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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended), requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, February 28, 2000, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.; Tuesday, February 29, 2000, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Premiere Hotel, Tyson's Corner, Vienna, Virginia, 22182; Telephone: 703-448-1234.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neil Rossmeissl, Designated Federal Officer, Hydrogen Program Manager, EE-15, Office of Power Technologies, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585; Telephone: 202-586-8668.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting

—The major purpose of this meeting will be to present the HTAP Committee Reports and their proposed plans for the coming year,

and the status of coordination of hydrogen activities within various government offices. These coordination activities will cover those ongoing within the Department of Energy, the Department of Transportation and NASA.

Tentative Agenda

Spring 2000

Monday, February 28, 2000

8:30 a.m. Introduction and Opening

Comments—D. Nahmias

8:40 HTAP Committee Reports

—Coordination—H. Chum

—Scenario Planning—H. Wedaa

—Fuel Choice—R. Nichols

9:30 Office of Power Technologies-Strategic Overview—R. Dixon

10:00 EERE CrossCut Activities—R. Bradshaw

10:30 Break

10:50 Coordination Activities

—Overview—N. Rossmeissl

11:20 HTAP Discussion

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 Coordination presentations by representatives from Department of Transportation, NASA and DOE including:

Office of Transportation Technologies

Office of Industrial Technologies

Office of Building Technologies

Office of Science

Office of Fossil Energy

3:30 Break

4:00 Public Comments (5 minutes maximum per speaker) Audience

5:00 HTAP Deliberations—Panel

6:00 Adjourn

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

8:30 a.m. DOE Program Report—FY01 Budget—S. Gronich

9:15 Broad Based Solicitation

Results—N. Rossmeissl

10:00 Break

11:00 HTAP Discussion—Panel

12:00 p.m.—Adjourn

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Mr. Neil Rossmeissl's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentations in the agenda. The 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 5 minutes to present their comments.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, Lower Owens River Project; Inyo County, California

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Lower Owens River Project is proposed by the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power (LADWP), and the County of Inyo, to restore various wetland and riparian habitats along approximately 60 miles of the Owens River. The project is a result of a settlement agreement among LADWP, County of Inyo, state agencies, and environmental groups to resolve issues related to the export of water from the Owens Valley by LADWP. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will provide funding to assist in the implementation of the project. As lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), EPA must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). As lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), LADWP must prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). A joint state and federal environmental document (EIR/EIS) will be developed. The project is expected to result in an overall long-term enhancement of the aquatic, wetland, and riparian habitats of a major river, and provide significant opportunities for increased abundance and variety of fish and wildlife resources, including endangered species. The major environmental impacts to be addressed are short-term