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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

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

DATES: Wednesday, April 19, 2023; 4 p.m.–8 p.m. PDT.

The opportunity for public comment is at 4:10 p.m. PDT.

This time is subject to change; please contact the Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) Administrator (below) for confirmation of time prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be open to the public in-person at the Mesquite City Hall (address below) or virtually via Microsoft Teams. To attend virtually, please contact Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, by email nssab@emcbc.doe.gov or phone (702) 523-0894, no later than 4 p.m. PDT on Monday, April 17, 2023.

Mesquite City Hall, 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, NV 89027.

Attendees should check the website listed below for any meeting format changes due to COVID-19 protocols.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, by phone: (702) 523-0894 or email: nssab@emcbc.doe.gov or visit the Board's internet homepage at www.nnss.gov/NSSAB/.

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:

1. DOE-EM Work Plan Presentations
2. Public Comment Period
3. Updates from DOE Deputy Designated Federal Officer
4. Updates from Liaisons

Public Participation: The in-person/online virtual hybrid meeting is open to

the public either in-person at the Mesquite City Hall or via Microsoft Teams. To sign-up for public comment, please contact the NSSAB Administrator (above) no later than 4 p.m. PDT on Monday, April 17, 2023. In addition to participation in the live public comment session identified above, written statements may be filed with the Board either before or within seven days after the meeting by sending them to the NSSAB Administrator at the aforementioned email address. Written public comment received prior to the meeting will be read into the record. 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 public comments can do so in 2-minute segments for the 15 minutes allotted for public comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, U.S. Department of Energy, EM Nevada Program, 100 North City Parkway, Suite 1750, Las Vegas, NV 89106; Phone: (702) 523-0894. Minutes will also be available at the following website: http://www.nnss.gov/nssab/pages/MM_FY23.html.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Guidance and Application for Hydroelectric Production Incentives

AGENCY: Hydroelectric Incentives Program, Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of guidance and open application period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of updated guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Hydroelectric Production Incentives. The guidance describes the hydroelectric production incentive payment requirements and explains the type of information that owners or authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities must provide DOE when applying for hydroelectric production incentive payments. The hydroelectric production incentive payments are a benefit available for electric energy generated and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In

the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, DOE received \$125 million to support this hydroelectric production incentive. At this time, DOE is only accepting applications from owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar years 2021 and 2022.

DATES: DOE is currently accepting applications from March 22, 2023 through May 8, 2023. Applications must be submitted to the Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange, <https://infrastructure-exchange.energy.gov/> by no later than 5 p.m. ET, May 8, 2023, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2021 and 2022 incentive payments.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit applications electronically to the Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange, <https://infrastructure-exchange.energy.gov/>. The guidance accompanying this solicitation is available at: www.energy.gov/gdo/section-242-hydroelectric-production-incentive-program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions may be addressed to Madden Sciubba, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, (240) 798-1195 or by email at hydroelectricincentives@hq.doe.gov. Additional information can be found in the guidance posted at www.energy.gov/gdo/section-242-hydroelectric-production-incentive-program. Electronic communications are recommended for correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In section 242 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA Act 2005; Pub. L. 109-58), as amended, Congress established a program to support the expansion of hydropower energy development at existing dams and impoundments through an incentive payment procedure for eligible facilities (section 242), codified at 42 U.S.C. 15881. Congress amended section 242 in the Energy Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116-260) by expanding the eligibility window and amending the definition of a qualified hydroelectric facility. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-58) made further amendments to section 242. For this solicitation, DOE is accepting applications for payments resulting from hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar years 2021 and 2022.

Section 242 directs the Secretary to provide incentive payments to the owners or authorized operators of hydroelectric generation facilities in accordance with specific statutory