

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC)**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) was established under section 807 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA) (Pub. L. 109–58; 119 Stat. 849). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that publish notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, November 3, 2011; 9 a.m.–6:15 p.m.

Friday, November 4, 2011; 9 a.m.–2:45 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** L'Enfant Plaza Hotel DC, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please send an e-mail to: [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary on the program authorized by Title VIII of EPA.

*Tentative Agenda:* (Subject to change; updates will be posted on the website at: <http://hydrogen.energy.gov> and copies of the final agenda will available the date of the meeting).

- Public Comment.
- Coordination with Efficiency and Renewable Advisory Committee.
- Impact of Natural Gas Supply on Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Market.
- Industry Presentations.
- Status Cost and Performance of Battery Technology.
- Vehicle Battery Charging Cost.
- European Large-Scale Hydrogen Storage of Renewable Electricity.
- Financing Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies.
- State Initiatives.

*Public Participation:* Members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the meeting of HTAC and to make oral statements during the specified period for public comment. The public comment period will take place between 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on November 3, 2011. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, please send an e-mail to: [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov) at least five business days before the meeting. Please indicate if you will be attending the meeting,

whether you want to make an oral statement, and what organization you represent (if appropriate). Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up for the public comment period. Oral comments should be limited to two minutes in length. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chair of the committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties and to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the committee, you may do so either by submitting a hard copy at the meeting or by submitting an electronic copy by e-mail to: [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov).

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at the following Web site: <http://hydrogen.energy.gov>.

Issued at Washington, DC on September 23, 2011.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Record of Decision, Texas Clean Energy Project**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its decision to continue to provide financial support to the Texas Clean Energy Project (TCEP). DOE prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS–0444) to assess the environmental impacts associated with the TCEP, a project that Summit Texas Clean Energy, LLC (Summit) would design, construct, and operate. The project will demonstrate advanced power systems using integrated gasification combined-cycle (IGCC) technology to generate 400 megawatts (gross) of electric power from coal and will put 130 to 213 megawatts on the power grid while capturing approximately 90 percent of its carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. The project will sequester approximately 2.5 to 3.0 million tons (2.3 to 2.7 million metric tonnes) of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. The CO<sub>2</sub> will be delivered through a regional pipeline network to existing oil fields in the Permian Basin of West Texas for use in enhanced oil recovery (EOR) by third-parties. The plant will also produce urea, argon, and sulfuric acid for sale in commercial markets. Because of its

multiple products, the facility is referred to as a polygeneration (polygen) plant. The plant will be built on a 600-acre (243-hectare) oil field site in Ector County, Texas, north of the community of Penwell, and will continue in commercial operation for 30 to 50 years.

DOE's proposed action, as described in the EIS, is to provide cost-shared financial assistance under DOE's Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) using a combination of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) (Pub. L. 111–5) funds and other CCPI program funds. After careful consideration of the potential environmental impacts and other factors such as program goals and objectives, DOE has decided to provide, through a cooperative agreement with Summit, \$450 million in cost-shared funding, which is approximately 26 percent of the project's total capital cost of \$1.73 billion (2009 dollars). The balance of project funding is expected to come from private sector investors and lenders.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final EIS is available on the National Energy Technology Laboratory's Web site at: <http://www.netl.doe.gov/publications/others/nepa/index.html> and on the DOE NEPA Web site at: <http://energy.gov/nepa>. Copies of the EIS may be obtained from Mr. Mark L. McKoy, Environmental Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507–0880; telephone: 304–285–4426; toll-free number: 1–800–432–8330 (ext 4426); fax: 304–285–4403; or e-mail: [mmckoy@netl.doe.gov](mailto:mmckoy@netl.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain additional information about this project, the EIS, or this Record of Decision (ROD), contact Mr. McKoy by the means specified above under **ADDRESSES**. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC–54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone: 202–586–4600; fax: 202–586–7031; or leave a toll-free message at: 1–800–472–2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE prepared this ROD pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ's) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA [40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500–1508], DOE's NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021), and DOE's Compliance with Floodplain and Wetland Environmental Review Requirements (10 CFR Part 1022). This