

perpetuity for the benefit of the general public.

The draft EA also evaluates the potential indirect environmental impacts of the land conveyance associated with the reuse and development of the non-conservation lands as proposed in a conceptual land use plan developed by the Commonwealth. Following a phased approach, the non-conservation land would be made available for low density residential development, tourism-related commercial and residential development, and mixed use development pursuant to a land use plan prepared by the Puerto Rico Planning Board. Passive recreational uses, such as hiking and biking, would be allowed within the conservation zones, however, no new construction or development would be permitted. Green Beach would be open for public use.

The Navy is currently consulting with the Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding compliance of this action with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Prior to the transfer, the Navy, USDOJ, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the SHPO will sign a Programmatic Agreement (PA) that assures: (1) Historic properties located within the Conservation Zones as defined in the CMA will be afforded protection pursuant to protection measures within the CMA, (2) all archaeological sites eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, as well as unevaluated sites, that are located on land within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth will be protected under procedures contained in the PA, and (3) the USDOJ will be responsible for consultation with the SHPO for future undertakings in the Conservation Zones defined by the CMA, including development of and modifications to the management plan for those Zones.

There are currently ongoing Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) studies, investigations, and as necessary, site cleanups that will not be completed prior to the projected completion of the final EA. This draft EA is based on the most currently available data and information, and reasonable assumptions regarding land use and other restrictions, which may be implemented to protect human health and the environment prior to or after completion of site cleanups. The ongoing investigations and remediation of contaminated areas are not subject to consideration within this draft EA since under the CERCLA process, all studies and proposed remedial actions will be

fully discussed with the regulators and the public.

The analysis conducted in the draft EA focused on the following resources: land use and aesthetics, soils, water quality, air quality, noise, terrestrial and marine environments, threatened and endangered species, socioeconomic, cultural resources, environmental contamination, and coastal zone management. The Navy's analysis of potential effects of the proposed action is founded on the assumption that Congress would enact the Transfer Legislation substantially as described in the draft EA. Based on the assumptions and the analyses in the draft EA, implementation of the proposed action appears to have no significant impacts on the environment. However, the Navy will incorporate public comments into the final EA before making a decision on the environmental significance of the proposed action. If warranted, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be prepared, and the final EA and FONSI will be made available for public review on or about December 1, 2000.

Written comments on the draft EA are requested not later than September 27, 2000. Comments should be as specific as possible. Comments should be mailed to: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces South, Federico Degetau Federal Building, Room 354, 150 Carlos Chardon Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918. For additional information, write to the above address or call Mrs. Ruth Diaz, Community Relations Office, U.S. Naval Forces South, at (787) 865-5691.

A limited number of copies of the draft EA, in either English or Spanish, can be obtained by contacting the above address. In addition, copies of the draft EA are available for public review at the following repositories:

Biblioteca Publica Jose Gauthier Benitez, Municipio de Vieques, Calle Carlos Leburn, No. 449, Vieques, Puerto Rico 00765.  
 Museo Fuerte de Mirasol, Barrio Fuerte, Magnolia No. 471, Vieques, Puerto Rico 00765.  
 Carnegie Public Library, 7 Ponce de Leon Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901-2010.  
 Biblioteca Publica Municipal Alejandrina Quinonez Rivera, Urbanizacion Rossy Valley No. 816, Calle Francisco Guthier, Cieba, Puerto Rico 00735.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

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*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Web-Based Education Commission; Hearing

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Education.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the next hearing of the Web-based Education Commission. Notice of this hearing is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of its opportunity to attend this hearing.

**DATES:** The hearing will be held on September 14-15, 2000. The session on September 14 is scheduled for 1 p.m.-5 p.m. The session on September 15 is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. Both sessions will be held on Capitol Hill, building and room numbers to be announced.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Byer, Executive Director, Web-based Education Commission, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006-8533. Telephone: (202) 219-7045. Fax: (202) 502-7675. Email: web\_commission@ed.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Web-based Education Commission is authorized by Title VIII, Part J of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, as amended by the Fiscal 2000 Appropriations Act for the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies. The Commission is required to conduct a thorough study to assess the critical pedagogical and policy issues affecting the creation and use of web-based and other technology-mediated content and learning strategies to transform and improve teaching and achievement at the K-12 and postsecondary education levels. The Commission must issue a final report to the President and the Congress, not later than 12 months after the first meeting of the Commission, which occurred November 16-17, 1999. The final report will contain a detailed statement of the Commission's findings and conclusions, as well as recommendations.

The September 14-15 hearings will focus on a number of issues not fully addressed at previous hearings. The September 14 hearing will center on "The Promise of the Internet: Voices from the Field." Issues to be covered include minority populations, disabilities, privacy and protection, research and development, and others. The September 15 hearing will center on "The Promise of the Internet to Empower Adult Learners."

The hearing is open to the public. Records are kept of all Commission proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the Web-based Education Commission, Room 6131, 1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006-8533, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities:* The hearing site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the hearing (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should contact the person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled hearing date. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation.

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Dated: August 21, 2000.

**A. Lee Fritschler,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental

Laboratory (INEEL). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, September 19, 2000—8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, September 20, 2000—8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Wort Hotel, 50 North Glenwood, Jackson, WY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Wendy Lowe, INEEL CAB Facilitator, Jason Associates Corporation, 477 Shoup Avenue, Suite 205, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, (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 future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities at the INEEL.

#### *Tentative Agenda*

(Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please contact Jason Associates for the most current agenda or visit the CAB's Internet site at [www.ida.net/users/cab/](http://www.ida.net/users/cab/)):

- Presentations on the following:
- Closure Plan for High-Level Waste Tanks 182 and 183
  - DOE's plans for long-term monitoring of sites after cleanup has been completed
  - Environmental monitoring at the INEEL
- Briefings on the following:
- Status of the Blue Ribbon Panel
  - Status of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project
  - State of Idaho's permit review process for the incinerator at the Waste Experimental Reduction Facility
  - Closure Plan for the incinerator at the Waste Experimental Reduction Facility
  - Final Environmental Impact Statement for Electro metallurgical Treatment of Sodium-Bonded Spent Nuclear Fuel
  - The INEEL Technical Library Presentation and Recommendation Finalization of the following:
    - Long-Term Stewardship Study
    - Proposed Plan for Groundwater Remediation at Test Area North
    - Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Accomplishing Expanded Civilian Nuclear Energy Research and Development and Isotope Production Missions
- Reports from CAB members who attended the following meetings:
- Site Specific Advisory Board Chairs meeting

- Transportation External Coordination Working Group meeting
- Blue Ribbon Panel meeting

*Public Participation:* This meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board facilitator either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board Chair at the address or telephone number 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 Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Jerry Bowman, Assistant Manager for Laboratory Development, Idaho Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Every 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 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Stanely Hobson, INEEL CAB Chair, 477 Shoup Ave., Suite 205, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402 or by calling the Board's facilitator at (208) 522-1662.

Issued at Washington, DC on August 23, 2000.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP). 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:** Monday, October 30, 2000; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 31, 2000; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, 2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, California 94309.