

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. 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: Thursday, September 4, 2003; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.—Friday, September 5, 2003; 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESS: Doubletree Suites Seattle, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA; Phone: (206) 575-8220; Fax: (206) 575-4743.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Sherman, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA 99352; Phone: (509) 376-6216; Fax: (509) 376-1563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

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- Tri-Party Agreement Look Back/Look Ahead: Perspectives from Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Senior Management.
- Discussion with Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Senior Management on Hanford Advisory Board Priorities for the Upcoming Year.
- Process for the Determination Whether There is Transuranic Waste in Certain Tanks—Discussion and Introduction of Draft Advice.
- Overall Strategy and Approach for Groundwater Protection, Monitoring and Remediation under Tri-Party Agreement (Milestone Series-24) Discussion and Introduction of Draft Advice.
- Proposed Changes to the Tri-Party Agreement Establishing New Deadlines for Tank Waste Treatment Activities (M-62). Discussion and Introduction of Draft Advice (Tentative).

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- Public Involvement and Its Role/Importance in Decision-Making: Dialogue with the Tri-Party Agreement Agencies.
- Update on Hanford Long-Term Stewardship Plan.
- Informational Session on the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council.
- Adoption of Draft Advice:
 - Process for the Determination Whether There is Transuranic

Waste in Certain Tanks

- Overall Strategy and Approach for Groundwater Protection, Monitoring and Remediation under Tri-Party Agreement (Milestone Series M-24)
- Proposed Changes to the Tri-Party Agreement Establishing New Deadlines for Tank Waste Treatment (M-62) Tentative

- Announcement of Committee Leadership

- Agenda Topics for the November Hanford Advisory Board Meeting

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Yvonne Sherman's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days 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. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Yvonne Sherman, Department of Energy Richland Operation Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA 99352; or by calling her at (509) 376-1563.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the ROD to construct the proposed Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project in King County, Washington, based on the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0317-S1, June 2003). BPA has decided to implement the Proposed Action (Alternative 1) identified in the environmental impact statement, which consists of constructing a new 9-mile 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from a tap point on an existing 500-kV line near Kangley, Washington, to BPA's Echo Lake Substation. BPA is taking this action to continue to provide reliable power to customers throughout the Northwest and to other regions and Canada as population grows.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and EIS may be obtained by calling toll-free 1-888-276-7790. The ROD and EIS are also available on BPA's Transmission Business Line Web site, <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Gene Lynard, Environmental Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621; toll-free telephone number 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone number 503-230-3790; fax number 503-230-5699; or e-mail gplynard@bpa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Action, construction of a new 500-kV transmission line from Kangley, Washington, to Echo Lake Substation, will be constructed next to an existing 500-kV line. Five miles of the route will go through the Cedar River Municipal Watershed (CRW). In addition, Echo Lake Substation will be expanded about three acres to the east and new equipment will be installed to accommodate the new line. The Proposed Action will primarily use 500-kV single-circuit steel lattice structures averaging about 135 feet high. In the CRW, where the line crosses the Cedar River, two 500-kV double-circuit lattice structures will be used to hold the new 500-kV line and the existing 500-kV line. BPA will purchase easements for a new 150-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) for the new line (except at the Cedar River crossing where BPA will use its existing ROW). Clearing of tall-growing vegetation within the ROW will be required to insure reliable transmission service. As part of the Proposed Action, BPA has decided to construct new spur roads, upgrade existing access roads, and remove from service some existing roads; and install fiber optic cable on the new line and part of the existing