

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, June 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held, strictly following COVID-19 precautionary measures, at: West Kentucky Community and Technical College, Emerging Technology Building, Room 109, 5100 Alben Barkley Drive, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Roberts, Board Support Manager, by Phone: (270) 554-3004 or Email: [eric@pgdpcab.org](mailto:eric@pgdpcab.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

**Tentative Agenda**

- Review of Agenda
- Administrative Issues
- Public Comment Period

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Paducah, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Eric Roberts as soon as possible in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Comments received by no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on Monday, June 13, 2022 will be read aloud during the meeting. Comments will also be accepted after the meeting, by no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, June 24, 2022. Please submit comments to the Paducah Board Support Manager at the aforementioned email address. Please put "Public Comment" in the subject line. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Eric Roberts at the

telephone number listed above. Requests must be received as soon as possible prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make oral public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments. Individuals wishing to submit written public comments should email them as directed above. The EM SSAB, Paducah, will hear oral public comments pertaining to its scope (clean-up standards and environmental restoration; waste management and disposition; stabilization and disposition of non-stockpile nuclear materials; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship; risk assessment and management; and clean-up science and technology activities). Comments outside of the scope may be submitted via written statement as directed above.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Eric Roberts, Board Support Manager, Emerging Technology Center, Room 221, 4810 Alben Barkley Drive, Paducah, KY 42001; Phone: (270) 554-3004. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/pppo/pgdp-cab/listings/meeting-materials>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 11, 2022.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 4784-106]

**Topsham Hydro Partners Limited Partnership (L.P.); Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

On August 31, 2020, Topsham Hydro Partners Limited Partnership (L.P.) (Topsham Hydro) filed an application for a new license for the 12.3-megawatt Pejepsot Hydroelectric Project (Pejepsot Project; FERC No. 4784) on the Androscoggin River in Sagadahoc, Cumberland, and Androscoggin Counties in the village of Pejepsot and the town of Topsham, Maine. The project does not affect federal lands.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on April 19, 2021,

Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Subsequently, Topsham Hydro filed Settlement Agreements for Modified Prescriptions for Fishways executed by and between the licensee and the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Department of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on February 18, 2022, and February 24, 2022, respectively. Comments on the settlement agreements were due on March 26 and 30, 2022. Comments were filed on the settlement agreements.

Based on the information in the record, including our review of the settlement agreements and comments on the settlement agreements, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare a draft and final Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the Pejepsot Project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues draft EA.	June 2022.
Comments on draft EA due.	July 2022.
Commission issues final EA.	November 2022 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission's intent to prepare a draft and final EA for the Pejepsot Hydroelectric Project. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ's regulations, the final EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Ryan Hansen at (202) 502-8074 or at [ryan.hansen@ferc.gov](mailto:ryan.hansen@ferc.gov).

Dated: May 10, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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