

Federal Register Summary: March 2019

Department of Energy (DOE)

Meeting of Environmental Management Board

March 7, 2019 – DOE announced a meeting of the Environmental Management Board on April 23, 2019. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss waste disposition and regulatory affairs updates, budget and planning updates, and field operations. [84 FR 8323]

Meeting of National Coal Council

March 19, 2019 – DOE announced a meeting of the National Coal Council on April 11, 2019. The purpose of this council is to advise the energy secretary on energy matters relevant to the coal industry. [84 FR 10053]

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Homeland Security Subcommittee Meeting

March 1, 2019 – EPA announced a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Homeland Security Subcommittee on March 19, 2019. [84 FR 7048]

Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting

March 19, 2019 – EPA announced a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Subcommittee on April 24, 2019. [84 FR 10066]

Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board

March 27, 2019 – EPA announced a meeting of its Environmental Financial Advisory Board. The meeting will take place from April 17-18, 2019 and will focus on environmental finance issues and EPA priorities. [84 FR 11536]

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

National Advisory Council (NAC) Applications Request

March 5, 2019 – FEMA is requesting applications for appointment to the National Advisory Council. Twelve positions are currently vacant: nine discipline-specific positions on the NAC and three positions for administrator selections. Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2019. [84 FR 7925]

Notice on the Final Flood Hazard Determinations

March 15, 2019 – FEMA issued a notice that its flood hazard determinations have been made final. Flood Insurance Rate Maps and the Flood Insurance Study reports will be available to the community on June 7, 2019. [84 FR 9542]

Final Rule on Evaluating a Governor's Request for Individual Disaster Aid

March 21, 2019 – FEMA issued a final rule on the factors considered when evaluating a governor's request for individual assistance for a major disaster. This rule falls in compliance with the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013, which requires FEMA to work with state, local, and tribal emergency management agencies to coordinate individual disaster assistance efforts. [84 FR 10632]

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Security Investments for Energy Infrastructure Technical Conference Notice

March 7, 2019 – On March 28, 2019, FERC and DOE will cohost a Security Investments for Energy Infrastructure Technical Conference. This conference will be held to discuss cyber and physical security threats to energy infrastructure and how they can

be circumvented. [84 FR 8325]

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

NASA Advisory Council Aeronautics Committee Meeting Notice

March 1, 2019 – On March 20, 2019, the Aeronautics Committee of the NASA Advisory Council will be holding a meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information from the aeronautics community relevant to program planning. [84 FR 7136]

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Earthquake Hazards Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting

March 29, 2019 – NIST's Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR) will meet on April 30, 2019. The main focus of this meeting is to develop a draft of the committee's 2019 biennial report on the effectiveness of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). [84 FR 11931]

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Ocean Exploration Advisory Board Meeting Notice

March 14, 2019 – NOAA issued a notice that its Ocean Exploration Advisory Board will be holding a meeting on March 26, 2019. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Federal ocean exploration programs and NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research activities. [84 FR 9308]

Fee Schedule for NOAA Environmental Data Access

March 27, 2019 – NOAA issued a rule to correct several mistakes that were included in a document previously published by the National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service (NESDIS) in the Federal Register on February 11, 2019 that established a new fee schedule for special access to NOAA data. Several entries were incorrectly transcribed and have since been corrected. [84 FR 11411]

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice of Advisory Committee for Polar Programs Meeting

March 29, 2019 – NSF issued a notice that the Advisory Committee for Polar Programs will be holding a meeting on May 1-2, 2019. The purpose of this meeting is to advise NSF on support for polar research, education, infrastructure, and logistics. [84 FR 12008]

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Notice on the 2018 Farm Bill

March 11, 2019 – NRCS is seeking to increase flexibility in the conservation practice standards laid out by the 2018 Farm Bill. NRCS is seeking to ensure equal natural resource benefits and will be accepting comments until April 25, 2019. [84 FR 8663]

Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

National Nanotechnology Initiative Meetings

March 11, 2019 – The National Nanotechnology Coordination Office (NNCO) will be holding meetings to help facilitate stakeholder discussions on targeted nanotechnology topics between March 11 and December 31, 2019. These meetings will include workshops, webinars, and community interest meetings. [84 FR 8768]

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Office (OSMRE)

Program Grants for Fiscal Year 2019 Notification

March 6, 2019 – The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement issued a notice that funds are available for eligible applicants for purposes authorized by the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program and Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. These awards are available throughout fiscal year 2019. [84 FR 8109]
