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FY09 DOE BUDGET RELEASED: COMMUNITIES CONCERNED ABOUT CLEANUP DOLLARS, GNEP, YUCCA PROGRESS, AND NNSA PRIORITIES

The Department of Energy's (DOE) budget request for fiscal year 2009 – released on February 4 – has raised concern among communities hosting DOE cleanup sites. Although it does not come as a surprise to those who monitor the DOE budget, the \$5.5 billion request for the Environmental Management (EM) program is one of the lowest funding requests in over a decade. Only Congressional action will increase funding levels as appropriations bills start getting marked up in Committees in the year ahead. This will prove to be a difficult challenge given the upcoming Presidential elections, as well as the Congressional seats that are in play this year. Some Washington insiders are hearing that there will not be much movement on appropriations bills given the protracted politics during this legislative session, and predict that the new Administration and Congress will have to enact FY09

spending bills in the January-February timeframe.

EM Program to Miss Regulatory Milestones for Second Year in a Row

At the DOE budget briefing held at DOE Headquarters, Jim Rispoli, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, acknowledged that with this budget request the EM program will – once again – miss numerous regulatory milestones contained in legal agreements (referred to “Federal Facilities Agreements” or “Tri-Party Agreements”) between U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), states, and DOE or just states and DOE. This same issue was the subject of hearings last year when Congress was deliberating on the FY08 budget, and will be again this year as DOE has placed itself in a difficult position that is shaped in part, DOE says, by technical and regulatory assumptions

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made years ago while the states believe that the milestones are negotiated agreements where both DOE and the state reached an agreement on milestones that each believed was reasonable – prior to DOE requesting less funds for cleanup. Seth Kirshen-berg, ECA’s Executive Director stated after the budget release that “DOE reached difficult agreements to much fanfare and they should at least, at a minimum, ask for the budget to meet the agreements with the states. Any renegotiation of regulatory agreements should be based upon changes in risk to human health and the environment – that is agreed to by the states, tribes, local governments and community groups – not a unilateral decision made by DOE based upon its current year’s budget.”

Assistant Secretary Rispoli also noted that the FY09 request is indeed a low water mark for the program, and pointed to the EM Five Year Plan released last year to reassure stakeholders that funding will ramp up in the out-years. However, with the Administration turning over next January, the Five Year Plan will likely be re-written to comport with the new leadership’s priorities. All this being said, it is important to remember that with a lot of change on the horizon, it is important for ECA communities to continue to communicate the importance of the cleanup program with decision-makers.

Downsizing Likely Result of FY09 Budget Numbers

In addition to regulatory and contractors when development milestones being in jeopardy, the FY09 budget request for the EM program will most likely result in workforce restructuring across the complex and lead to contractor layoffs. As highlighted in recent correspondence between DOE and NNSA, it is important for local governments to be consulted by DOE, NNSA, and contractors when developing a workforce restructuring plan because local communities are most directly impacted by downsizing and are best positioned to address economic diversification and job placement. ECA staff will keep members apprised of any potential workforce restructuring at the various sites across the complex.

Nuclear Energy Fares Better in Budget Request Than the EM Program

As the EM program is seeing declining funding in FY09, nuclear energy programs are getting a boost in the President’s budget. In the overall efforts to find clean, reliable, and emissions-free sources of power, the administration is advancing nuclear energy as an important and larger part of the electricity portfolio. To accomplish this goal, the FY09 budget request includes a 79% funding increase for the Nuclear Power 2010 program, which is a public-private partnership designed to reduce the technical, regulatory and institutional uncertainties associated with construction of new nuclear power plants. The FY09 request for Nuclear Power is \$241.6 million, up from \$135 million in FY09. Industry would also match the government’s contribution with \$241.6 in FY09. DOE also requested increased funding for the Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative (AFCI), which supports the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP). Congress recently cut funding for GNEP in the FY08 omnibus bill passed in December (*see*, ECA Bulletin, 12/07) and directed DOE to focus on more robust research and development (R&D) for the program. Consistent with the Congressional directive, the FY09 request asks for \$301 million for R&D, which is a 66% increase above the FY08 appropriation. The reality of the situation is that DOE is making key financial investments now in order to make GNEP a reality in the long-term. Increased R&D is slated to occur at such labs as Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, and Idaho.

