

monitor the effectiveness of MDA's mitigation measures, including those identified in future, site-specific NEPA analyses tiered from this PEIS.

G. Environmentally Preferred Alternative

The findings of the PEIS indicate that the No Action Alternative, the continuation of existing program element-based testing and development activities with no integration testing, would be the environmentally-preferred alternative. As a conservative estimate, MDA assumed that stand-alone element component testing as well as system integration testing would occur under Alternatives 1 and 2, which would result in potentially more adverse effects than the No Action Alternative. However, MDA believes that consolidation of stand-alone component tests associated with Alternative 1 into the system integration tests to the extent practicable could serve to reduce the overall environmental consequences as the total number of tests conducted by MDA could fall.

H. Conclusion

I have considered potential environmental impacts as defined in the PEIS, cost, technical requirements, applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, Presidential direction (the December 17, 2002, Presidential announcement to field an initial defensive operation capability), MDA's mandate and mission, and public comments in arriving at my decision.

I select Alternative 1 over the other alternatives for implementation of the proposed action. Although the No Action Alternative has been identified as the environmentally-preferred alternative, it does not support the Agency's mandate or mission. Alternative 1 has fewer environmental consequences than Alternative 2, as described above.

I have selected Alternative 1 because integration of missile defense capabilities as opposed to single element development, testing, and deployment is essential to an effective BMDS that can provide a layered defense of the United States, its deployed troops, and its friends and allies. Any decision to deploy a BMDS capability will be subject to Presidential and Congressional authorization and funding.

Date: April 8, 2008.

Henry A. Obering III,
Lieutenant General, USAF, Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its 2008 Procurement Package, OMB Control Number 1910-4100. This information collection request covers information necessary to evaluate proposals and administer contracts related to management contractors managing the Department's major facilities and other contractors furnishing goods and services.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before May 23, 2008. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The OMB Desk Officer for DOE may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to:

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; and to:

U.S. Department of Energy, MA-61, Attn: Richard Langston, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Langston, Procurement Policy Analyst, at Richard.langston@hq.doe.gov or (202) 287-1339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-4100; (2) Information Collection Request Title: DOE 2008 Procurement Package; (3) Purpose: This information collection request covers information necessary to evaluate proposals and administer contracts related to management contractors managing the Department's major facilities and other contractors furnishing goods and services; (4) Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,539; (5) Estimated Total Burden Hours: 896,209; (6) Number of

Collections: The information collection request contains 47 information and/or recordkeeping requirements. A notice and request for comment was previously published concerning this collection at 73 FR 7538 on February 8, 2008. No comments were received.

Statutory Authority: Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 405).

Issued in Washington, DC on April 17, 2008.

Edward R. Simpson,

Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Electricity Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the first meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. EDT.

Location: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel located at 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, Virginia 22204.

Agenda: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) was established in 2008 by DOE to provide expert advice on complex scientific, technical, and policy issues that arise in the planning, managing, and implementation of DOE's electricity programs. The committee is composed of approximately 30 individuals of diverse backgrounds selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues that pertain to electricity.

Purpose of the Meeting: The first meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee is expected to include discussion of the first year objectives of the Committee, introductions of Committee Members and a discussion of establishing subcommittees on specific subjects.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting will host a discussion on advice to the Department of Energy on matters related

to electricity supply adequacy. The meeting agenda may change to accommodate committee business. For Committee agenda updates, see the Committee Web site at: <http://www.oe.energy.gov/eac.htm>.

Public Participation: Any member of the public interested in offering comments at the Committee meeting may do so on the day of the meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 2008. Approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but is not expected to exceed three minutes. Anyone who is not able to attend the meeting or had insufficient time to address the committee is invited to send a written statement to Mr. David Meyer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 or e-mail david.meyer@hq.doe.gov.

The following electronic file formats are acceptable: Microsoft Word (.doc), Corel Word Perfect (.wpd), Adobe Acrobat (.pdf), Rich Text Format (.rtf), plain text (.txt), Microsoft Excel (.xls), and Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt). If you submit information that you believe to be exempt by law from public disclosure, you may only submit your comments by mail, and you must submit one complete copy, as well as one copy from which the information claimed to be exempt by law from public disclosure has been deleted. DOE is responsible for the final determination concerning disclosure or nondisclosure of the information and for treating it in accordance with the DOE's Freedom of Information regulations (10 CFR 1004.11).

Note: Delivery of the U.S. Postal Service mail to DOE continues to be delayed by several weeks due to security screening. DOE therefore encourages those wishing to comment to submit comments electronically by e-mail. If comments are submitted by regular mail, the Department requests that they be accompanied by a CD or diskette containing electronic files of the submission.

Minutes: The minutes of the first meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee are expected to be available within 45 days of the meeting on the Committee Website at <http://www.oe.energy.gov/eac.htm> or by contacting Mr. David Meyer at (202) 586-1411 or e-mail david.meyer@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Meyer, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone

(202) 586-1411; e-mail david.meyer@hq.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 18, 2008.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and retreat.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. 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, May 21, 2008, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Thursday, May 22, 2008, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn, Santa Fe, 4048 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB), 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995-0393; Fax (505) 989-1752 or E-mail: msantistevan@doeal.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

Retreat—Wednesday, May 21, 2008

- 9 a.m.—Welcome and Introductions, Ed Moreno.
- 9:05 a.m.—Round Robin—Expectations for Retreat, Board Members.
- 9:15 a.m.—“Lesson Learned” from the Material Disposal Area—G Forum, Ralph Phelps.
- 9:30 a.m.—Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB) Surveys, Larry Rapagnani.
- 10 a.m.—Break.
- 10:15 a.m.—Overview of NNMCAB Bylaws, EM SSAB Guidance and Administrative Procedures, Christina Houston.
- 11:45 a.m.—Lunch Break.

1 p.m.—View “The Manhattan Project”

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1:45 p.m.—Department of Energy, Los Alamos Site Office, George Rael:

- Top Three Priorities;
- EM Baseline;
- Funding Issues;
- Impacts of Delayed Funding.

2:30 p.m.—Break.

2:45 p.m.—Consent Order Table of Contents and Schedule, James Bearzi:

- Background and Development;
- Outline of Contents;
- Components:
 1. Characterization;
 2. Corrective Measures Evaluation;
 3. Selection of Remedy.

3:15 p.m.—New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Critical Issues, James Bearzi:

- How Selected;
- NMED Issues of Concern;
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit Renewal:

○ Top Three Issues:

1. Groundwater Monitoring;
2. Remedy Selection;
3. Permit Renewal.

3:45 p.m.—Consent Order, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Dave McNroy:

- LANL EM Program Master Plan;
- Progress in Clean-up;
- Future Activities.

4:15 p.m.—Environmental Protection Agency, Rich Mayer:

- Federal Facilities Compliance Act;
- Recertification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

4:45 p.m.—NNMCAB Communications:

- Web site Training, Lorelei Novak;
- Distribution of Information to Members.

5:15 p.m.—Wrap up Discussion, Ed Moreno.

5:30 p.m.—Adjourn.

Meeting—Thursday, May 22, 2008

9 a.m.—Call to Order by Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Christina Houston.

Establishment of a Quorum, Lorelei Novak.

Welcome, Ed Moreno.

Approval of Agenda, J. D. Campbell.

Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2008, Board Meeting, J.D. Campbell.

9:05 a.m.—Old Business, Ed Moreno:

- Written Reports;
- Other Matters.

9:15 a.m.—New Business, Ed Moreno:

- Election of Vice-Chair, Board Members;
- Consideration and Action on Proposed Amendments to NNMCAB Bylaws, Menice Santistevan.