experience of potential candidates for the position of executive director, matters that would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session.

A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

The public is being given less than the required 15 days' notice because of the difficulty in accommodating the schedules of all members of the Search Committee, which must complete its selection and interview process prior to the next full Board meeting on June 6.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20208–7564.

Dated: April 1, 1996. Sharon P. Robinson, Assistant Secretary.

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National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education. **ACTION:** Notice of closed committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Search Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of the meeting.

DATES: May 6 and 7, 1996. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOCATION: First Floor Conference Room, 80 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20208.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles E. Hansen, Designated Federal Official, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20208– 7579. Telephone: (202) 219–2050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The meeting of the Search Committee is closed to the public under the authority of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) and under exemption (6) of Section 552b(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409; 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)). In interviewing candidates for the position of Executive Director, the Committee will consider the credentials, personal qualifications and experience of candidates for the position of executive director, matters that would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session.

A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

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Dated; April 1, 1996. Sharon P. Robinson, Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components

AGENCY: Department of Energy. **ACTION:** Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability for public review and comment of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components (DOE/EIS-0225). The Department's preferred alternative is to continue nuclear weapons operations at the Pantex Plant, located near Amarillo, Texas; to

implement projects and facility upgrades consistent with fulfilling these operations; and to increase interim storage levels for plutonium components (pits) from 12,000 to 20,000 pits. The Draft EIS also evaluates a No Action Alternative and a Relocation of Interim Pit Storage Alternative.

DATES: DOE invites the general public, other government agencies, and all other interested parties to comment on this Draft EIS. The information obtained during this period will assist DOE in finalizing this EIS. Comments received by DOE must be postmarked no later than July 5, 1996 to ensure consideration in the Final EIS. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

The Department will hold public meetings at the potentially affected sites to receive comments on the Draft Pantex EIS at the times and locations listed below. Meetings on the dates identified with an asterisk (*) are joint public meetings to be held in coordination with the Pantex Draft EIS, the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Draft Programmatic EIS, and the Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Draft Programmatic EIS:

April 22-23, 1996*

Radisson Inn Airport, 7909 I–40 East at Lakeside, Amarillo, Texas 79104, Time: April 22; 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm; April 23; 8:30am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

April 25, 1996

Community College of Southern Nevada— Cheyenne Campus, 3200 East Cheyenne Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030, Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

April 30, 1996*

North Augusta Community Center, 495 Brookside Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina 29841, Time: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

May 2, 1996

Red Lion Inn, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington 99352, Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

May 7, 1996

Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Public meeting times and locations will be published in local newspapers prior to the meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests should be directed to: Ms. Nanette Founds, U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87185–5400. Written comments, suggestions, and requests