

speak after previously scheduled speakers. Speakers who want more than five minutes should indicate the length of time desired in their request. Depending on the number of speakers, DOE may need to limit speakers to five minutes initially, and provide additional opportunities as time permits. Speakers may also provide written materials to supplement their presentations. Oral and written comments will be given equal consideration.

DOE will begin the meeting with an overview of the proposed Kentucky Pioneer IGCC Demonstration Project. The meeting will not be conducted as an evidentiary hearing, and speakers will not be cross-examined. However, speakers may be asked questions to help ensure that DOE fully understands their comments or suggestions. A presiding officer will establish the order of speakers and provide any additional procedures necessary to conduct the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 10th day of April, 2000.

**David Michaels,**

*Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Solicitation

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of solicitation—enhanced geothermal systems project development.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office, is seeking applications for projects to verify the electrical power generating potential of enhanced geothermal systems (EGS). Concept definition studies will comprise Phase One of this solicitation. Up to ten financial assistance awards, valued at a maximum of \$200,000 each, will be made for Phase One. The period of performance for Phase One is anticipated to be four months. Upon evaluation of the results from Phase One, the DOE will select the most promising projects for field validation. Validation will comprise Phase Two of the solicitation.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of applications is 3 p.m. MDT May 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be submitted to: Procurement Services Division, U. S. Department of Energy,

Idaho Operations Office, Attention: Elizabeth Dahl [DE-PS07-00ID13913], 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Elizabeth Dahl, Contract Specialist, at dahllee@id.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The statutory authority for this program is the Geothermal Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Act of 1974 (Pub.L. 93-410). The issuance date of Solicitation No. DE-PS07-00ID13913 is on or about April 14, 2000. The solicitation is available in full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doesid/psd/proc-div.html>. Technical and non-technical questions should be submitted in writing to Elizabeth Dahl by e-mail [dahllee@id.doe.gov](mailto:dahllee@id.doe.gov), or facsimile at 208-526-5548 no later than April 21, 2000.

Issued in Idaho Falls on April 7, 2000.

**Michael L. Adams,**

*Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy, National Coal Council; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Coal Council. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATED:** Wednesday, May 3, 2000, 9:00 am to 12 noon.

**ADDRESS:** Westin Fairfax Hotel, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Margie D. Biggerstaff, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202/586-3867.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Committee:* To provide advice, information, recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and coal industry issues.  
*Tentative Agenda:*

- Call to order E. Linn Draper, Jr., Chairman
- Remarks by Secretary of Energy, Bill Richardson (invited)
- Remarks by Ms. Kathy Karpen, Office of Surface Mining
- Remarks by Mr. John Neumann, Edison Electric Institute

- Administrative business
- Report by James K. Martin, Chairman of Council Study Working Group, on Progress of Council's Current Study on Carbon Sequestration
- Other business
- Adjournment

### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. 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 the items on the agenda, you should contact Margie D. Biggerstaff at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

### Transcripts

The transcript will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 11, 2000.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in Russia. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Task Force's review of the Department of Energy's nonproliferation programs in Russia.

**NAME:** Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in Russia.

**DATES:** Tuesday, April 25, 2000, 9 AM–4 PM, Eastern Daylight Time.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, Program Review Center (Room 8E–089), Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Note: Members of the public are requested to contact the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586–7092 in advance of the meeting (if possible), to expedite their entry to the Forrestal Building on the day of the meeting. Public participation is welcomed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, or Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB–1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–7092 or (202) 586–6279 (fax).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in Russia is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the policy priorities established by the Department of Energy to pursue nonproliferation and nuclear safety programs in the Russian Federation. Special emphasis will be placed on program areas that may not have been addressed in the past. The Task Force will focus on assessing the performance of DOE's programs in achieving national security and nonproliferation missions, as well as providing policy recommendations on how the Department can be most effective in supporting U.S. national security interests. The Task Force will investigate, but will not be limited to, the following programs: (1) Initiatives for Nonproliferation, (2) Nuclear Cities Initiative, (3) Material Protection Control and Accounting Program, (4) Second Line of Defense Program, (5) Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) Purchase Agreement, (6) Plutonium Disposition Program, and (7) International Nuclear Safety Program.

**Tentative Agenda**

*Tuesday, April 25, 2000*

9 AM–9:15 AM Opening Remarks  
9:15 AM–10 AM Briefing on DOE Moscow/DOE Presence in Russia  
10 AM–10:45 AM Briefing on the Expanded Threat Reduction Initiative  
10:45 AM–11 AM Break  
11 AM–12 AM Briefing on Budget Issues  
12 PM–1:15 PM Lunch  
1:15 PM–3:45 PM Roundtable with NGO Representatives

3:45 PM–4 PM Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

**Public Participation**

In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in Russia and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment period. The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its open meeting, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign in at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB–1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

**Minutes**

A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the open meeting will be made available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and its subcommittees may be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Secretary of Energy Advisory Board;  
Notice of Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.

L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 26, 2000, 8:30 AM–3 PM.

**ADDRESSES:** Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Conference Room A, Building 123, 7000 East Avenue, Livermore, California 94551–0808. Note: For their convenience, members of the public who plan to attend this open meeting are requested to contact Ms. Kathleen Moody of the LLNL Protocol Office in advance of the meeting in order to facilitate access to the meeting site. Ms. Moody may be reached at (925) 423–5948 or via e-mail at [moody2@llnl.gov](mailto:moody2@llnl.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, or Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB–1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–7092 or (202) 586–6279 (fax).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the NIF Task Force is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the options to complete the National Ignition Facility (NIF) Project; to recommend the best technical course of action; and to review and assess the risks of successfully completing the NIF Project. The NIF Task Force will focus on the engineering and management aspects of the proposed method for accomplishing the assembly and installation of the NIF laser system. The Task Force's review will cover the full scope of assembly and installation and the ability, within the proposed approach, to achieve the cleanliness requirements established for the operation of the laser. The review will also address: (1) The engineering viability of the proposed assembly and activation method; (2) the assembly and installation cleanliness protocols; (3) the management structure; and (4) the adequacy of the cost estimating methodology.

**Tentative Agenda**

The agenda for the April 26 meeting has not been finalized, however the topics to be addressed will include the following:

–Response to the Findings and Recommendations of the Interim Report of the National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force, January 10, 2000—