

making this decision to send 6 MT of surplus plutonium to WIPP for disposal. A schedule for shipment of the 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium to WIPP has not been established. Shipments of this surplus non-pit plutonium to WIPP, after it is operational, will be placed in the queue of waste to be shipped to WIPP. DOE anticipates resuming limited waste disposal operations at WIPP in 2016 when it is safe to do so. Significant improvements are being implemented to enhance the safety environment at WIPP including enhancements to fire suppression and unground ventilation and improvements in underground stability. DOE provides regular updates and detailed information on the status of recovery activities at WIPP on the WIPP Web site (<http://www.wipp.energy.gov/wipprecovery/recovery.html>). These safety changes and improvements are being implemented regardless of the decision to dispose of 6 MT of surplus plutonium at WIPP.

**Topic F—Cost:** Commentors were concerned about the cost of the surplus plutonium disposition alternatives and that adequate funding be provided such that DOE can move forward with disposition of the 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium at WIPP.

**Discussion:** As described in this Record of Decision, DOE/NNSA has decided to prepare 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium for disposal at WIPP. This would allow the DOE/NNSA to continue progress on the disposition of surplus weapon-usable plutonium in furtherance of the policies of the United States to ensure that surplus plutonium is never again readily used in a nuclear weapon, and to remove surplus plutonium from the State of South Carolina. Scheduling and implementation of surplus plutonium disposition activities are subject to the availability of funds as appropriated by Congress.

With respect to cost considerations, implementing the WIPP Disposal Alternative for the disposition of 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium would rely on existing facilities (with additional glovebox capability in an existing facility), structures, and pads, and when compared to the other alternatives evaluated in the *SPD Supplemental EIS*, would reduce the potential need for constructing and equipping additional facilities, and consequently reduce the need for future facility deactivation and decommissioning at SRS. Blending with inert materials for disposal at WIPP is a proven process that is ongoing at SRS for disposition of plutonium material from the DOE-STD-3013 surveillance process and other non-pit plutonium.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

**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 Laboratory. 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, April 27, 2016 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

The opportunity for public comment is at 10:40 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

This time is subject to change; please contact the Federal Coordinator (below) for confirmation of times prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton Garden Inn, 1741 Harrison Street N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert L. Pence, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Avenue, MS-1203, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415. Phone (208) 526-6518; Fax (208) 526-8789 or email: [pencerl@id.doe.gov](mailto:pencerl@id.doe.gov) or visit the Board's Internet home page at: <http://inlcab.energy.gov/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

**Tentative Topics** (agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please contact Robert L. Pence for the most current agenda):

- Recent Public Involvement
- Idaho Cleanup Project Overview
- Update on Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU)
- Department of Environmental Quality Report
- U.S. Geological Survey Groundwater Report
- Organic Contamination in the Vadose Zone Rebound Report/Results
- Annual Environmental Monitoring
- Environmental Permitting
- EM SSAB Chairs Meeting Report

**Public Participation:** The EM SSAB, Idaho National Laboratory, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Robert L. Pence at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral

presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Robert L. Pence at the address or telephone number listed above. The request 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 comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

**Minutes:** Minutes will be available by writing or calling Robert L. Pence, Federal Coordinator, at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://inlcab.energy.gov/pages/meetings.php>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 30, 2016.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a combined meeting of the Environmental Monitoring and Remediation Committee and Waste Management Committee of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico (known locally as the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board [NNMCAB]). 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, April 27, 2016; 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** NNMCAB Office, 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506. Phone (505) 995-0393; Fax (505) 989-1752 or Email: [menice.santistevan@em.doe.gov](mailto:menice.santistevan@em.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration,

waste management, and related activities.

*Purpose of the Environmental Monitoring and Remediation Committee (EM&R):* The EM&R Committee provides a citizens' perspective to NNM CAB on current and future environmental remediation activities resulting from historical Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) operations and, in particular, issues pertaining to groundwater, surface water and work required under the New Mexico Environment Department Order on Consent. The EM&R Committee will keep abreast of DOE-EM and site programs and plans. The committee will work with the NNM CAB to provide assistance in determining priorities and the best use of limited funds and time. Formal recommendations will be proposed when needed and, after consideration and approval by the full NNM CAB, may be sent to DOE-EM for action.

*Purpose of the Waste Management (WM) Committee:* The WM Committee reviews policies, practices and procedures, existing and proposed, so as to provide recommendations, advice, suggestions and opinions to the NNM CAB regarding waste management operations at the Los Alamos site.

*Tentative Agenda:*

- Call to Order and Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2016
- Old Business
- New Business
- Update from DOE
- Presentation: Impact/Monitoring of the Buckman Direct Diversion
- Public Comment Period
- Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The NNM CAB's Committees welcome the attendance of the public at their combined committee meeting and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Menice Santistevan at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Committees either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Menice Santistevan 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 comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Menice Santistevan at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://energy.gov/em/nnmcab/northern-new-mexico-citizens-advisory-board>.

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Public Meeting To Inform the Design of a Consent-Based Siting Process for Nuclear Waste Storage and Disposal Facilities

**AGENCY:** Fuel Cycle Technologies, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S Department of Energy (DOE) is implementing a consent-based siting process to establish an integrated waste management system to transport, store, and dispose of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In a consent-based siting approach, DOE will work with communities, tribal governments and states across the country that express interest in hosting any of the facilities identified as part of an integrated waste management system. As part of this process, the Department is hosting a series of public meetings to engage communities and individuals and discuss the development of a consent-based approach to managing our nation's nuclear waste. A public meeting will be held in Boise ID on July 14, 2016.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on Thursday, July 14, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. MDT. Informal poster sessions will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. MDT and again after 9:30 p.m. MDT. Department officials will be available to discuss consent-based siting during the poster sessions.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Boise Centre, 850 West Front Street, Boise, ID 83702. To register for this meeting and to review the agenda for the meeting, please go to [energy.gov/consentbasedsiting](http://energy.gov/consentbasedsiting).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for further information should be sent to [consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov](mailto:consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov) or to Michael Reim at 202-586-2981. Updated information on this and other planned public meetings on consent based siting will be posted at [energy.gov/consentbasedsiting](http://energy.gov/consentbasedsiting).

If you are unable to attend a public meeting or would like to further discuss ideas for consent-based siting, please request an opportunity for us to speak with you. The Department will do its best to accommodate such requests and help arrange additional opportunities to engage. To learn more about nuclear energy, nuclear waste, and ongoing technical work please go to [energy.gov/consentbasedsiting](http://energy.gov/consentbasedsiting).

*Privacy Act:* Data collected via the mechanisms listed above will not be protected from the public view in any way.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 29, 2016.

**Jay Jones,**

*Acting Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER16-1255-000]

#### Antelope Big Sky Ranch LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Antelope Big Sky Ranch LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of