

**ACTION:** Notice of restricted eligibility of a financial assistance solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-00NT40767 entitled "Recovery and Utilization of Coal Mine Methane: Pilot Scale Demonstration Phase. Pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(b), DOE has determined that issuance of this financial assistance solicitation on a restricted eligibility basis is necessary and appropriate. Accordingly, the eligibility of recipients for DOE financial assistance awards under this solicitation is limited to the following firms:

Jim Walter Resources, Inc., PO Box 133, Brookwood, AL 35444, Contact: Randall Mills. FuelCell Energy, Inc., 3 Great Pasture Road, PO Box 1305, Danbury, CT 06813-1305, Contact: Michelle Reichert.

West Virginia University Research Corporation On Behalf of West Virginia University/Appalachian Pacific, PO Box 6845, 886 Chestnut Ridge Road, Morgantown, WV 26506-6845, Contact: William W. Reeves.

Noumenon Corporation, 95 Ringold Lane, Morgantown, WV 26508, Contact: Linda Rizer. Northwest Fuel Development, Inc., 4064 Orchard Drive, Lake Oswego OR 97035, Contact: Peet Soot.

Industry partners will be required to cost share a minimum of 50 percent of the project activities.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Crystal A. Sharp, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, PO Box 880, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880, E-mail Address: crystal.sharp@netl.doe.gov, Telephone Number: (304) 285-4442

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1995, a competitive solicitation was issued requesting feasibility studies to determine existing, evolving, and novel technologies which may be applicable for capturing and utilizing coal mine methane emissions generated from active and inactive coal mining operations in the U.S. Ten offerors were selected for the Phase I feasibility effort. Based on the results reported from the Phase I effort, DOE down selected from the initial 10 awardees to the five awardees identified above to continue with Phase II, engineering design preparation. Phase II required each awardee to provide at a minimum 20 percent cost share. These five DOE-industry sponsored projects (which are partnerships with industry: coal, gas, electric, and engine companies) are the only efforts which are ongoing under

this specific aspect of DOE's Climate Challenge Program which began in 1993 as a result of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Since the initial issuance of the fully competitive solicitation in 1995 focused on recovering coal mine methane emissions, the remaining five DOE-industry sponsored partnerships (following prior down selects) are in a singularly unique position, from both a technical and government cost effectiveness basis, to continue with the follow-on detailed engineering designs of those technologies solicited under this procurement action which can be reliably demonstrated in the field for timely verification of the cost-effective recovery and utilization of coal mine methane emissions.

**Randolph L. Kesling,**

*Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

**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), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). 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:** Tuesday, March 21, 2000, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 22, 2000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Ameritel Inn 645 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Wendy Lowe, INEEL SSAB Facilitator Jason Associates Corporation, 477 Shoup Avenue, Suite 205, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, (208-522-1662) or visit the Board's Internet homepage at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab>; or contact Mr. Charles Rice, INEEL SSAB Chair, c/o Jason Associates Corporation

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities at the INEEL.

#### **Tentative Agenda**

Presentations and discussions on the following:

- Finalize a recommendation on the Draft Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental Impact Statement.
- Receive a presentation and finalize a recommendation on the INEEL Institutional plan.

- Finalize a recommendation on the future of the Waste Experimental Reduction Facility.

- Receive a presentation on the status of DOE's efforts regarding Pit 9 and the other pits and trenches at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex.

- Finalize a recommendation on how DOE should evaluate impacts on ecological health at the INEEL.

- Finalize a recommendation on stakeholder involvement in long-term stewardship planning.

- Receive a briefing on the INEEL Technical Library.

(Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please call the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in this notice for the current agenda or visit the Internet site.)

*Public Participation:* This meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board facilitator before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board Chair 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 presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Jerry Bowman, Assistant Manager for Laboratory Development, 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. This notice is being less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

*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-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Charles M. Rice, INEEL CAB Chair, 477 Shoup Ave., Suite 205, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402 or by calling the Board's facilitator at (208) 522-1662.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 6, 2000.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management (EM) Site-Specific Advisory Board (SSAB), Fernald

**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), Fernald. 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:** Saturday, March 18, 2000: 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** DOE-Fernald Site, Large Laboratory Conference Room, 7400 Willey Road, Hamilton, OH 45013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Sarno, Phoenix Environmental, 6186 Old Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, at (513) 648-6478.

#### 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 Agenda

8:30 a.m. Call to order

8:30–8:45 a.m. Chairs Remarks and Announcements

8:45–9 a.m.

Results of February SSAB Chairs Meeting  
Results of Land Use Controls Conference

9–9:15 a.m. Silos Decision Update

9:15–10 a.m. Discussion of 2001 Budget and Impacts on Recommendation Schedule

10–10:15 a.m. Break

10:15–11 a.m. Review Plan for Public Access Decisions at Fernald

11–11:45 p.m. Barbara Crandall, Native American Alliance of Ohio

11:45–12 p.m. Public Comment

12 p.m. Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board chair either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board chair at the address or telephone number listed below.

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, Gary Stegner, Public Affairs Officer, Ohio Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 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. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

*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–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board, C/O Phoenix Environmental Corporation, MS 76, Post Office Box 538704, Cincinnati, Ohio 45253-8704, or by calling the Advisory Board at (513) 648-6478.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Los Alamos

**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), Los Alamos. 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:** Wednesday, March 22, 2000; 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** White Rock Town Hall, 139 Longview Drive, White Rock, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1640 Old Pecos Trail, Suite H, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone: 505-989-1662; Fax: 505-989-1752; E-mail: [adubois@doeal.gov](mailto:adubois@doeal.gov); or Internet <http://www.nmcab.org>

#### 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:

Opening Activities, 6 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Public Comment, 6 p.m.–7 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Environmental Restoration,  
Monitoring and Surveillance,  
Waste Management,  
Community Outreach,  
Budget

Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

*Public Participation:* The 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 Ann DuBois 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 presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Official 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 at the beginning of the meeting. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

*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–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Ann DuBois at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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