

physical barriers and active controls to include:

- Robust containers storing the MAR.
- Robust Natural Phenomena Hazard

Design Category-3 (NDC-3) structures preventing building collapse and impacts to containers.

- Robust NDC-3 fire suppression systems preventing the spread of a fire and mitigating the consequences of a release.

- Exhaust Ventilation with elevated release to mitigate consequences to the CWs. Based on application of passive barriers and active controls, the mitigated consequence to both the public and CW from a release of radiological materials is either prevented or maintained at levels well below the Evaluation Guidelines.

As described above, DOE/NNSA is committed to improving the safety posture of the Tritium Facilities. The actions already taken and those in progress meet the requirements of our Directives. No additional actions are required at this time.

DOE/NNSA actions and plans that would have responded to this Sub-recommendation are complete or underway and therefore are considered to have met the issues highlighted and meet the intent of the recommendation. DOE/NNSA would be willing to brief the DNFSB on these actions on a recurring basis.

*Sub-recommendation 3—Evaluate the adequacy of the following safety management programs and upgrade them as necessary to ensure that SRS can effectively respond to energetic accidents at the Tritium Facilities, and that it can quickly identify and properly treat potential victims.*

Sub-Recommendation #3 discusses the Site's capability to respond to a Tritium event. The SRS and Tritium Facilities Emergency Management programs have made significant improvements over the past several years. The Emergency Preparedness (EP) program meets DOE Directives and is adequate to continue protecting the SRS workers and the surrounding public. We have recently evaluated the SRS safety management programs and found them to be adequate.

The current Emergency Management program provides the appropriate training required for individuals to respond to alarms, abnormal operations, and emergencies across SRS. The Tritium Facilities EP program maintains a fully qualified team which performs approximately 50 drills per year to train and validate the organizations ability to respond to various scenarios, from weather induced incidents to large energetic events. SRS EP support

organizations, like the SRS Fire Department (FD), are trained and routinely evaluated to ensure that they can properly respond to an event in any facility across the site. For example, during the 2018 Site Exercise, the SRS emergency response team responded to a hypothetical complex multi-facility and multi-contractor event that included H-Area, Tritium, and H-Tank Farm. Site level evaluated exercise responses routinely involve multiple local, county, state, and federal agencies in the response efforts. In a trend to further challenge all response organizations, this latest exercise tested the Site's Emergency Response Organization (ERO) to manage a complex event with potential off-site consequences. There were issues identified in the exercise that SRS has addressed and continues to address to improve the program, including identifying logistical challenges in the movement of people from impacted areas and then conducting appropriately scoped drills to validate the effectiveness.

DOE-SR, as the landlord at SRS, has overall responsibility of the Emergency Management Program for the site. As a continuous improvement item, DOE-SR, in conjunction with DOE/NNSA, will perform an evaluation of the items listed in the Sub-recommendation 3. This evaluation will assess among other things the ability and preparedness of community emergency and medical resources. Results of this evaluation will be shared with the Board. Additionally, DOE-SR will reassess the program if Tritium source documents were to substantially change in the future.

DOE/NNSA actions and plans that would have responded to this recommendation are complete, underway, or planned and therefore are considered to have met the objectives of this Sub-recommendation. DOE/NNSA is willing to brief the DNFSB on these actions and keep the Board updated on a reoccurring basis.

In summary, DOE/NNSA has already initiated, and in some cases completed, the actions the DNFSB recommends and SRS tritium operations are providing adequate protection of public safety. Many significant long-term projects to enhance safety in SRS tritium operations are nearing completion. Notably, the ongoing major construction project to replace the HOAM Tritium Facilities with new, modern, and robust facilities is underway and is being supported by the Department and Congress.

These activities are significant and are the proper implementation of DOE/NNSA safety improvements at SRS.

Therefore, DOE/NNSA concludes that the most efficient, effective, and quickest way to improve safety at the SRS Tritium Facilities is to continue with the current approach and path forward. As previously noted, DOE/NNSA actions and plans that would have responded to this recommendation are complete or underway and therefore are considered to have met the issues highlighted and meet the intent of the recommendation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### DOE/NSF High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Office of Science, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the DOE/NSF High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, November 21, 2019; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday, November 22, 2019; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Bethesda Doubletree, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Cooke, Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP); U.S. Department of Energy; Office of Science; SC-25/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (301) 903-4140; email: [Michael.Cooke@science.doe.gov](mailto:Michael.Cooke@science.doe.gov).

