

schools and parents sufficient time to prepare and respond to the requirements of the USCO provision.

Discussion: We believe a deadline for offering the transfer option to students attending a persistently dangerous school must appropriately balance the concerns of the States and local educational agencies with the needs of the individual students attending a persistently dangerous school or who are the victims of a violent criminal offense at school. Notification of the option to transfer to a safe school at the start of the school year would result in students not being able to transfer to a safe school until after the school year has begun. We believe that the benefits of having students transfer in advance of the school year include greater continuity and an easier transition for the students.

Changes: The Deputy Under Secretary establishes a deadline requiring each LEA to offer students who attend persistently dangerous schools the opportunity to transfer to a safe school at least 14 calendar days before the start of the 2003–2004 school year. This deadline will also apply in each school year thereafter. The Deputy Under Secretary also establishes a deadline requiring each local educational agency to offer students who are victims of violent criminal offenses while at school or on school grounds the opportunity to transfer to a safe school beginning at the start of the 2003–2004 school year. This deadline will also apply in each school year thereafter.

Final Deadlines

The Deputy Under Secretary establishes a final deadline requiring each State to identify schools that meet its definition of a persistently dangerous school in sufficient time to permit LEAs to offer students in schools identified as persistently dangerous the option to transfer to a safe school at least 14 calendar days before the start of the 2003–2004 school year. This deadline will also apply in each school year thereafter.

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2003–2004 school year. This deadline will also apply in each school year thereafter.

We recognize that the start of the school year will vary from LEA to LEA. The opportunity to transfer provided by USCO must be offered to affected students at least 14 calendar days before the start of the school year in their LEA. Changes to this policy, consistent with statutory requirements and these deadlines, may be made as needed by the State.

Waiver of Delayed Effective Date

Under the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. 553), the Secretary generally establishes an effective date for regulations 30 days after the final notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Due to the changes postponing the implementation dates in this notice of final implementation, and the seriousness of attending a persistently dangerous school or being a victim of a violent criminal offense, the Secretary waives the delayed effective date for good cause under 5 U.S.C. 533(d)(3).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, July 31, 2003, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, August 1, 2003, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to complete action on the charge related to exploring the possibility of using fusion energy for non-electric applications. In addition, the Committee will be given a charge on Fusion Science and Engineering Workforce Development and the organization of the panel for dealing with that charge and perhaps some preliminary thoughts on which directions to pursue would be explored at this meeting.

Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, July 31, 2003

- Office of Fusion Energy Sciences Perspective
- Report from the Panel on non-Electric Applications
- Discussion of the Report
- Presentation of a Scientific Paper TBD
- Public Comments

Friday, August 1, 2003

- Discussion of Workforce Development Charge
- Status of International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Activities
- Planning for Next Meeting

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Albert L. Opdenaker at 301–903–8584 (fax) or albert.opdenaker@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable