

- The agenda for the Statistics Committee includes a discussion of emerging statistical issues in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) such as those reflected in the National Academy of Education's Capstone Report, and the upcoming NAEP procurement. Further, the Statistics Committee will discuss issues surrounding the use of background variables; a preliminary report which links NAEP and data from the Third International Mathematics and Science Study; the results of the 1996 NAEP Science Assessment; and alternative strategies for setting achievement levels. Because part of the agenda involves reporting on the embargoed 1996 NAEP science achievement levels, ACES is precluded from discussing this information in a public meeting. The premature release of this information would result in the disclosure of information that would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the agency's proposed action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

- The agenda for the Strategy/Policy Committee includes a discussion of: major NCES budget issues; a new NCES budgeting and planning tool; NCES's longitudinal surveys; and plans for a redesign of the Schools and Staffing Survey. Because the discussion on budget issues will include information on planned procurements and cost estimates, the public disclosure of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate the implementation of planned agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Due to complexities in setting the agenda for this meeting, the public is being given less than 15 days notice. A summary of the activities and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within 14 days after the meetings. Records are kept of all Council proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Education Statistics, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Room 400J, Washington, DC 20208-7575.

Dated: May 7, 1997.

**Ramon C. Cortines,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, May 27, 1997: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** Amarillo Association of Realtors, 5601 Enterprise Circle, Amarillo, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3121.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Committee: The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes
- 1:10 p.m. Co-Chair Comments
- 1:20 p.m. Task Force Reports
  - Environmental Restoration
  - Site Development
- 1:50 p.m. Subcommittee Reports
  - Policy & Personnel
  - Nominations & Membership
  - Budget and Finance
- 2:30 p.m. Ex-Officio Reports
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Transition Discussion
- 3:45 p.m. Pantex Project Budget Overview
- 4:30 p.m. Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE
- 5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks/Adjourn

#### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Tom Williams' office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days

prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved.

#### Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5:00 pm on Friday; 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Tom Williams at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 9, 1997.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Research

#### Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Wednesday, June 11, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, June 12, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.