

Designated Federal Officer, Richard Provencher, Assistant Manager for Environmental Management, Idaho Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Every individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the 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 through Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Ms. Peggy Hinman, INEEL CAB Administrator, at the address and phone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 19, 2004.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River

**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), Savannah River. 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:** Monday, September 27, 2004, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday, September 28, 2004, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Ramada Limited, 2100 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerri Flemming, Closure Project Office, Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29802; Phone: (803) 952-7886.

**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 Agendas*

Monday, September 27, 2004

1 p.m. Combined committee session.

4:30 p.m. Executive committee meeting.

5 p.m. Adjourn.

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

8:30 a.m. Approval of minutes, agency updates.

8:45 a.m. Public comment session.

9 a.m. Chair and facilitator update.

9:30 a.m. Waste Management Committee report.

10:45 a.m. Facility Disposition & Site Remediation Committee report.

11:45 a.m. Public comment session.

12 noon Lunch.

1 p.m. Closure business unit update.

1:45 p.m. Nuclear Materials Committee report.

2:30 p.m. Strategic & Legacy Management Committee report.

3:15 p.m. Administrative Committee report.

3:45 p.m. Public comment session.

4 p.m. Adjourn.

A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, September 27, 2004.

*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 the oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming's office at the address or telephone 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 Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### U.S. Drilling Group, Inc.; Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive Patent License

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant exclusive patent license.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given to an intent to grant to U.S. Drilling Group Inc., of Franklin, TN, an exclusive license to practice the invention described in U.S. Patent No. 6,251,279, entitled "Thermally Conductive Cementitious Grout For Geothermal Heat Pump Systems". The invention is owned by the United States of America, as represented by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**DATES:** Written comments or nonexclusive license applications are to be received at the address listed below no later than September 24, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John T. Lucas, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 6F-067, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585; Telephone (202) 586-2939.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 35 U.S.C. 209 provides federal agencies with authority to grant exclusive licenses in federally-owned inventions, if, among other things, the agency finds that the public will be served by the granting of the license. The statute requires that no exclusive license may be granted unless public notice of the intent to grant the license has been provided, and the agency has considered all comments received in response to that public notice, before the end of the comment period.

U.S. Drilling Group Inc., of Franklin, TN has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention embodied in U.S. Patent No. 6,251,179, and has plans for commercialization of the invention.

The exclusive license will be subject to a license and other rights retained by the U.S. Government, and other terms and conditions to be negotiated. DOE intends to negotiate to grant the license, unless, within 30 days of this notice, the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, Department of Energy,