DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Additional Public Hearing for the Draft Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Office of Nuclear Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of additional public hearing.

SUMMARY: On October 17, 2008, DOE published a Notice of Availability and Public Hearings (73 FR 61845) for *the Draft Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (Draft GNEP PEIS, DOE/EIS-0396). That notice commenced a 60-day public comment period and provided the schedule for 13 public hearings to receive comments on the Draft GNEP PEIS. On December 10, 2008, DOE announced an extension of the public comment period by 90 days, *i.e.*, through March 16, 2009 (73 FR 75087). Today, DOE announces that an additional public hearing on the Draft GNEP PEIS will be conducted beginning at 7 p.m. on January 12, 2009, in the Town of Pahrump in Nye County, NV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct questions regarding the additional public hearing, requests for additional information, or requests for copies of the Draft GNEP PEIS, to Mr. Francis Schwartz, GNEP PEIS Document Manager, Office of Nuclear Energy (NE-5), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Questions also may be telephoned, toll free, to 1-866-645-7803.

For general information regarding the DOE NEPA process contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756. Additional information regarding DOE NEPA activities and access to many of DOE's NEPA documents are available on the DOE NEPA Web site at *http://www.gc.energy.gov/NEPA.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 17, 2008, DOE published a Notice of Availability and Public Hearings (73 FR 61845) for *the Draft Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (Draft GNEP PEIS, DOE/EIS-0396). That notice commenced a 60-day public comment period and provided the schedule for 13 public hearings to receive comments on the Draft GNEP PEIS. On December 10, 2008, DOE announced an extension of the public comment period by 90 days, *i.e.*, through March 16, 2009 (73 FR 75087). DOE will consider comments received after this date to the extent practicable as it prepares the Final GNEP PEIS. Today, DOE announces an additional public hearing on the Draft GNEP PEIS to be held on January 12, 2009, at the Bob Ruud Community Center, 150 North Highway 160 in the Town of Pahrump in Nye County, NV.

An Open House will begin at 6 p.m., during which DOE officials will be available to discuss the Draft GNEP PEIS and answer questions. The public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. with a presentation by a DOE official followed by the receipt of oral comments from interested members of the public. Individuals who would like to present comments orally at the hearing must register upon arrival at the hearing. DOE will allot two to five minutes, depending upon the number of speakers, to each individual wishing to speak so as to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to speak. More time may be allotted by the hearing moderator as circumstances allow.

Written comments on the Draft GNEP PEIS should be submitted to Mr. Francis Schwartz, GNEP PEIS Document Manager, Office of Nuclear Energy (NE-5), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, by facsimile to 866-489-1891, or electronically through *www.regulations.gov.* Please mark correspondence "Draft GNEP PEIS Comments." Additional information on GNEP may be found at *http://www.gnep.energy.gov.*

The Draft GNEP PEIS and supporting references are available on the Internet at *http://www.gnep.energy.gov* and will be available in the public reading room at: Nuclear Waste Repository Project Office, 1210 E. Basin Road, Suite #6, Pahrump, NV 89060, Phone: 775-727-7727.

In addition, the Draft GNEP PEIS is available on the Internet at *www.regulations.gov* and on the DOE NEPA Web site at *http://www.gc.energy.gov/NEPA.*

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

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), Nevada Test Site. 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, January 28, 2009, 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Atomic Testing Museum, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Rupp, Board Administrator, 232 Energy Way, M/S 505, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030. Phone: (702) 657-9088; Fax (702) 295-5300 or E-mail: *ntscab@nv.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:

1. DOE Presentation: Transuranic (TRU) Waste Update.
2. Sub-Committee Reports:
   A. Environmental Management Public Information Review Effort Committee.
   B. Outreach Committee.
   C. Transportation/Waste Committee.
   D. Underground Test Area Committee.
3. DOE Nevada Site Office Environmental Management Update.

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 presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Denise Rupp at the 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 comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing to Denise Rupp at the address listed above or at the following Web site: *http://www.ntscab.com/MeetingMinutes.htm.*