Nuclear Waste Disposal Budget Request Tries to Make Up For the FY08 Budget Shortfall

The GNEP program aims to recycle the nuclear waste from commercial reactors into an energy form that is safe, reliable, and emissions-free. Despite the program's promise, the need for a permanent repository for commercial and defense waste is still required under any scenario. Recognizing the need for a permanent repository, DOE has requested \$494.7 million for FY09, a 27% increase over FY08 levels. This funding would be used to support the licensing and construction of the Yucca Mountain site. Given the FY08 funding cuts, it is yet to be determined if DOE will meet the June '08 statutory deadline to submit its license application.

NNSA BUDGET PREPARES IT FOR COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION

The overall budget request for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) is roughly flat as compared to the fiscal year 2008 appropriation. The request for NNSA for FY09 is \$9.1 billion, up 3.3% from last year's appropriation. A small but significant part of the request will be devoted to the Transformation Disposition Program, which is supporting the *Complex Transformation Plan* which was recently released as the Administration's plan to reduce the nuclear footprint by consolidating nuclear programs and facilities, and disposing of excess. In FY09, NNSA has requested \$77.39 million for the Transformation Disposition Program. (See, related story on the Federal Real Property Pilot Disposal Program.)

Office of Legacy Management Funding is Stable

A main focus for ECA member communities over the years has been the long-term stewardship of sites that have successfully completed cleanup and reached physical closure. To support this mission of post-closure responsibilities to human health and the environment, the DOE Office of Legacy Management (LM) is requesting \$185.9 million, a very slight decrease (-1.5%) from the FY08 appropriation. The funding appropriated to LM would be used not only for long-term stewardship activities, but also other post-closure liabilities including administering pension benefits

NPS SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION OF MANHATTAN PROJECT SITES LIKELY PUSHED TO NEW ADMINISTRATION

In 2006, the U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service began to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to initiate a Special Resource Study (SRS) concerning the preservation and interpretation of historic sites associated with the Manhattan Project. The next steps in the process include publishing the Draft SRS/Environmental Evaluation in the Spring of 2008 and revising and publishing the SRS/Environmental Evaluation the Spring of 2009.

Because NPS special resource study is slipping behind schedule and will not contain the most "robust" option (NPS management of the Manhattan Projects sites), communities are exploring the option of pushing ahead with educating decision-makers on the importance of inclusion of Park Service management as an option for consideration.

Requests for further information should be directed to ECA staff at 202.828.2423, or National Park Service Project Lead Carla McConnell at 303.969.2287. More information can be found on the NPS planning web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov>).

Looking Ahead at FY2010

ECA members only have a small window of time to ensure that their interests are being addressed in DOE's development of the FY2010 budget – end of February through April timeframe. Review the budget chart below, your congressional representation, and contact Pam Larsen, Executive Director of the Hanford Communities, for helpful information on how local governments and community members were able to effectively engage in the process last year and some of the challenges she is experiencing this year.

FY 2010 EM/CFO Consolidated Budget Calendar*

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| Nov 16 | CFO Issues Field Budget Call |
| Feb 15 | Field budget (infrastructure, Safeguard and Security, Exhibit 300's, and other crosscutting info) submitted to Headquarters (HQ) Program Secretarial Officers (PSOs) (Field Budget Call submittals); CFO Issues Program & Fiscal Guidance to PSO's |
| Feb 23 | EM Guidance with Funding Targets Issued to Field-Integrated Planning Accountability Budgeting System (IPABS) open for Planning Data Collection Briefing Templates Distributed (Budget Narrative Collection delayed) |
| March 26-30 | EM Field Management Briefings (Budget Request) per EM Guidance to EM HQ Management |
| April 6 | Preliminary EM Summary Integrated Priority List (IPL) with site-level Target (T)/Over Target (OT) allocations based on field presentations prepared by HQ Office of Business Operations (EM-30) |
| April 13 | Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM-1) and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM-2) complete review of preliminary EM Summary IPL and site funding allocations (T/OT); EM issues preliminary decisions with IPL to field in preparation for EM Corporate Review Board |
| April 18 | EM Convenes Corporate Review Board with Field Management to discuss preliminary EM-WIDE IPL; Summary IPL finalized; Detailed IPL developed based on briefings/ decisions |
| May 4 | EM Submission of Corporate Program Review Documents (IPL) to CFO CFO issues Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Budget call and Formats |
| May 4-June 15 | CFO Initiatives Review and Decisions Process; CFO A-Team provides recommendations to EM, EM Briefs the Secretary of the Department of Energy (S-1) & the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (S-2); EM IPABS open for Field Budget Narrative Updates to Match EM Corporate IPL submission |
| June 15-29 | Draft S-1 Decisions and Appeal Process |
| June 29 | CFO Issues final Program Decision Memorandum (PDM) |
| July | OMB Budget Developed based on PDM Decisions |
| August 3 | EM submits Draft OMB submission to CFO for review |
| August | CFO Review/Resolve Outstanding Issues/CFO comments back to PSOs |
| September 7 | Final Budget Submitted to OMB |

