

reasonable alternatives). DOE will review the Alliance's selection process for fairness, openness and compliance with the established approach.

Based on its review of the Alliance's identification of candidate sites and other relevant information, DOE will then preliminarily determine the reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EIS. DOE's NOI to prepare an EIS for the FutureGen Project will identify the proposed reasonable alternative sites.

The Alliance may assist the DOE and DOE contractors in gathering additional information to support completion of the EIS. However, the DOE and DOE contractors will develop the EIS. Following the completion of the EIS and the public involvement process, the DOE will announce in a Record of Decision (ROD) either the no-action alternative or those sites, if any, that are acceptable to the DOE for the project. If the action alternative is selected, the Alliance will subsequently select a host site from among those, if any, that are listed in the ROD as being acceptable to the DOE. Following the tentative selection of a host site, the Alliance will conduct extensive site characterization work on the chosen site. Information obtained from the characterization will be reviewed by the DOE and will support the completion of a supplement analysis by DOE to determine whether the newly gained information would have altered in a significant way the findings in the EIS. The supplement analysis will be used to determine whether a Supplemental EIS must be prepared.

Future Public Involvement

This ANOI does not serve as a substitute for the Notice of Intent that will initiate the public scoping process for the FutureGen Project EIS. Following publication of the Notice of Intent, DOE will hold scoping meetings, prepare and distribute the Draft EIS for public review, hold public hearings to solicit public comment on the Draft EIS, and publish a Final EIS. Not less than 30 days after publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of the Final EIS, DOE may issue a Record of Decision documenting its decision concerning the proposed action.

Preliminary EIS Schedule

DOE anticipates issuance of a NOI to prepare an EIS in July 2006. The NOI or subsequent notices published in the **Federal Register** will announce the dates for public scoping meetings and the target date for completion of a Draft EIS.

A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS will be published in the **Federal Register** upon completion of the Draft EIS and will announce the locations and dates for public hearings on the Draft EIS and the means for providing comments. DOE will hold public hearings at locations comparable to those for the scoping meetings. DOE will consider all comments received at public hearings or otherwise during preparation of the Final EIS.

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John Spitaleri Shaw,

Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC). 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: Thursday, March 2, 2006, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, March 3, 2006, 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-1699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda L. May, U.S. Department of Energy; SC-26/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585-1290; Telephone: 301-903-0536.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis to the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on scientific priorities within the field of basic nuclear science research.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following:

Thursday, March 2, 2006

- Perspectives from Department of Energy and National Science Foundation.
- Presentation of the Neutrino Scientific Assessment Group Subcommittee Report.
- Public Comment (10-minute rule).

Friday, March 3, 2006

- Discussion of NuSAG Report.

- Preparation of Transmittal Letter.
- Possible Future Charges.
- Public Comment (10-minute rule).

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 these items on the agenda, you should contact Brenda L. May, 301-903-0536 or Brenda.May@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: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; Room 1E-190; Forrester Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 9, 2006.

Carol Matthews,

Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

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), Oak Ridge Reservation. 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: Wednesday, March 8, 2006, 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Halsey, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865)