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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee (BERAC). The 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, March 22, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23, 2016 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

Tentative Agenda Topics

- Report from the Director,
Office of Science
- Report from the Office of
Biological and Environmental Research
 - News from the Biological Systems Science and Climate and Environmental Sciences Divisions
 - Multiple DOE National Laboratories report on their strategic plans and future visions
 - Presentations on
Microbiome, CESD Computational Requirements, ASR Aerosols, Trait Methods for Land Models
 - Next Generation
Ecosystem Experiments Tropics presentation
 - BERAC member Science
Talk
 - New Business
 - Public Comment

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Sharlene Weatherwax at sharlene.weatherwax@science.doe.gov (email) or (301)903-5051 (fax). You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 45 days at the BERAC Web site: <http://science.energy.gov/ber/berac/meetings/berac-minutes/>

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