***Based on FY2009 Calendar; permission to be distributed given by EM**

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FERNALD VISITOR CENTER GOES FOR ECO-FRIENDLY DESIGNATION

The DOE Office of Legacy Management has been hard at work in preparation of the opening of an interpretative center later this year at the former Fernald uranium foundry in southwest Ohio. The Fernald site completed cleanup and final closure in 2007 and was awarded the Project Management Institute Project of the Year.

To preserve the history of the site and to educate future generations, the DOE Legacy Management Office – the federal office responsible for oversight of closed DOE cleanup sites and for administering post-closure benefits – is developing an interpretative center like at the Weldon Springs site in Missouri for student groups and the public to enjoy while at the Fernald Preserve.

The interpretative/visitor center will seek an Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold status for its innovative “green” design, which includes geothermal heating and cooling, use of eco-friendly products, reduced water use, and use of regional materials.



GAO RELEASES REPORT ON LANL SECURITY, SAFETY, AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

At the request of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report this month entitled *Los Alamos National Laboratory: Information on Security of Classified Data, Nuclear Material Controls, Nuclear and Worker Safety, and Project Management Weaknesses*.

The report provides the following information on LANL activities: (1) security incidents that compromised or potentially compromised classified information, (2) incidents involving the loss of or failure to properly account for special nuclear material (highly enriched uranium or plutonium) and radiological material, (3) nuclear safety concerns at the laboratory, (4) safety accidents involving LANL employees or contractor personnel, and (5) project management weaknesses that may have resulted in significant cost overruns.

LANL experienced 57 reported security incidents involving the compromise or potential compromise of classified information from October 1, 2002, through June 30, 2007, according to

the report's evaluation of DOE's ITAC database. Thirty-seven (or 65 percent) of these reported incidents posed the most serious threat to U.S. national security interests. Of the remaining 20 incidents, 9 involved the confirmed or suspected unauthorized disclosure of secret information, which posed a significant threat to U.S. national security interests, according to GAO. The report also note that the remaining 11 reported security incidents involved the confirmed or suspected unauthorized disclosure of confidential information, which posed threats to DOE security interests. This report comes on the heels of a series of critical GAO reports. In response to the report, LANL officials noted that LANS, the new contractor for the site, has taken numerous steps to address the security and safety concerns at the lab since 2006.

To view the report online, visit <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08173r.pdf>

SRS COMMUNITIES RECEIVE INCREASE IN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

In January, DOE announced that it will be increasing Payments-in-Lieu-of- Taxes (PILT) to Aiken, Allendale, and Barnwell Counties, all of which host the Savannah River Site (SRS) property. DOE made the announcement – which will increase PILT payments from \$3.5 million to \$6.2 million – at a reception on Jan. 19 with County Council members, SRS manager Jeffrey Allison, DOE Under Secretary Bud Albright, and U.S. Rep. J. Gresham Barrett. PILT is a mechanism that provides financial assistance to local governments instead of property taxes on the land that DOE sites occupy. According to a DOE statement, Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale counties began receiving PILT payments from DOE in 1954 and have not received an increase in land values since 1988. Under the Atomic Energy Act, DOE has the discretion to make financial assistance payments (PILT) to certain communities where the Department has acquired land, previously subject to state and local taxation, for the purpose of carrying out activities in support of DOE's Atomic Energy Act missions. DOE and each of the three counties have signed and formalized Intergovernmental Agreements." The Department's PILT payments demonstrate our commitment to continuing our partnerships with the communities that support Savannah River's critical missions", said Under Secretary Albright. ECA communities across the complex are currently renegotiating PILT payments with DOE. If you would like more information on PILT and the process, please contact ECA staff at

202.828.2423. ECA has requested from DOE an updated list of PILT payments at all DOE sites, and will publish this information as soon as it becomes available.

