Surveillance and Remediation Committee, Chris Timm
 - D. Comments from Ex-Officio Members
- 4 p.m.—Presentation by Michael Brooks, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry—*Public Health Assessment for Los Alamos National Laboratory (Public Comment Release)*
- 5 p.m.—Dinner Break
- 6 p.m.—Public Comment
- 6:15 p.m.—Consideration and Action on Recommendation 2005-5, Grace Perez
 - Consideration and Action on Recommendation 2005-6, Chris Timm
- 6:30 p.m.—Presentation Regarding Well Drilling Techniques for the Los Alamos National Laboratory Groundwater Program
- 8 p.m.—Comments from Board and Ex-Officio Members
- 8:20 p.m.—Recap of Meeting: Issuance of Press Releases, Editorials, etc.
- 8:30 p.m.—Adjourn.

This agenda is subject to change at least one day in advance of the meeting.

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 Menice Manzanares at the

address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision 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. Individuals 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 Department of Energy's Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Menice Manzanares at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://www.nnmcab.org>.

Issued at Washington, DC on June 23, 2005.

R. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

U.S. Department of Energy's Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the U.S. Department of Energy's Annual Report on its Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition for Fiscal Year 2004.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and Executive Order 13149, this notice announces the availability of the fiscal year 2004 report which summarizes the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) compliance with the annual alternative fuel vehicle (AFV) acquisition requirement for its agency fleet. Additionally, this report includes data concerning DOE's efforts to reduce petroleum consumption.