

efforts to date have been less comprehensive and effective than the matter merits.

The Board further believes that DOE's upgrades of ventilation systems could well serve as a model for implementing similar programs for other vital safety systems that may be needed in defense nuclear facilities.

The Board believes this matter requires additional DOE attention. More explicitly, the Board recommends for your consideration an action plan structured to address the elements set forth in the enclosed Recommendation 2000-2, Configuration Management, Vital Safety Systems.

The Board's recommendation is directed explicitly at systems for ensuring nuclear safety. This is in keeping with the Board's enabling legislation. However, the concepts advocated could be applied to good advantage to systems designed for safety management of hazardous material and processes of non-nuclear nature as well. In the spirit of Integrated Safety Management (ISM) to which DOE is committed, DOE is encouraged to do so.

Recommendation 2000-2, Configuration Management, Vital Safety Systems, was unanimously approved by the Board, and is submitted to you pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2286a(a)(5), which requires the Board, after receipt by you, to promptly make this recommendation available to the public. The Board believes the recommendation contains no information which is classified or otherwise restricted. To the extent this recommendation does not include information restricted by the Department of Energy under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2161-68, as amended, please arrange to have this recommendation promptly placed on file in your regional public reading rooms.

The Board will publish this recommendation in the **Federal Register**.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory Board. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. Law No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 13, 2000 and Friday, April 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, (Room 1E-245), Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James T. Melillo, Executive Director of the Environmental Management Advisory Board, (EM-10), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, (Room 5B-161), Washington, DC 20585. The telephone number is 202-586-4400. The Internet address is james.melillo@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management Program from the perspective of affected groups, as well as state, local, and tribal governments. The Board will contribute to the effective operation of the Environmental Management Program by providing individual citizens and representatives of interested groups an opportunity to present their views on issues facing the Office of Environmental Management and by helping to secure consensus recommendations on those issues.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Public Meeting Opens (1:00 P.M.)

—Approve Minutes of September 22-23, 1999 Meeting

Opening Remarks

Budget Update

Worker Health & Safety Committee Report

—Integrated Safety Management Implementation*

—Environment, Safety and Health in Technology Development*

Contracting and Management Committee Report

—Shared Savings*

—Project Management*

Long-Term Stewardship Committee Report

—Institutional Controls*

—Next Steps for Stewardship

Technology Development & Transfer

Committee Report

—Environmental Management Science & Technology Performance Measures*

Science Committee Report

Integration and Transportation Committee Report

Public Comment Period and Adjournment (5:15 P.M.)

Friday, April 14, 2000

Opening Remarks (8:30 A.M.)

Board Discussion

Public Comment Period

Board Business

—Votes on EMAB Findings & Resolutions

—New Business

—Set Date for Next Board Meeting (October 2000)

Public Comment Period

Meeting Adjourns (12:00 P.M.)

*The Board anticipates recommendations to be presented on this topic.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. If you would like to

file a written statement with the Board, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make an oral statement regarding any of the items on the agenda, please contact Mr. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above, or call the Environmental Management Advisory Board office at 202-586-4400, and we will reserve time for you on the agenda. You may also register to speak at the meeting on April 13-14, 2000, or ask to speak during the public comment period. Those who call in and or register in advance will be given the opportunity to speak first. Others will be accommodated as time permits. The Board Chairs will conduct the meeting in an orderly manner.

Transcript and Minutes: We will make the minutes of the meeting available for public review and copying by approximately May 13, 2000. The minutes and transcript of the meeting will be available for viewing on the Internet at <http://www.em.doe.gov/emab/products.html> and at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room (1E-190) in the Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. The Room is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. except on Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on March 10, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

International Energy Agency Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will meet on March 23, 2000, at the headquarters of the IEA in Paris, France in connection with a meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Samuel M. Bradley, Assistant General Counsel for International and National Security Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, 202-586-6738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 252(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Energy Policy and Conservation