

release of the 1996 NAEP Science Report Card, review the release of the Mathematics Report Card, and have an update on the TIMSS-NAEP link.

The Design and Methodology Committee and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee will then meet jointly in open session from 11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M. to discuss sampling and reporting of students with disabilities and limited English proficiency, oversampling and reporting of private schools in 1998 state NAEP, and working definitions of market basket, standard, and comprehensive reports.

The full Board will reconvene in closed session, beginning at 12:30 P.M., to hear a briefing on the 1996 NAEP Science Report, and to have a presentation on and discussion of science achievement levels. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. From 2:45 P.M. until 4:00 P.M., the meeting will be open to the public. During this portion of the meeting, the Board will take action on science achievement levels and hear the highlights of committee discussions on redesign issues.

On March 8, the full Board will meet from 9:00 A.M. until adjournment at approximately 12:00 noon. From 9:00 A.M. until 11:45 A.M., the Board will meet in open session to hear reports on redesign issues and committee reports. These committees are—Subject Areas #1 and #2 (combined), Achievement Levels, Reporting and Dissemination and Design and Methodology (individually and combined), and Executive.

From 11:45 A.M. until 12:00 noon, the Board will meet in closed session to hear the report of the Nominations Committee. This session must be closed because the Board will be considering qualifications of nominees for appointment to Board membership. The review and subsequent discussion of this information will touch upon matters that relate solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency and would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The public is being given less than fifteen days notice of this meeting because of delays in the receipt of data necessary to the closed session deliberations of the Committees and the full Board.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Date:

Roy Truby,

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### **Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 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: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos National Laboratory.

**DATES:** Tuesday, March 11, 1997: 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.; 8:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. (public comment session).

**ADDRESSES:** New Mexico Highlands University (Ask for the Sala De Madrid), Las Vegas, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Ann DuBois, Los Alamos National Laboratory Citizens' Advisory Board Support, Northern New Mexico Community College, 1002 Onate Street, Espanola, NM 87352, (800) 753-8970, or (505) 753-8970, or (505) 262-1800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

*Tentative Agenda:* Tuesday, March 11, 1997.

6:30 p.m.—Call to Order and Welcome  
7:00 p.m.—Old Business  
8:00 p.m.—Public Comment  
8:15 p.m.—New Business  
9:30 p.m.—Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. 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 Ms. Ann DuBois, at (800) 753-8970. 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 Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

*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 Herman Le-Doux, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87185-5400.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 24, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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### **Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Fernald**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 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: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Fernald.

**DATES:** Saturday, March 15, 1997, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; (public comment session: 12:15 p.m.–12:30 p.m.).

**ADDRESSES:** The Alpha Building, 10967 Hamilton Cleves Highway, Harrison, Ohio.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John S. Applegate, Chair of the Fernald Citizens Task Force, P.O. Box 544, Ross,

Ohio 45061, or call the Fernald Citizens Task Force office (513) 648-6478.

**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 Fernald site.

*Tentative Agenda*

8:30 a.m.—Call to Order  
 8:30–8:45— Chair's Remarks and New Business  
 8:45–9:15—Report of Transportation and Natural Resources Committees  
 9:15–10:15—Update on Silos; Results of the Independent Review Team  
 10:15–10:30—Break  
 10:30–11:30—Budget and Schedule Issues Planning  
 11:30–12:15—Discussion of GAO Report  
 12:15–12:30—Opportunity for Public Input  
 12:30 p.m.—Adjourn

A final agenda will be available at the meeting, Saturday, March 15, 1997.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board chair either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements 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 Designated Federal Official, Gary Stegner, Public Affairs Officer, Ohio Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 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 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to John S. Applegate, Chair, the Fernald Citizens Task Force, P.O. Box 544, Ross, Ohio 45061 or by calling the Task Force message line at (513) 648-6478.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 24, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,  
*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee  
 Management Officer.*

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**Federal Energy Regulatory  
 Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-5-003]

**Algonquin Gas Transmission  
 Company; Notice of Compliance Filing**

February 21, 1997.

Take notice that on February 18, 1997, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet to become effective April 1, 1997:

Sub First Revised Sheet No. 714

Algonquin states that this filing is made in compliance with Order No. 587-B, Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines issued on January 30, 1997 in Docket No. RM96-1-003 by incorporating by reference into its Tariff the Electronic Delivery Mechanism Standards promulgated by the Gas Industry Standards Board and adopted by the Commission in Order No. 587-B.

Algonquin states that copies of this filing were mailed to all customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions, and all parties on the RP97-5-000 service list.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before March 11, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. ES97-24-000]

**American REF-FUEL Company of  
 Hempstead; Notice of Application**

February 21, 1997.

Take notice that on February 21, 1997, American REF-FUEL Company of Hempstead (Hempstead) filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to assume an obligation as a guarantor in connection with the issuance of long-term series 1997 Bonds (1997 Bonds) in an aggregate principal amount of \$246,805,000 by the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency (Agency).

The 1997 Bonds are being issued to refund all outstanding bonds issued by the Agency in 1985. Pursuant to a Lease Guaranty and Security Agreement, Hempstead has guaranteed the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 1997 Bonds.

Hempstead's payment obligation is, however, limited to the amount that Hempstead is required to make as lease payments under the Lease Agreement between Hempstead and the Agency. Hempstead has also pledged, assigned, and granted a security interests to Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee, in all of Hempstead's right, title and interest in the Service Agreement, Energy Purchase Agreement, and the Company Support Agreement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before March 3, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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