SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) hereby provides notice as required by 10 CFR Part 1022, to conduct site characterization activities within the 100-year floodplain of the San Juan River at the Shiprock, New Mexico UMTRA site, with possible impacts to wetlands. The site is located within the boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation. Activities are scheduled to occur in the late summer and fall of 1998. Characterization activities are required to determine ground water chemistry and flow patterns that will assist the DOE in selecting a ground water remedial action strategy for the site in accordance with 40 CFR 192, ''Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings.''

DATES: Written comments are due to the address below no later than July 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Audrey Berry, U.S. Department of Energy—Grand Junction Office, 2597 B3/4 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado; or transmitted electronically by E-mail via Internet to ''Audrey.Berry@gjpomail.doegjpo.com;'' or by facsimile at (970) 248–6040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS PROPOSED ACTION, CONTACT: Don Metzler, Project Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Grand Junction Office, 2597 B3/4 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503, Telephone 1–970–248–7612 or 1–800–399–5618, E-mail Don.Meztler@gjpomail.doegjpo.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH–42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–4600 or (800) 472–2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under E.O. 11988, Floodplain Management, and 10 CFR 1022, Compliance with Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements, notice is given that DOE is planning characterization activities in the San Juan River 100-year floodplain north and east of the Shiprock UMTRA site.

Site characterization activities will include the installation of additional monitoring wells and a surface water distribution system. A typical monitoring well can be installed in one to three days with an average disturbed area measuring 30′ × 30′. Access to the floodplain will be predominantly using already established roads and trails. Disturbances are expected to be less than two acres. The surface water distribution system will involve diverting some water that is feeding wetland areas. Because the activities are located within the Navajo reservation, all proposed activities will be coordinated through the Navajo Nation and other federal and state agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer.

The area proposed for activities under this assessment was disturbed in the mid 1980s during excavation activities associated with the removal of mill tailings in the floodplain. Unimproved roads, grazing, and monitoring wells are activities that have historically occurred, or are ongoing, in the area of the proposed action. A floodplain/wetlands assessment was included as Appendix J, Volume 2, in the Environmental Assessment of Remedial Action at the Shiprock Uranium Mill Tailings Site, Shiprock, New Mexico (May 1984). The extent of disturbance addressed under the 1984 assessment is considerably more than the disturbance that would transpire under the proposed action. However, the 1984 assessment is not considered sufficient due to the age of the document and regulatory changes since it was completed. Consequently, an updated floodplain/wetlands assessment will be prepared.

Once all regulatory actions are complete, a Statement of Findings will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Issued in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 12, 1998.

Constance L. Soden,

Director, Environmental Protection Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL)

DATES: Tuesday, July 21, 1998 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mountain Standard Time (MST); Wednesday, July 22, 1998 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., MDT. There will be public comment sessions on Tuesday, July 21, 1998 from 9:45 a.m. to 10 a.m., 12 p.m. to 12:15 p.m., 4 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. MDT.

ADDRESSES: Cavanaugh's (formerly Holiday Inn Westbank), 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402, (208) 523–8000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: INEEL Information (1–800–708–2680) or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp. (208–522–1662) or visit the Board's Internet homepage at http://www.ida.net/users/cab.

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

Presentations on the Draft Proposed Plan for Waste Area Group 3 (Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center), DOE-Idaho's approach to End—State Planning at the INEEL, and DOE-Idaho's approach to risk assessment.

Presentations and recommendations on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Facility and the Draft Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Part B Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

Status reports on the Argonne National Laboratory—West, Environmental Monitoring at the INEEL, INEEL's compliance with the Federal Facility Agreement/Consent Order, and the Natural Resources Institute.

Member reports on the National League of Women Voters' Intersite Discussions, and activities of CAB subcommittees.

The Board will also discuss the merits of policy level versus detailed technical level CAB recommendations and the CAB's roles and responsibilities regarding public input. For a most current copy of the agenda, contact Woody Russell, DOE—Idaho, (208) 526–0561, or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp., (208) 522–1662. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The two-day meeting is open to the public, with public comment sessions scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 1998 from 9:45 a.m. to 10 a.m., 12 p.m. to 12:15 p.m., 4 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. MDT. The Board will be available during this time period to hear verbal public comments or to review any written public comments. If there are no members of the public wishing to comment or no written comments to review, the board will continue with it's current discussion. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should

contact the INEEL Information line or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp., at the addresses or telephone numbers listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The 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 a maximum of 5 minutes 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 Charles M. Rice, INEEL Citizens' Advisory Board Chair, 477 Shoup Ave., Suite 205, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402 or by calling Wendy Green Lowe, the Board Facilitator, at (208) 522–1662.

Issued at Washington, DC on June 18, 1998.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Electric System Reliability Task Force.

DATES AND TIMES: Thursday, July 9, 1998, 8:30 am—3:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The Rosemont Convention Center, Conference Rooms 12 & 13, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois.

Note: The Rosemont Convention Center is located near the O'Hare International Airport.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB–1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586–1709 or (202) 586–6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

Purpose of the Task Force

The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, July 9, 1998

8:30–8:45 AM—Opening Remarks & Objectives—Philip Sharp, ESR Task Force Chairman
8:45–10:15 AM—Working Session: Discussion of Draft Position Paper on State/Regional Issues in Transmission System Reliability—Facilitated by Philip Sharp
10:15–10:30 AM—Break
10:30–12:00 PM—Working Session: Discussion of Draft Position Paper on Incentives for Transmission Enhancement—Facilitated by Philip Sharp
12:00–1:00 PM—Lunch
1:00–2:45 PM—Working Session: Planning for the Final Report—Facilitated by Philip Sharp
2:45–3:00 PM—Public Comment Period
3:00 PM—Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Rosemont, Illinois, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB–1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Electric System Reliability Task Force and the Task Force's interim report may be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent to File an Application for a New License

June 17, 1998.

a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File An Application for a New License.

b. *Project No.:* 362.

c. *Date filed:* June 2, 1998.

d. *Submitted By:* Ford Motor Company, current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Twin Cities Project.

f. *Location:* On the Mississippi River, in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, Minnesota.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Effective date of current license:* July 1, 1980.

i. *Expiration date of current license:* June 6, 2003.

j. *The project consists of:* (1) a 160-foot-long, 74-foot-wide powerhouse integral with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam No. 1; (2) four generating units with a total installed capacity of 17,920 kW; (3) 36, 2-foot-high hinged flashboards on top of the spillway; (4) transmission facilities consisting of: (a) two 1,550-foot-long, 13.8–kV lines; (b) three 1,000-foot-long, 13.8–kV lines; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at: Ford Motor Company, Twin Cities Assembly Plant, Plant Engineering, 966 So. Mississippi River Blvd., St. Paul,