

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

Tuesday, September 17, 2002, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18, 2002, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Public participation sessions will be held on:

Tuesday, September 17, 2002, 12:15–12:30 p.m., 5:45–6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18, 2002, 11:45–12 noon, 4–4:15 p.m.

These times are subject to change as the meeting progresses. Please check with the meeting facilitator to confirm these times.

ADDRESSES: Sun Valley Lodge, One Sun Valley Road, Sun Valley, Idaho 83353-0010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy Lowe, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) Facilitator, Jason Associates Corporation, 545 Shoup Avenue, Suite 335B, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, Phone (208) 522-1662 or visit the Board's Internet home page at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities at the INEEL.

Tentative Agenda Topics: (Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting. Please contact Jason Associates for the most current agenda or visit the CAB's Internet site at www.ida.net/users/cab/.)

- Transition in INEEL's mission to Nuclear Energy
- Recent activities under the Environmental Management program
- DOE's strategic objectives for accelerating cleanup
- DOE's overall strategy for the buried waste
- DOE's strategy for removing calcine and for accelerating closure of the high-level waste tank farm
- Status of efforts to close high-level waste tanks 182 and 183

- Final High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental Impact Statement

- Draft Wildland Fire Management Environmental Assessment

- Transfer of spent nuclear fuel from wet to dry storage at the Test Area North

- Water Integration Project roadmap and conceptual model summary

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board facilitator either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board Chair 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, Jerry Bowman, Assistant Manager for Laboratory Development, Idaho Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Every individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments. Additional time may be made available for public comment during the presentations. This **Federal Register** notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting date due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to the meeting date.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the 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 through Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Ms. Wendy Lowe, INEEL CAB Facilitator, Jason Associates Corporation, 545 Shoup Avenue, Suite 335B, Idaho Falls, ID 83402 or by calling (208) 522-1662.

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Belinda G. Hood,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7372-7]

Request for Nominations to the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites nominations to fill vacancies on its National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). The Agency seeks qualified senior-level decision makers from diverse sectors throughout the United States to be considered for appointments. EPA will accept nominations until Friday, October 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to: Ms. Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1601E), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NACEPT is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463. NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator and other EPA officials on a broad range of domestic and international environmental policy issues.

The Administrator of EPA has asked NACEPT to provide advice in a timely manner and operate as a proactive and strategic body that will alert EPA to potential environmental challenges and issues that could impact the Agency's ability to protect public health and the environment, and options to address them. In addition, NACEPT members may be asked to advise the Administrator on other environmental policy priorities as needed. EPA seeks new members with broad expertise in strategic planning, visioning, and environmental stewardship.

NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners, stakeholders, and constituents who provide timely advice and recommendations on environmental policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing.

Members are appointed by the Administrator of EPA for one or two year terms with the possibility of reappointment. Each member's

expertise and experience enables the Council to function in a timely and strategic manner. Critical issues, challenges, and solutions for addressing them are identified and presented to the Administrator for consideration. The Council usually meets 4–5 times annually and the average workload for the members is approximately 10 to 15 hours per month. Members serve on the Council in a voluntary capacity; however, EPA does provide reimbursement for travel expenses associated with official government business.

Maintaining a balance and diversity of expertise, knowledge, and judgement is an important consideration in the selection of members. Potential candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- Occupy a senior position within their organization
- Broad experience outside of their current position
- Experience dealing with public policy issues
- Membership in broad-based networks
- Extensive experience in the environmental field
- Recognized expert in the subject matter to be addressed by NACEPT

EPA is seeking nominees for representation from all sectors, in particular federal, state, local and tribal agencies, academia, environmental justice organizations, grassroots organizations, and NGOs.

Nominations for membership must include a resume and short biography describing the educational and professional qualifications of the nominee and the nominee's current business address and daytime telephone number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer for NACEPT, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1601E), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 233-0090, e-mail: whitt.gwen@epa.gov.

Dated: August 29, 2002.

Gwendolyn Whitt,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 7372-8]

Chesapeake Bay Program—Fiscal Year 2003 Supplemental Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) is issuing a Supplemental Requests for Initial Proposals (RFIP) to implement a specific outcome that will further goals of the Chesapeake 2000 agreement. One project received no responses in the first Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP) dated May 29, 2002, therefore this supplemental RFIP is being issued. Up to \$75,000 dollars may be available for Fiscal Year 2003 for implemental of activities to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. Any non-profit organization, federal, state or local government agency, interstate agency, college or university is eligible to submit proposals in response to this Request for Initial Proposals. Funding will be provided to an applicant under the authority of the Clean Water Act, Section 117.

The RFIP will be available starting September 3, 2002 at the following Web site: <http://www.gov/r3chespk/> You may also request a copy by calling Robert Schewack at 410-267-9856 or by e-mail at shewack.bob@epa.gov All proposals must be postmark NLT September 17, 2002.

Diana Esher,

Deputy Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 6724-2]

Developing Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Information From External Sources; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; comment request.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting on September 20, 2002 to obtain public input on factors and considerations to be used to assess the quality of information voluntarily provided by external sources to the Agency or obtained by EPA from external sources for specific purposes. In addition, EPA is seeking comments

from the public on the draft EPA document, "Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Information from External Sources." EPA developed this document as part of the *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA Information Quality Guidelines). The EPA Information Quality Guidelines were developed pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies* (OMB Guidelines, 67 FR 8452, February 22, 2002).

DATES: The public meeting will be held on September 20, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time, EDT). Written comments must be received on or before September 20, 2002, 11:59 p.m. EDT. For information on dates for submission of written comments, requests to present oral comments, or requests for special seating arrangements, see Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency East Building, Public Hearing Room 1153, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Comments may be submitted by e-mail, mail, courier or in person. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for instructions on submitting comments and public meeting information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Schweer, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7203M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-8469; fax number: (202) 564-8482; e-mail address: assessment.factors@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to persons or entities who develop or collect information which is voluntarily submitted to EPA or obtained by EPA for its use. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.