

extremely important to receive public input before proceeding with the process. During this public comment period the EAC will conduct public hearings regarding the TGDC's draft recommendations. The TDGC draft is currently available at <http://www.eac.gov>.

Phase II—EAC will collect and review all public comments submitted on the TGDC draft. After consideration of all public comments, the EAC will then perform an internal review.

Phase III—Based upon public comment and internal review of the TGDC document, the EAC will develop and publish its draft version in the **Federal Register**. The public will have another 120 days to comment on the EAC draft version. EAC will conduct public hearings to discuss its draft version.

Phase IV—EAC will collect and review all comments submitted and make final modifications. The final version of the VVSG will be adopted by vote of the Commission at a public meeting and then published in the **Federal Register**.

Thomas R. Wilkey,
Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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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. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 3, 2008, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Friday, April 4, 2008, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Red Lion Hotel on the River, Jantzen Beach, Portland, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon 97217, Phone: (503) 978-4586, Fax: (503) 735-4847.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erik Olds, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 2440 Stevens Drive, P.O. Box 450, H6-60, Richland, WA 99352; Phone: (509) 372-8656; or E-mail: Theodore_E_Erik_Olds@orp.doe.gov.

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:

- Hanford's Fiscal Year 2009–2010 Budget
- Hanford's Central Plateau Waste Site Cleanup 200 PW-1, 3, 6 Proposed Plan
- Board letter to DOE on Groundwater 200 ZP-1 operable unit
- Letter to DOE on the technology working group
- Hanford 200 Area white paper written by the Environmental Protection Agency and Washington State Department of Ecology
- Configuration Control of Critical Assumptions
- Office of River Protection's Integrated System Plan
- Uniform Safety Systems throughout Hanford
- Update on Waste Management Conference held on February 24–28, 2008, in Phoenix, Arizona
- Committee Updates including: Tank Waste Committee; River and Plateau Committee; Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Committee; Public Involvement Committee; and Budgets and Contracts Committee

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. 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 Erik Olds' office 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 comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Erik Olds' 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>.

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Rachel Samuel,
Deputy Committee Management Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting correction.

The Department of Energy published a notice of open meeting announcing a meeting of the Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee, 73 FR 8863. In FR Doc. E8-2891, published on Friday, February 15, 2008, page 8863, under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, third column, second line, remove "onshore unconventional" and add in its place "ultra-deepwater".

Issued in Washington, DC on February 29, 2008.

Rachel Samuel,
Deputy Committee Management Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of International Regimes and Agreements; Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Subsequent Arrangement.

SUMMARY: This notice is being issued under the authority of Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160). The Department is providing notice of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the United States and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) and the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Norway for Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

This subsequent arrangement concerns a request for a three-year extension of the current programmatic approval for retransfer of U.S.-obligated irradiated fuel rods between Studsvik Nuclear AB, Sweden and the Institutt for Energiteknikk, Norway. The rods are being transferred for irradiation service, tests and examination, and will be returned to Sweden for further test and disposal. The total shipping amounts will be the same as allowed under the current approval—a maximum of 30,000 grams uranium, 400 grams U-235 and 400 grams plutonium in all shipments combined, with a maximum of 100 grams of plutonium per shipment.

The original programmatic consent was approved in June 2006 (published in the **Federal Register** June 13, 2006). A one-year extension was approved in January 2007 (published in the **Federal Register** January 23, 2007). If approved, the third extension, for three years, will extend to 2011. All transactions will be subject to U.S.-Euratom Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, we have determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than 15 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: February 20, 2008.

For the Department of Energy.

Richard Goorevich,

Director, Office of International Regimes and Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Site Selection for the Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Public Scoping Meetings, and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT, P.L. 109-58) required the Department of Energy (DOE) to expand the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) from its current 727 million-barrel capacity to 1 billion barrels. In order to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the expansion project, DOE prepared the environmental impact statement (EIS) *Site Selection for the Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve* (DOE/EIS-0385). In the Record of Decision (ROD), published in the **Federal Register** on February 22, 2007, DOE announced its selection of Richton, Mississippi, as the location of a new SPR facility as part of the expansion project. The site was selected for its large and undeveloped salt dome, enhanced oil distribution capabilities, and inland location that is less vulnerable to the damaging effects of hurricanes.

Since selecting the Richton site, DOE has engaged in further consultations with Federal and Mississippi state

agencies and is now considering different locations from those addressed in DOE/EIS-0385 for certain facilities associated with the Richton SPR expansion site. This Notice announces DOE's intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) in accordance with NEPA, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR part 1021).

Some of the potential new locations may be in floodplains or wetlands. DOE hereby gives notice that it will include in the SEIS a floodplain assessment and a wetland assessment prepared in accordance with the DOE Regulations for Compliance with Floodplain and Wetland Environmental Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022).

DOE invites interested agencies, organizations, Native American tribes, and members of the public to submit comments or suggestions to assist in identifying alternatives, significant environmental issues, and the appropriate scope of the SEIS.

DATES: The public scoping period starts March 5, 2008 and will continue until April 29, 2008. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight and DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by April 29, 2008, in defining the scope of the SEIS. Written comments postmarked or sent after this date will be considered to the degree practicable. The dates for public meetings are as follows:

April 8, 2008; 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.;
Leakesville, Mississippi (Greene County)

April 9, 2008; 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.;
Lucedale, Mississippi (George County)

April 10, 2008; 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.;
Pascagoula, Mississippi (Jackson County)

The locations of the public scoping meetings were selected based on their proximity to the locations of proposed facilities under consideration. If an agency, organization, or a member of the general public wishes to request that DOE have an additional scoping meeting at a specific location, please contact Donald Silawsky at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice. If DOE decides to hold public meetings in addition to those listed above, DOE will publish an amendment to this Notice and make other public announcements.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or suggestions on the scope and content of the SEIS should be directed to Donald Silawsky at the Office of Petroleum Reserves (FE-47), U.S. Department of

Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0301. Mr. Silawsky may also be contacted by telephone at 202-586-1892, by facsimile at 202-586-4446, or by electronic mail at donald.silawsky@hq.doe.gov. Envelopes and the subject line of e-mails or faxes should be labeled "Scoping for the SPR SEIS." Please note that conventional mail to DOE may be delayed by anthrax screening.

The locations of the scoping meetings are as follows:

Greene County High School, 4336 High School Road, Leakesville, Mississippi
George County Senior Center, 7102 Hwy. 198 E., Lucedale, Mississippi
B.E. Mac McGinty Civic Center, 2902 Shortcut Road, Pascagoula, Mississippi

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the proposed project or to receive a copy of the Draft SEIS when it is issued, contact Donald Silawsky by any of the means listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice. Additional information may also be found on the DOE Fossil Energy Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>.

For further information on the expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, contact David Johnson at the Office of Petroleum Reserves (FE-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0301, by telephone at 202-586-4733, by facsimile at 202-586-7919, or by electronic mail at david.johnson@hq.doe.gov.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0103, by telephone at 202-586-4600, or leave a toll-free message at 800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Need for Agency Action

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT, Pub. L. 109-58) states (in Section 303) that: "Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete a proceeding to select, from sites that the Secretary has previously studied, sites necessary to enable acquisition by the Secretary of the full authorized volume of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve." In order to fulfill the requirements of NEPA for the expansion project, DOE prepared the EIS *Site Selection for the Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve* (DOE/EIS-0385). In the ROD,