

The basic structure of the workshops had all the attendees participate in breakout sessions, whereby smaller groups considered particular topics. The underlying purpose of both workshops was not to build consensus among stakeholders, but rather to gather information based on the individual experiences and expertise of the participants relating to the challenges and opportunities facing the electricity distribution and transmission systems. The GTT took all the information from the breakout sessions and synthesized the common themes into the Discussion Summary documents that are hereby available for review and open for comments.

The discussion summary documents will be valuable additions to the growing body of relevant reference material. Thus, the summaries of these workshop discussions, including consideration of public comments, will provide a key resource to help DOE guide its R&D investments in the near term.

DOE intends to finalize and make publically available these documents with consideration of comments received. Comments are invited on all aspects of the workshop topics, although DOE is primarily seeking answers to the following questions:

- i. Are there any issues in the discussion summary documents that require particular consideration? Are there any issues in the discussion summary documents that do not warrant further consideration? Please provide any examples or information that further supports your comment.
- ii. Are there crucial challenges or opportunities associated with the Electricity Distribution or Transmission System (or both) that are not sufficiently represented in these documents?

The Department of Energy will review all timely written responses to this notice. DOE intends to finalize and make available the Electricity Distribution and Transmission Workshop Discussion Summary reports.

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Chairman, Grid Tech Team, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a teleconference of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee (BERAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, March 7, 2013; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: Participants may contact Ms. Joanne Corcoran by March 5, 2013 at email:

joanne.corcoran@science.doe.gov or by phone at (301) 903-6488, to receive a call-in number. Public participation is welcomed; however, the number of teleconference lines is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Thomassen, Designated Federal Officer, BERAC, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-23/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. Phone (301) 903-9817; fax (301) 903-5051 or email:

david.thomassen@science.doe.gov. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the Web site: <http://science.energy.gov/ber/berac/meetings/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

Tentative Agenda Topics

- Discussion of the final edits to the BERAC report based on the charge letter dated, December 20, 2012, (<http://science.energy.gov/~media/bes/besac/pdf/2012-1220-brinkman-to-advisorycommittees.pdf>).

Public Participation: The teleconference meeting is open to the public. 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 the item on the agenda, you should contact David Thomassen at the address or telephone number listed above. 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 Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 45 days at the BERAC Web site: <http://science.energy.gov/ber/berac/meetings/berac-minutes/>.

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Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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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 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, March 11, 2013; 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 2013; 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Gaithersburg Marriott, Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kogut, Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; U.S. Department of Energy; SC-25/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290; Telephone: 301-903-1298.

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:

March 11–12, 2013

- Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Program.
- Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program.