OAK RIDGE 2007 CLEANUP PROGRESS REPORT HIGHLIGHTS LAND TRANSFERS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

The Oak Ridge *2007 Cleanup Progress Report* released last month highlights an issue at the heart of local government involvement in the cleanup process – the intersection of land transfers and municipal services. In FY08, the ETTP Water Treatment Plant Complex (K- 1515) will be transferred to the City of Oak Ridge, which will provide potable water service to ETTP, and the Fire Station (K-1652) will also be transferred to the City, which will provide fire, ambulance, and emergency response services to ETTP and to west Oak Ridge.

According to the report, "the two transfers to the City of Oak Ridge are a significant achievement" in "DOE's plan to transform ETTP into a private sector industrial park." DOE will also be transferring two additional parcels of land in FY08 to the Community Reuse Organization of Eastern Tennessee (CROET), one of which will be used for development of the Southern Appalachian Railway Museum.

Yucca Mountain legislation introduced in the Senate

Sen. Inhofe introduced legislation – the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments of 2008 – in January to expedite the Yucca licensing process. The following excerpts are from Senators who co-sponsored the legislation and provide a flavor of the current debate in Congress:

Senator Inhofe, Ranking Member of the EPW Committee:

“I believe that a vibrant and growing nuclear energy industry is vital to the energy security of our nation and the health of our economy. I am concerned however, that continuing delays in opening our nation’s repository at Yucca Mountain will hinder the resurgence of nuclear energy in the U.S. The task before us therefore is to develop a repository that protects public health, public safety and the environment by providing a permanent solution for our nation’s nuclear waste. It’s high time that we accomplish this task. We’ve passed laws and resolutions to do it. We’ve collected over \$27 billion dollars from electricity consumers to pay for it. And courts have affirmed that we have a legal obligation to do it. As the generation that has benefited from the use of nuclear energy and the resulting spent fuel, I believe it is incumbent upon us to manage spent fuel in a manner that is fair to current generations and generations to come. I am introducing a bill today that

will do just that.”

Senator DeMint:

“For America to have energy security, a strong economy, and a clean environment; nuclear energy must play a vital role in our nation’s energy portfolio. Without a permanent storage facility for nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, our country will become more dependent on foreign sources of energy and pollute our environment even more. Yucca Mountain is the most studied piece of earth on this planet,

but sadly, opposition is based on politics, not on sound science. In 2002, Congress voted to open Yucca Mountain. It’s time we move forward and remove the regulatory hurdles standing in the way. Opponents of Yucca have wasted taxpayer dollars, reduced our energy security, and threatened the health of our economy.”

Senator Craig:

“Idaho signed an agreement with the federal government in 1994 that requires all of our Cold War legacy waste material to be removed from Idaho and stored permanently at the Yucca Mountain site no later than 2035. Let me be clear: there is no other option for these types of waste but to permanently dispose of them in this fashion. The citizens of our States will be relying on strong leadership from future

Administrations to make this happen. What I heard in Nevada last week deeply troubles me, and I suspect is troubling the people of South Carolina this week. This serious issue deserves better than political pandering. More than 30 states, including my own, are acutely involved in the safe and timely disposal of spent nuclear fuel and defense waste; that is why I am cosponsoring this bill, and why I introduced a companion bill with Sen. Domenici last year. Together, these two bills will allow Yucca Mountain to accept and safely dispose of the waste from all these States on a predictable timeline, replacing the uncertainty that we have today.”

Senator Alexander:

“Nuclear power is one of the best ways to achieve reliable, carbon-free electricity,” said Alexander, a member of the Environment & Public Works Committee. “Solving the problem of nuclear waste disposal is a critical step toward increasing the role of nuclear power in our nation’s energy portfolio. Tennessee Valley Authority ratepayers have already paid hundreds of millions of dollars into Yucca Mountain, so the federal government should move forward with Yucca Mountain to provide both a solution for nuclear waste

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FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL PROGRAM INCLUDED IN FY09 BUDGET SUBMITTAL

A *Federal Real Property Disposal Pilot Program* was included in the President's FY09 Budget Request. Similar language was also included in the President's 2007 and 2008 budget submissions. During the last congressional session, Sen. Thomas R. Carper (D-DE) and Rep. Johnny J. "Jimmy" Duncan Jr. (R-TN) sponsored companion bills – S. 1667 and H.R. 3049 – that would "establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of federal real property." The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs considered S. 1667 on November 14, 2007 and ordered the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to report to it on the estimated costs associated with enacting the bill. The CBO issued its report on January 30, 2008 and it is discussed below.

The FY09 budget proposal, like its predecessor proposals, would authorize the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a five-year pilot program known as the *Federal Real Property Disposal Pilot Program* which identifies surplus or underutilized federal property that is to be expeditiously disposed of at fair market value and not by exchange, transfer, trade, acquisition of like-kind property, or other non-cash transaction methods of disposal. The proposal allows the federal agency that is disposing of the surplus property to retain 20 percent of the proceeds of the sale; the other 80 percent would be deposited into the U.S. Treasury.

According to the CBO cost estimate of S. 1667 – as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs – proceeds from the sale of surplus property under the legislation would yield \$20 million over the five-year pilot program. The report concluded that the bill "would not significantly increase the number of properties sold ... because most federal

agencies ... would likely opt to continue using their flexible leasing authorities rather than disposition authority to manage underutilized property." However, in a May 24, 2007 Senate hearing, Clay Johnson, OMB Director, highlighted the federal government's progress in identifying and disposing of surplus federal property in stating that "federal agencies have disposed of more than \$4.5 billion in unneeded Federal real property which puts us half way to meeting the Administration's belief that we have the opportunity to dispose of \$9 billion by 2009."

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storage and to make sure that this investment by TVA ratepayers isn't wasted. Ultimately, solving the disposal problem is important for the entire nation because we need more nuclear power to increase our energy independence and clean our air."

Senator Bond:

"Americans want clean energy solutions, and nuclear power with zero air pollution and zero carbon emissions is our best option. I hope the 'Not In My Back Yard' attitude will not block this nuclear bill and deprive our families, workers and the environment from this clean energy solution they deserve."

Senator Crapo:

"Yucca Mountain has already been designated as the site for a permanent repository; this legislation provides the avenue to make that repository a reality. The construction of a permanent and environmentally-safe repository will not only benefit those states with interim storage facilities, like my home state of Idaho, but also allows for increased independence from fossil fuels and foreign sources of energy by clearing the way for the development of new nuclear plants.

NNSA Complex Transformation Public Meeting & Comment Period Scheduled

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has announced the availability of the *Draft Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (FR Notice, see related story, ECA Bulletin, December 2007).

The Draft Complex Transformation SPEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of reasonable alternatives to continue the transformation of the U.S. nuclear weapons complex to one that is smaller, more efficient, more secure, and better able to respond to changes in national security requirements. The Y-12 National Security Complex, the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Savannah River Site are part of the NNSA.

NNSA invites comments on the Draft Complex Transformation SPEIS during the 90-day public comment period, which ends on April 10, 2008. NNSA will hold 19 public hearings. Requests for additional information on the Draft Complex Transformation SPEIS, including requests for copies of the document, should be directed to: Mr. Theodore A. Wyka, Complex Transformation

SPEIS Document Manager, Office of Transformation, NA-10.1, Department of Energy/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, toll free 1-800-832-0885 ext. 63519.

Written comments on the Draft Complex Transformation SPEIS can be submitted to the above address, by facsimile to 1-703-931-9222, or by e-mail to complextransformation@nnsa.doe.gov. Please mark correspondence "Draft Complex Transformation SPEIS Comments." A copy of the January 11 Federal Register Notice announcing this document availability is posted at the DOE Information Center along with a reference copy of the Draft SPEIS, which is also available at :

<http://www.complextransformationspeis.com>.

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2008 State Legislative Session

Two important bills, among others, have been introduced recently. One in New Mexico dealing with the WIPP being host to Greater than Class C waste disposal and the other dealing with Hanford's Initiative 297, which is currently the cause of litigation in the 9th Circuit.

John Heaton (D-Carlsbad) introduced a "memorial" last month that expresses the New Mexico legislature's desire to have Carlsbad host Greater than Class C waste. Currently, DOE is preparing an EIS which analyzes various options for disposal, including Carlsbad's WIPP site and Los Alamos (near surface disposal) among others.

Adam Kline (D-Seattle) introduced legislation this session trying to address current shortfalls in the 2004 voter-passed Initiative 297, which expressed the state's desire to ban the waste from being imported into Washington. This bill appears dead in committee as of February 15.

If ECA members would like assistance with connecting with their state legislators to discuss DOE issues important to local governments, please contact ECA staff.

EnergySolutions International Waste from Italy Questioned By Communities

In September 2007, EnergySolutions filed an application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to import 20,000 tons of low-level radioactive waste from nuclear reactors decommissioned in Italy. The waste would enter the United States either through Charleston, SC or New Orleans, LA and then be processed in Tennessee before being ultimately disposed of in a commercial disposal facility in Clive, UT.

Several South Carolina state legislators have weighed by opposing the entry of waste into South Carolina, community groups in Utah are arguing that we should not set such a precedent without having dealt with domestic waste disposal, and government officials in Tennessee are requesting more answers from EnergySolutions before hastily proceeding with the proposed plan.

To comment on the EnergySolutions application, visit the NRC website at: www.nrc.gov

HOUSE CLEANUP CAUCUS BRIEFINGS ANNOUNCED; ASSISTANT SECRETARY RISPOLI KICKS OFF THE SCHEDULE

Representative Doc Hastings (R-WA), Chairman of the House Nuclear Cleanup Caucus, earlier this month announced the schedule for the 14th annual briefing series on DOE's nuclear cleanup program. "Each year these briefings provide valuable insight and education to my colleagues and Hill staff, and we're set for another informative series," Hastings says on his website. "I'm especially pleased that Assistant Secretary Rispoli will again lead off the series with an overview of the Environmental Management program."

Assistant Secretary Rispoli led off the series with considerable criticism as the EM budget request is one of the lowest in program history. Among the criticisms were the abandonment of the accelerated cleanup promises and the failure to meet regulatory milestones.

Each week's briefing focuses on a specific site office and the presentations are conducted by the local site managers and contractors. The briefings are open to Members of Congress, congressional staff, media, and other stakeholders, including local governments. The next briefing is on the Savannah River Site on March 6. Following is the complete schedule; if you have questions about the briefings, room locations or schedule, please call Mike Conschafter, Legislative Staffer for Congressman Hastings, at 202-225-5816.

The ECA Board of Directors voted for candidates to sit on the ECA Executive Committee for 2008.

Lorraine Anderson, Chair,
Mayor Pro Tem,
Arvada, CO

Robert Thompson, Vice-Chair,
Mayor Pro Tem
Richland, WA

Seth Beal, Secretary,
Commission Chair
Butte County, ID

Fran Berting, Treasurer,
Councilor
Los Alamos, NM

Kevin Phillips,
Immediate Past-Chair, Mayor,
Caliente, NV

2008 House Cleanup Caucus Schedule

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| February 14 | FY09 EM Overview by Assistant Secretary James Rispoli Room: 210 Cannon House Office Building |
| March 6 | Savannah River, SC Room: 2105 Rayburn House Office Building |
| March 13 | Richland Operations Office, WA Room: B338 Rayburn House Office Building |
| April 3 | Oak Ridge, TN Room: B369 Rayburn House Office Building |
| April 10 | Portsmouth Paducah Project Office, OH-KY Room: B338 Rayburn House Office Building |
| April 17 | Office of River Protection, WA Room: B338 Rayburn House Office Building |
| April 24 | Idaho National Laboratory Room: B338 Rayburn House Office Building |

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Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization Seeks Executive Director

The SRS Community Reuse Organization is seeking an individual to serve as the Executive Director of a bi-state, five-county regional economic development cooperation. The Executive Director reports to a twenty-two member policy board, manages the annual work program, interacts with local, state, and federal elected officials, conducts community outreach, manages the transfer and disposal of excesses assets from the Savannah River Site, and is responsible for all staff functions. Please visit <http://www.srscro.org> to see the full Job Description and Details.

Energy, Technology & Environmental Business Association Seeks Executive Director

The Energy, Technology & Environmental Business Association is seeking a full-time executive director. The position requires a nonprofit professional with knowledge of the Oak Ridge/Knoxville and Northern New Mexico federal contractor communities. The applicant must have prior experience in planning, marketing, and executing national conferences. Additionally, the applicant must have experience in educating federal, state and local officials on issues of importance to the federal contractor community, with emphasis placed on the Department of Energy. Knowledge of Department of Energy contractors, relevant issues and opportunities, federal procurement rules, and economic development topics is a requirement. References that demonstrate experience, people skills, and personal initiative will be requested. Send resume in Word or PDF format no later than February 29, 2008, to searchcommittee@eteba.org with Executive Director in the subject line. More information on ETEBA can be found at www.eteba.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ECA Meeting on GNEP, April/May, 2008, Washington, DC

ECA Peer Exchange on Historic Preservation, June, Oak Ridge, TN

ECA Peer Exchange, Summer, 2008, TBD

Fall Intergovernmental Meeting With DOE, October/November, Snowbird, UT

ECA Peer Exchange, Winter, 2008, TBD

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