

with the proposed action and alternatives, including the no action alternative.

The final PEIS evaluates two alternatives in addition to the no action alternative. The proposed action (alternative 1, DTRA's Preferred Alternative) involves expanding existing test beds and creating new ones; expanding the range of test types including targets, simulants, delivery systems and explosives; implementing infrastructure improvements at the Permanent High Explosive Test Site Administrative Park; and testing special weapons and delivery systems.

Alternative two contains all of the actions described in alternative one plus the use of chemical simulants and taggants/tracers that are considered to have higher toxicity levels than those considered under alternative one. The increased hazards of using these chemicals lead to identifying alternative one as the preferred alternative.

**DATES: Effective Dates:** DTRA will take no final action on the proposed activities before April 15, 2007 or April 16, 2007. After April 15, 2007, DTRA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD). This ROD will document the Agency's final determinations, in light of the PEIS, with regard to its intended activities at WSMR. A NoA will be published in the **Federal Register** announcing the ROD's availability for public viewing.

**ADDRESSES:** The final PEIS is available for public viewing on the DTRA Web site, <http://www.dtra.mil>, and at the following public libraries: Albuquerque Public Library, 501 Copper Ave. Northwest, Albuquerque, NM; Socorro Public Library, 401 Park Street, Socorro, NM; Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Ave., Alamogordo, NM; Branigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho Ave., Law Cruces, NM; Consolidated Library Building 464, White Sands Missile Range, NM; Holloman Air Force Base Library, 596 4th Street, Holloman Air Force Base, NM; and the El Paso Public Library, 501 North Oregon Street, El Paso, TX.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** DTRA Public Affairs Office; (800) 701-5096 or (703) 767-5870.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A draft PEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2006 (71 FR 4571) for a 60-day public review and comment period that ended March 28, 2006. Public hearings were held February 28, 2006 in Alamogordo, March 1, 2006 in Las Cruces, and March 2, 2006 in Socorro, NM. All comments received were addressed and incorporated into the final PEIS.

Dated: March 9, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs Meeting

**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) Chairs. 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, March 29, 2007, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 30, 2007, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Suncoast Hotel & Casino, 9090 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89145, (702) 636-7111 or 1-877-677-7111.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** E. Douglas Frost, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-5619.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

#### Tentative Agenda

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

8 a.m. Welcome/Introductions  
8:30 a.m. Round Robin: Top Three Issues—Each Chair  
9:30 a.m. Presentation by Assistant Secretary James Rispoli  
10:15 a.m. Discussion of the Federal Advisory Committee Act  
12 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Office of Engineering & Technology Presentation  
3 p.m. Break  
3:15 p.m. EM SSAB Discussion  
4:15 p.m. Wrap-Up

*Friday, March 30, 2007*

8:30 a.m. Presentation by Environmental Management Advisory Board Vice Chair  
9 a.m. Update/Discussion: Remote-Handled Transuranic Waste  
10 a.m. EM SSAB Wrap-Up  
11 a.m. Closing Remarks

12 p.m. Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed either before or after the meeting with the Designated Federal Officer, E. Douglas Frost, at the address above or by phone at (202) 586-5619. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should also contact E. Douglas Frost. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The 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 comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the U.S. Department of Energy 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 calling E. Douglas Frost at (202) 586-5619 and will be posted at <http://www.em.doe.gov/stakepages/ssabchairs.aspx>.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 9, 2007.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

#### Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

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

**DATES:** Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Avenue, Golden, Colorado 80401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas,