

International Contracting; Room 5E621, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3060; telephone (703) 697–9351.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Reciprocal Defense Procurement Memorandums of Understanding (RDP MOU)s that DoD has with 21 “qualifying” countries are signed at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of RDP MOUs is to promote rationalization, standardization, and interoperability of conventional defense equipment with allies and friendly governments. These MOUs provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that affect effective defense cooperation.

RDP MOUs generally include language by which the parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. *These procedures relate to—*

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;
- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;
- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and
- Providing for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the MOU, each country affords the other certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American Act and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protection clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 2533a and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 2533b do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end products and components.

If DoD signs an RDP MOU with the Czech Republic, the Czech Republic would be listed as one of the “qualifying countries” in the definition of “qualifying country” at DFARS 225.003 and offers of products of the Czech

Republic or that contain components from the Czech Republic would be afforded the benefits available to all qualifying countries. This also means that U.S. products would be exempt from any analogous “Buy Czech Republic” and “Buy European Union” laws or policies applicable to procurements by the Czech Republic Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces.

While DoD is evaluating the Czech Republic’s laws and regulations in this area, DoD would benefit from U.S. industry’s experience in participating in the Czech Republic’s public defense procurements. DoD is, therefore, asking U.S. firms that have participated or attempted to participate in procurements by or on behalf of the Czech Republic’s Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces to let us know if the procurements were conducted in accordance with published procedures with transparency, integrity, fairness, and due process, and if not, the nature of the problems encountered.

DoD is also interested in comments relating to the degree of reciprocity that exists between the U.S. and the Czech Republic when it comes to the openness of defense procurements to offers of products from the other country.

**Amy G. Williams,**

*Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

**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), Hanford. 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:** Thursday, February 4, 2010—9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Friday, February 5, 2010—8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Red Lion Hotel, 1101 North Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick, WA 99336.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paula Call, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin Avenue, P.O. Box 550, A7–75, Richland, WA

99352; Phone: (509) 376–2048; or E-mail: [Paula\\_K\\_Call@rl.gov](mailto:Paula_K_Call@rl.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

#### *Tentative Agenda:*

- Agency Updates, including progress on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Department of Energy Office of River Protection [ORP] and Richland Operations Office; Washington State Department of Ecology; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA])
- Committee Updates, including: Tank Waste Committee; River and Plateau Committee; Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Committee; Public Involvement Committee; and Budgets and Contracts Committee
- Long-term Stewardship Presentation (Jay Pendegrass, Environmental Law Institute, and Mike Bellot, EPA)
- ORP System Plan Revision 4
- Mission Support Alliance Contract Overview
- Draft Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement
- Process for Review of Agency Response to Board Advice
- Potential Board Advice/Letters
- Board Business

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Hanford, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Paula Call at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. 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 Paula Call 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 comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Paula Call’s office at

the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.hanford.gov/?page=413&parent=397>.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 8, 2010.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC)

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) was established under section 807 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), Public Law No. 109-58; 119 Stat. 849. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, requires that agencies publish notice of an advisory committee meeting in the **Federal Register**. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements during the public comment period, please e-mail [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov) at least 5 business days before the meeting. Please indicate if you will be attending the meeting, whether you want to make an oral statement on February 10, 2010, and what organization you represent.

**DATES:** Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2010, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Radisson Reagan National, 2020 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary on the program authorized by title VIII of EPACT.

*Tentative Agenda:* (Subject to change; updates will be posted on <http://hydrogen.energy.gov> and copies of the final agenda will be available the date of the meeting).

- DOE Program Update and Budget Process Overview
- National Academy of Science Study Overview

- University of California (UC) Davis Electric Drive Vehicle Study Overview
  - National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Study Overview: Analysis of Hydrogen Storage vs. Batteries for Large Scale Storage of Electricity
  - 2009 HTAC Report Development
  - Discussion on Recommendations
  - Open Discussion
- Public Participation:* In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the meeting of HTAC and to make oral statements during the specified period for public comment. The public comment period will take place between 8:30 a.m. through 9 a.m. on February 10, 2010. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, e-mail [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov) at least 5 business days before the meeting. Please indicate if you will be attending the meeting, whether you want to make an oral statement, and what organization you represent (if appropriate). Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up for the public comment period. Oral comments should be limited to two minutes in length. 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 and to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the committee, you may do so either by submitting a hard copy at the meeting or by submitting an electronic copy to [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov).

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at <http://hydrogen.energy.gov>.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9104-4]

### Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Call for Data for the Illinois River Watershed in Oklahoma and Arkansas

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Request for data.

**SUMMARY:** EPA Region 6 is developing a watershed model for the Illinois River

watershed in Oklahoma and Arkansas to address nutrient water quality impairments. The results of this watershed model may be used to develop one or more total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for the Illinois River Watershed. EPA requests that the public provide any water quality related data and information that may be relevant to the development of the Illinois River Watershed model and TMDL by March 3, 2010. In addition, EPA requests that all data submissions include the quality assurance and quality control documentation. All data submissions should be provided in an electronic format, if possible. EPA will review all data and information submitted and will consider them in the development of the model and TMDL, as appropriate.

**DATES:** Data and Information must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before March 3, 2010. If you anticipate that you will be providing data and information, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit data and Information to EPA Region 6 by e-mail or U.S. post mail. To submit your data and information by e-mail, send them to [Smith.Diane@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Diane@epa.gov). To submit your data and information by U.S. mail, mark them to the attention of Diane Smith, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Division, (6WQ), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Smith, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202-2733, (214) 665-2145.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Illinois River is a tributary of the Arkansas River, approximately 100 mi (160 km) long, between the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Illinois River rises in the Ozark Mountains in the northwest corner of Arkansas (Washington County) and flows west into northeast Oklahoma. The Oklahoma portion of the Illinois River is currently designated as a scenic river. In addition, several segments of the Illinois River are on the State of Oklahoma's 303(d) list (impaired waters list) for total phosphorus, while the main-stem Illinois River in Arkansas is not listed for total phosphorus. However, several tributaries (e.g., Osage Creek, Muddy Fork, and Spring Creek) to the Illinois River in Arkansas are currently on the Arkansas 303(d) list for total