#### 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 high energy physics research.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include discussions of the following: November 21-22, 2019

- Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Program
- Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program
- Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics
- Public Comment (10-minute rule)

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. A webcast of this

meeting will be available. Please check the website below for updates and information on how to view the meeting. 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 Michael Cooke, (301) 903-4140 or by email at: [Michael.Cooke@science.doe.gov](mailto:Michael.Cooke@science.doe.gov). You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Panel 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 on the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of High Energy Physics Advisory Panel website: <http://science.energy.gov/hep/hepap/meetings/>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 26, 2019.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Electricity Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:**

Wednesday, October 16, 2019; 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. EST

Thursday, October 17, 2019; 8:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. EST

**ADDRESSES:** National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, First floor conference room, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22203 (Ballston Metro Stop).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 8G-017, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (202) 586-5260 or Email: [christopher.lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:christopher.lawrence@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of the Committee:** The Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) was established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, to provide advice to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in implementing the Energy Policy Act of 2005, executing certain sections of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and modernizing the nation's electricity delivery infrastructure. The EAC is composed of individuals of diverse backgrounds selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues that pertain to electricity.

### Tentative Agenda

#### October 16, 2019

- 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Registration
- 1:00 p.m.–1:20 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, Developments since the June 2019 Meeting
- 1:20 p.m.–1:40 p.m. Update on Office of Electricity Programs and Initiatives
- 1:40 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Update of Office of Nuclear Energy Programs and Initiatives
- 2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Presentation on the DOE Advanced Energy Storage Initiative
- 2:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Presentation on Future of Energy Storage
- 3:15 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Panel Presentations: *Energy Storage Deployment Case Studies*
- 4:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m. Break
- 4:15 p.m.–5:45 p.m. EAC Discussion with Storage Case Study Panelists
- 5:45 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn Day 1

#### October 17, 2019

- 8:00 a.m.–8:10 a.m. Day 2 Opening Remarks
- 8:10 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Discussion of Department of Energy, Office of Electricity Synchrophasor and Sensor R&D Activities
- 8:30 a.m.–9:15 a.m. Panel Presentations: *Impediments to Leveraging Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU) Data and Synchrophasors*
- 9:15 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Break
- 9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. EAC Discussion with PMU and Synchrophasor Panelists
- 10:45 a.m.–10:50 a.m. Smart Grid Subcommittee Update
- 10:50 a.m.–11:05 a.m. Energy Storage Subcommittee Update
- 11:05 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Smart Grid Subcommittee Update

- 11:30 a.m.–11:40 a.m. Public Comments
- 11:40 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Annual Ethics Briefing for EAC Members
- 12:00 p.m.–12:10 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn

The meeting agenda may change to accommodate EAC business. For EAC agenda updates, see the EAC website at: <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>.

**Public Participation:** The EAC welcomes the attendance of the public at its meetings, no advanced registration is required. Individuals who wish to offer public comments at the EAC meeting may do so on Thursday, October 17, but must register at the registration table in advance. Approximately 10 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but is not expected to exceed three minutes. Anyone who is not able to attend the meeting, or for whom the allotted public comments time is insufficient to address pertinent issues with the EAC, is invited to send a written statement identified by "Electricity Advisory Committee Open Meeting," to Christopher Lawrence at (202) 586-1472 (Fax) or email: [Christopher.lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.lawrence@hq.doe.gov).

**Minutes:** The minutes of the EAC meeting will be posted on the EAC web page at <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>. They can also be obtained by contacting Mr. Christopher Lawrence at the address above.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 26, 2019.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3011-000]

### Natco Products Corporation; Notice of Withdrawal of Existing Licensee's Notice of Intent To File a Subsequent License Application, and Soliciting Pre-Application Documents and Notices of Intent To File a Subsequent License Application

On December 29, 2017, Natco Products Corporation (Natco or licensee) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application for a subsequent license for its Artic Project No. 3011 (project), pursuant to section 16.19 of the