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Dated: December 7, 2009.

Alexa Posny,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Publication of State Plan Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to sections 254(a)(11)(A) and 255(b) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Public Law 107-252, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) hereby causes to be published in the **Federal Register**

changes to the HAVA State plans previously submitted by New Jersey and Wisconsin.

DATES: This notice is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Whitener, Telephone 202-566-3100 or 1-866-747-1471 (toll-free).

SUBMIT COMMENTS: Any comments regarding the plans published herewith should be made in writing to the chief election official of the individual State at the address listed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 24, 2004, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission published in the **Federal Register** the original HAVA State plans filed by the fifty States, the District of Columbia and the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. 69 FR 14002. HAVA anticipated that States, Territories and the District of Columbia would change or update their plans from time to time pursuant to HAVA section 254(a)(11) through (13). HAVA sections 254(a)(11)(A) and 255 require EAC to publish such updates. This is the second revision to the State plan for Minnesota.

The amendments to Minnesota's State Plan provide for compliance with the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE Act). In accordance with HAVA section

254(a)(12), all the State plans submitted for publication provide information on how the respective State succeeded in carrying out its previous State plan. Minnesota confirms that its amendments to the State plan were developed and submitted to public comment in accordance with HAVA sections 254(a)(11), 255, and 256.

Upon the expiration of thirty days from December 11, 2009, the State is eligible to implement the changes addressed in the plan that is published herein, in accordance with HAVA section 254(a)(11)(C). EAC wishes to acknowledge the effort that went into revising this State plan and encourages further public comment, in writing, to the State election official listed below.

Chief State Election Official

The Honorable Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State, 180 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-1299, Phone: (651) 201-1324 or 1(877) 600-8683, Fax: (651) 215-0682.

Thank you for your interest in improving the voting process in America.

Dated: December 7, 2009.

Thomas R. Wilkey,

Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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The Minnesota State Plan is amended by adding a new Section 14:

Section 14

Use of Requirements Payment Funds to meet the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act

14.1 Electronic Communication of Election Information to UOCAVA Voters

Minnesota will provide voter registration and absentee ballot applications and information related to voting, balloting and election information for UOCAVA voters through the use of a customized website. A link to the site will be available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website and local election administrators will be encouraged to place a link to the site on their own webpages.

14.2 Allowing UOCAVA Voters to Track Marked Ballots

Minnesota will expand the Statewide Voter Registration System to provide a free web-based access mechanism for UOCAVA voters to ascertain the status of their absentee ballot. It will allow voters to determine whether the ballot has been sent to the voter, has been received by the county election office, has been accepted or rejected, and whether a replacement ballot has been issued (to voters whose ballots are lost in transit or rejected).

14.3 Enhancements to the Statewide Voter Registration System

Minnesota will modify the Statewide Voter Registration System in ways that facilitate the administration of voting by UOCAVA voters.

14.4 Budget

Informational Website, Ballot Tracker
and Enhancements to SVRS

\$275,000 - \$1 million

Section 12 is amended by adding text to the introduction of the section and by adding new sections 12.6 and 12.7:

The addition of Section 14 to the Minnesota State Plan in 2009 will allow the Minnesota Secretary of State to take the actions necessary to implement the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act.

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- Updated Statewide Voter Registration System to implement electronic ballot delivery to military and overseas voters (UOCAVA voters), add UOCAVA ballot board processing module, and improve domestic absentee ballot processing.
- Conducted 2008 county auditor training conference on general election administration, featuring new procedures for county UOCAVA absentee ballot boards and electronic ballot delivery to UOCAVA voters.
- Provided informational website for UOCAVA voters.

- Updated County Auditor, City Clerk, Election Judge, Mail Election, School Clerk, Town Clerk, Train the Trainer, Election Terminology, Recount, Post Election Review, and Equipment Testing guides for local officials to improve election administration.
- Provided WebX training on use of Statewide Voter Registration System upgrades for county election administrators.
- Upgraded Statewide Voter Registration System to facilitate entry of election day registrations using National Change of Address Data.
- Attended 170 outreach events to provide information on voting procedures and voting rights.
- Upgraded on-line polling place finder to display county-provided precinct sample ballots and polling place maps.

