

specific Closure Module and then fill the tanks with grout.

In parallel with tank closures, DOE will evaluate and consult with SCDHEC on closure methods and regulatory revisions that will allow accelerated closure and reduction of risk associated with the HLW tanks. DOE remains committed to closure of the HLW tanks in accordance with the approved General Closure Plan.

DOE has selected the Stabilize Tanks—Fill with Grout alternative for several reasons. First, DOE has confidence in the method due to the demonstrated performance of the reducing grout and the successful waste removal and closure process employed for Tanks 17 and 20. On the basis of the analysis in the EIS, the selected alternative is superior to the Fill with Sand and Fill with Saltstone options in terms of binding residual waste in the tanks and thereby preventing future environmental contamination. This alternative would likely require the least tank cleaning of any alternative and would therefore minimize worker exposures and waste management concerns while meeting the performance objectives. In addition, this alternative was found to be the environmentally preferable alternative.

As described in the EIS, bulk waste removal has been demonstrated to remove about 97 percent of the radioactive material content, measured in curies, from a HLW tank. Spray water washing has been shown to remove slightly less than an additional one percent and generates additional wastewater that requires processing. DOE will employ spray water washing or an enhanced cleaning method only if it is necessary to meet the performance objectives.

In accordance with the General Closure Plan, DOE must demonstrate whether residual waste (that is, waste that will remain in the tank following any necessary cleaning, and that will be immobilized in the grout used to stabilize the tank) is low-level or transuranic waste in accordance with the Waste Incidental to Reprocessing provision in DOE Order 435.1. However, because DOE must meet overall performance standards in any case, the regulatory status of the residual waste does not affect the assessment of environmental impacts.

Mitigation

DOE is committed to environmental stewardship and to operating the SRS in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, DOE Orders, permits, and compliance agreements. In addition to good engineering practice, closure of the

HLW tanks will follow the approved Industrial Wastewater Closure Plan for the F- and H-Area High-Level Waste Tank Systems, known as the General Closure Plan, and the individual Tank Closure Modules required by the General Closure Plan. This process will serve to ensure that risks are minimized and the environmental and health and safety impacts of tank closure are within the bounds described in the Final EIS. DOE considers this process to be standard operating procedures that do not require a mitigation action plan under 10 CFR 1021.331(a).

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Paul M. Golan,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

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), Rocky Flats. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, September 5, 2002, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Jefferson County Airport Terminal Building, Mount Evans Room, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO, 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855; fax (303) 420-7579.

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. Annual work plan development.
2. End-state discussion, specifically addressing proposal to set surface soil cleanup level at 50 pCi/g.
3. Begin to draft recommendation on proposed end-state strategy.
4. Other Board business may be conducted as necessary.

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 Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions 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. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room located at the Office of the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855. Hours of operations for the Public Reading Room are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Deb Thompson at the address or telephone number listed above. Board meeting minutes are posted on RFCAB's Web site within one month following each meeting at: <http://www.rfcab.org/Minutes.HTML>.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, September 11, 2002, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, September 12, 2002, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The Marriott Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878, USA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Albert L. Opdenaker, Office of Fusion

Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, MD 20874-1290; Telephone: 301-903-4927.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Meeting:* The major purpose of this meeting is to finalize the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee recommendations on a strategy for burning plasma physics experiments.

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

- Office of Science Perspective
- Office of Fusion Energy Sciences Update
- Status Report from Simulation Sub Panel
- Status Report from Non-Electric Applications Sub Panel
- Final Report from the Burning Plasma Sub Panel

Thursday, September 12, 2002

- Discussion of New Charges
- Public Comments

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. 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 Albert L. Opdenaker at 301-903-8584 (fax) or albert.opdenaker@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: We will make the minutes of this meeting available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; IE-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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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Electricity Advisory Board; Notice of Publication of Draft Transmission Grid Solutions Subcommittee Report

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of publication of draft report and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1) on behalf of the Electricity Advisory Board (EAB) requests comments on the Electricity Advisory Board's "Draft Report" by the Transmission Grid Solutions Subcommittee. The Draft Report provides a series of recommendations to the Electricity Advisory Board and the Secretary of Energy on ways to improve the physical and financial state of our nation's transmission electric transmission grid infrastructure to ensure the most reliable, economically efficient and environmentally sound delivery of electric power to consumers and businesses at affordable prices. The Draft Report was organized around the EAB Transmission Grid Solutions Subcommittee's independent external review of the Department of Energy's study of the nation's electricity transmission system entitled *National Transmission Grid Study* (May 2002). The views and recommendations offered in this Draft Report reflect the consensus of the Subcommittee members only. As with any consensus product, the views of any individual member of the subcommittee may differ slightly from the specific detailed recommendation contained in the Draft Report. This Draft Report is not a Department of Energy or Administration document and will not be transmitted officially to the Secretary of Energy without the consideration of any public comments received and the approval of the Electricity Advisory Board.

The EAB's Transmission Grid Solutions Subcommittee has posted its Draft Report on its Web site, located at <http://www.eab.energy.gov>.

DATES: To ensure the consideration of your comments by the Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Board before the Board considers this Draft Report for approval and submission to the Secretary of Energy, comments must be submitted in writing and received by the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1) no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time August 30, 2002. The date and location of the next open meeting of the Electricity Advisory Board, where the Transmission Grid Solutions Subcommittee Draft Report will be

reviewed, will be announced in a separate **Federal Register** Notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this Draft Report should be addressed to: Dr. Craig R. Reed, Designated Federal Official, Electricity Advisory Board, AB-1/Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

You may also submit comments by facsimile to (202) 586-6279 or by e-mail to lisa.epifani@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Craig R. Reed, Executive Director, or Ms. Lisa Epifani, EAB Staff Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7092 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Electricity Advisory Board (EAB) was chartered to provide the Secretary of Energy with essential independent advice and recommendations on electricity policy issues of importance to the Department of Energy. The Electricity Advisory Board is to provide timely, balanced, and authoritative advice to the Secretary of Energy on the Department's electricity programs; current and future capacity of the electricity system; issues related to production, reliability and utility restructuring; and coordination between the Department of Energy and state and regional officials and the private sector on matters affecting electricity supply and reliability.

Public Participation

The Electricity Advisory Board welcomes public comment on the Draft Report of the EAB's Transmission Grid Solutions Subcommittee. The Draft Report is being circulated for public review and comment in advance of its final review by the full Board in an effort to provide members of the public and interested parties with an opportunity to submit meaningful comment to the Board in advance of their review of the Draft Report's findings and recommendations. Members of the public and interested parties will also have an opportunity to comment on this Draft Report during the public comment period of the next meeting of the Electricity Advisory Board.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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