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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of March 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD**

### **Notice of Workshop on Recent Advances in Repository Science and Operations From International Underground Research Laboratory Collaborations**

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100–203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act (NWPAA) of 1987, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold a workshop on Wednesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 25, 2019, on recent advances in repository science and operations from international underground research laboratory (URL) collaborations. Several countries, including Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States, have operated URLs to support the development of deep geologic repositories for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste (HLW) and spent nuclear fuel (SNF). URLs enable research and technology development activities to be conducted under conditions prototypical of repository environments. The workshop objectives are to review DOE research and development (R&D) activities that are underway or planned and to elicit information that will be useful to the Board in its review and to DOE in its implementation of those R&D activities. The discussions of international experiences will focus on unique learning opportunities and recent advances in the scientific understanding of the long-term performance, and the technology and operation, of geologic repositories for HLW and SNF based on studies that have been performed in URLs.

The workshop will be held at the Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport—Waterfront, 150 Anza Blvd., Burlingame, CA 94010. The hotel telephone number is (650) 342–4600. The workshop will begin on Wednesday, April 24, at 8:00 a.m. with a series of presentations on international URL programs, including those in France, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. These presentations will be followed by a facilitated panel discussion regarding international URL programs. Then DOE representatives will make a presentation giving an overview of DOE's geologic disposal R&D program and its integration with international URL research. The rest of the two-day workshop will include presentations on DOE's URL-related R&D activities, focusing on natural barriers, engineered barrier integrity,

hydrologic flow and radionuclide transport, and integrated system behavior. A poster session is scheduled immediately following the last presentation on the first day of the workshop. On the second day of the workshop, a final plenary session will identify key issues and lessons learned from URL R&D programs. The workshop is scheduled to end at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25.

The workshop will be open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided before the end of each day. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the Public Comment Register at the check-in table; those wishing to speak will do so in the order in which they signed up. Depending on the number of people who sign up to speak, it may be necessary to set a time limit on individual remarks. However, written comments of any length may be submitted, and all comments received in writing will be included in the record of the workshop, which will be posted on the Board's website. The workshop will be webcast, and the link to the webcast will be available on the Board's website ([www.nwtrb.gov](http://www.nwtrb.gov)) a few days before the workshop. An archived version of the webcast will be available on the Board's website following the workshop. The transcript of the workshop will be available on the Board's website by July 31, 2019.

The Board was established in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 as an independent federal agency in the Executive Branch to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of DOE activities related to the management and disposal of SNF and HLW and to provide objective expert advice to Congress and the Secretary of Energy on these issues. Board members are experts in their fields and are appointed to the Board by the President from a list of candidates submitted by the National Academy of Sciences. The Board reports its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Energy. All Board reports, correspondence, congressional testimony, and meeting transcripts and related materials are posted on the Board's website.

For information on the workshop agenda, contact Bret Leslie: [leslie@nwtrb.gov](mailto:leslie@nwtrb.gov) or Roberto Pabalan: [pabalan@nwtrb.gov](mailto:pabalan@nwtrb.gov). For information on logistics, or to request copies of the workshop agenda or transcript, contact Davonya Barnes: [barnes@nwtrb.gov](mailto:barnes@nwtrb.gov). All three may be reached by mail at 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300, Arlington, VA 22201–3367; by

telephone at 703-235-4473; or by fax at 703-235-4495.

Dated: March 7, 2019.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT**

**Excepted Service**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel  
Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice identifies  
Schedule A, B, and C appointing

authorities applicable to a single agency  
that were established or revoked from  
July 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Senior Executive Resources Services,  
Senior Executive Services and  
Performance Management, Employee  
Services, 202-606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In  
accordance with 5 CFR 213.103,  
Schedule A, B, and C appointing  
authorities available for use by all  
agencies are codified in the Code of  
Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A,  
B, and C appointing authorities  
applicable to a single agency are not  
codified in the CFR, but the Office of  
Personnel Management (OPM)  
publishes a notice of agency-specific  
authorities established or revoked each

month in the **Federal Register** at  
[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/). OPM also  
publishes an annual notice of the  
consolidated listing of all Schedule A,  
B, and C appointing authorities, current  
as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

**Schedule A**

No Schedule A Authorities to report  
during July 2018.

**Schedule B**

No Schedule B Authorities to report  
during July 2018.

**Schedule C**

The following Schedule C appointing  
authorities were approved during July  
2018.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Office of the Secretary .....	White House Liaison .....	DA180144	07/10/2018
	Office of Risk Management Agency	Policy Advisor .....	DA180198	07/27/2018
	Office of Rural Housing Service .....	State Director—Iowa .....	DA180195	07/03/2018
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ...	Office of Assistant Secretary Legis- lative and Intergovernmental Af- fairs.	Confidential Assistant .....	DA180208	07/27/2018
		Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist	DC180151	07/03/2018
	Office of the Under Secretary .....	Senior Advisor .....	DC180154	07/03/2018
	Office of Public Affairs .....	Director of Speechwriting .....	DC180160	07/06/2018
	Office of Assistant Secretary for In- dustry and Analysis.	Senior Advisor for Industry and Analysis.	DC180157	07/11/2018
	Office of Business Liaison .....	Special Advisor .....	DC180166	07/20/2018
	Office of Director General of the United States and Foreign Com- mercial Service and Assistant Secretary for Global Markets.	Senior Advisor and Director of Out- reach.	DC180163	07/23/2018
	Office of Legislative and Intergov- ernmental Affairs.	Confidential Assistant .....	DC180165	07/27/2018
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.	Special Advisor .....	DC180175	07/27/2018
	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE .....	Office of the General Counsel .....	Attorney-Advisor .....	DD180103
Office of the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation.		Special Assistant .....	DD180106	07/03/2018
Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).		Special Assistant .....	DD180107	07/06/2018
Office of the Assistant To the Sec- retary of Defense (Public Affairs).		Special Assistant .....	DD180109	07/19/2018
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs).		Special Assistant (Legislative Af- fairs).	DD180117	07/31/2018
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY .....	Office Deputy Under Secretary of Army.	Personal and Confidential Assis- tant.	DW180042	07/17/2018
	Office Assistant Secretary Army (Installations, Energy and Envi- ronment).	Special Assistant (Energy and Sus- tainability).	DW180041	07/19/2018
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ...	Office for Civil Rights .....	Confidential Assistant .....	DB180052	07/17/2018
	Office of Communications and Out- reach	Special Assistant (2)	DB180053	07/27/2018
	Office of Postsecondary Education	Confidential Assistant .....	DB180056	07/31/2018
	Office of Legislation and Congres- sional Affairs.	Confidential Assistant .....	DB180055	07/27/2018
		Confidential Assistant .....	DB180054	07/30/2018
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY .....	Office of General Counsel .....	Attorney-Advisor (General) .....	DE180114	07/02/2018
	Office of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovern- mental Affairs.	Legislative Affairs Advisor (3) .....	DE180093	07/03/2018
			DE180138	07/27/2018
			DE180116	07/11/2018
		Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Affairs.	DE180148	07/30/2018
		Special Assistant .....	DE180144	07/10/2018