12.7 2009

- Upgraded Statewide Voter Registration System software and infrastructure to facilitate use by designated municipalities for administering absentee voting.
- Trained several municipalities to use the Statewide Voter Registration System to administer absentee voting as part of a plan for statewide availability in 2010.
- Provided Web X training on use of new functionality of statewide voter registration system.
- Upgraded Statewide Voter Registration System to add National Change of Address process to update voter records with changed in-state residential addresses and to cancel registrations for voters who move from Minnesota.
- Created web-based training modules for local officials using Statewide Voter Registration System to administer absentee ballots in federal elections.

Section 13 of the Minnesota State Plan is amended by adding section 13.5, as follows:

13.5 2009 Minnesota State Plan Amendment Advisory Committee Membership Roster

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

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), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 1 p.m.–8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn Santa Fe, 4048 Cerillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB), 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995-0393; Fax (505) 989-1752 or E-mail: msantistevan@doeal.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda

- 1 p.m. Call to Order by Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officers, Ed Worth and Lee Bishop;
Establishment of a Quorum, Lorelei Novak;
- Roll Call;
 - Excused Absences;
- Welcome and Introductions, Ralph Phelps;
Approval of Agenda;
Approval of November 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes.
- 1:15 p.m. Old Business;
- Written reports;
 - Other items.
- 1:45 p.m. New Business.
- 2 p.m. Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officers' Report, Ed Worth and Lee Bishop.
- 2:30 p.m. Open Forum for Board Members.
- 3 p.m. Break.
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation on Status of Corrective Actions.
- 5 p.m. Dinner Break.
- 6 p.m. Public Comment Period.
- 6:15 p.m. Consideration and Action on Recommendation(s).

7 p.m. Presentation on Natural Resource Damage Assessment, Nancy Werdel.

7:45 p.m. Meeting Feedback.

8 p.m. Adjourn, Ed Worth and Lee Bishop.

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Northern New Mexico, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Menice Santistevan at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Menice Santistevan at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Menice Santistevan at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://www.nnmcab.org/>.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 8, 2009.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nea/>. An explanation of

the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated July 17, 2009 (74 FR 34754).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20090313, ERP No. D-AFS-K65379-CA, Freds Fire Reforestation Project, Implementation, EL Dorado National Forest, Placerville and Pacific Ranger Districts, El Dorado County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the quality of herbicide toxicity data and the clarity of information presented in comparing alternatives. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20090329, ERP No. D-DOE-H09800-KS, Abengoa Biorefinery Project, To Support the Design, Construction, and Startup of a Commercial-Scale Integrated Biorefinery, Federal Funding, Located near the City Hugoton, Stevens County, KS.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to groundwater resources and the lack of information on biomass harvest sustainability and disposition of solid waste during construction/operation. EPA also noted that air quality modeling will require an update due to project design changes. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20090344, ERP No. D-AFS-J65549-WY, Rattlesnake Forest Management Project, Proposes to Implement Multiple Resource Management Action, Bearlodge Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, Crook County, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about air quality impacts, and requested additional air quality information and mitigation. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20090352, ERP No. D-FHW-E40829-NC, Elizabeth Brady Road (NC-1879) Extension Project, Widening and Extension of NC-1879 from the Intersection of NC-86 with US 70 Business to North of US-70 Bypass at the Intersection of St. Mary's Road NC-1002, Hillsborough Central Business, Orange County, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about stream impacts, riparian buffer impacts, historic property impacts, and impacts to prime farmlands. Rating EC2.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20090331, ERP No. F-COE-K39116-CA, San Pedro Waterfront Project, Proposed Specific Development Project and Associated Infrastructure Improvements on