

The background of the slide is a photograph of an oil pumpjack in a desert landscape. The pumpjack is a large, red, mechanical structure used for extracting oil from a well. It is positioned in the center of the frame, with its shadow cast on the ground to the right. The landscape is arid, with dry, yellowish-brown hills in the background under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Sec.999 Federal Advisory Committee

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Committee Instructions

- **Role: Provide advice to DOE**
 - Provide recommendations on the development and priorities of the research program
 - Look at objectives of the annual plan within the context of the overall plan
 - Focus on Consortium-administered portion of the Plan, and also comment on NETL research and potential for duplication between NETL and Consortium portions
- **Guidance**
 - Focus on big picture. Don't rewrite plan but advise on strengths and weaknesses.
 - Consensus is good, but should not be forced.
 - Majority opinion with minority viewpoint is fine.

Meeting Objectives

- **Finalize Committee advice by October 2008**
 - During Today's meeting
 - Speakers provide background presentations
 - Committee asks clarifying questions
 - Facilitated Committee Discussions
 - Initiate discussion on Plan
 - Develop process to complete Committee work
 - October meeting in Houston
 - Draft final recommendations
 - Appoint editing subcommittee
 - Conference call on October 23, 2008
 - Approval of final recommendations that will be presented to DOE

Strategic Questions for the Committee

- **Does the plan, as a whole, represent the best approach for utilizing the R&D funds available?**
 - Does it fit well within the overall oil and gas program?
- **Are the plan's goals & objectives appropriate?**
 - Do they comply with the intent of EPACK 999?
 - Are they achievable yet challenging?
 - Do annual activities work toward longer-term goals?
- **Are the proposed R&D themes appropriate?**
 - Do number of themes fit the expected budget?
 - Do they allow flexibility given the uncertainty of response?
- **Is the solicitation process appropriate?**
 - Fair and open, competitive, transparent?