

to condition any Presidential permit issued in this proceeding on compliance with these open access principles.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with § 385.211 or § 385.214 of the FERC's rules of practice and procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: John O'Leary, GenPower New York, L.L.C., 1040 Great Plain Avenue, Needham, MA 02494.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (i.e., granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to NEPA. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

The NEPA compliance process is a cooperative, non-adversarial process involving members of the public, state governments and the Federal government. The process affords all persons interested in or potentially affected by the environmental consequences of a proposed action an opportunity to present their views, which will be considered in the preparation of the environmental documentation for the proposed action. Intervening and becoming a party to this proceeding will not create any special status for the petitioner with regard to the NEPA process. Notice of upcoming NEPA activities and information on how the public can participate in those activities will appear in the **Federal Register**.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation" and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menu.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Public Scoping Meeting for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on the Disposition of Scrap Metals

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of change of location of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces a change of location from New York City, NY to Philadelphia, PA for a public scoping meeting on the programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) that DOE is preparing on the policy alternatives for the disposition of DOE scrap metals that may have residual surface radioactivity.

DATES: On October 18, 2001, DOE will conduct a public scoping meeting in Philadelphia, PA. All meeting dates, times, and locations announced in the September 6, 2001, **Federal Register** (66 FR 46613) remain the same except that DOE will not conduct a public scoping meeting in New York, NY. The scoping period ends November 9, 2001. DOE invites Federal agencies, Native American tribes, state and local governments, and members of the general public to comment on the scope of this PEIS. DOE will consider all comments received by the close of the scoping period and will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable. The Philadelphia, PA public scoping meeting will be at the following location:

Meeting: Philadelphia Convention Center, 1101 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107; October 18, 2001, 2-5 p.m., 8-10 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the scope of the PEIS may be mailed to the address below or sent by facsimile or electronic mail. Written comments may be mailed to the following address. Kenneth G. Picha, Jr., Office of Technical Program Integration, EM-22, ATTN: Metals Disposition PEIS, Office of Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. 20585-0113, Telephone: (301)-903-7199.

Otherwise, send comments via facsimile to Metals Disposition PEIS at 301-903-9770 or send electronic mail to Metals.Disposition.PEIS@em.doe.gov or the Web site at www.em.doe.gov/smpeis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request further information about this PEIS, the public scoping meetings, or to be placed on the PEIS distribution list, use any of the methods listed under **ADDRESSES** above. For background documents in hard copy related to this PEIS contact the DOE Center for Environmental Management Information at 800-736-3282. For general information concerning the DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, contact: Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-0119, Telephone: 202-586-4600, Voice Mail: 800-472-2756, Facsimile: 202-586-7031.

Additional NEPA information is also available on the DOE website: <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE generates surplus and scrap material during the normal course of activities, and attempts to recycle as much as possible consistent with common industrial practice. DOE is also guided by several Executive Orders that provide direction to Federal Agencies on recycling practices to avoid unnecessary energy consumption and use of raw materials for the development of new products. Some of this material consists of scrap metal that may contain residual surface radioactivity.

On July 12, 2001, DOE issued a Notice of Intent (66 FR 36562) to prepare a PEIS on the DOE policy alternatives for the disposition of scrap metals that may contain residual surface radioactivity. On September 6, 2001, DOE issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 46613) extending the public scoping period and announcing additional public scoping meetings for the PEIS, including a meeting in New York City. The Department now believes, however, that given the recent terrorist attack in lower Manhattan, this subject is inappropriate for a public meeting in Midtown Manhattan at this time. DOE is instead scheduling a meeting in Philadelphia, PA, as discussed above under **DATES**. The remaining public scoping meetings announced in the September 6, Notice are as follows: **Meeting:** Ken Edwards Community Center, 1527 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401, October 8, 2001, 8-10 p.m.

Meeting: Simi Valley City Hall, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063; October 9, 2001, 8–10 p.m.

Meeting: Zuhrah Shrine Center, 2540 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404; October 16, 2001, 2–5 p.m. 8–10 p.m.

At the scoping meetings, the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and to comment orally or in writing on the scope of the PEIS, including the alternatives and issues that DOE should consider. Also, at these meetings, DOE plans to provide background information on the proposed scope of the PEIS, issues and impacts proposed to be evaluated, and the PEIS preparation schedule.

DOE has conducted public scoping meetings on the PEIS in the following locations: North Augusta, SC; Oak Ridge, TN; Oakland, CA; Richland, WA; Cincinnati, OH; and, Washington, DC. The public scoping period originally was to continue until September 10, 2001. However, in response to public comments and to ensure that the public has ample opportunity to provide comments, DOE extended the public scoping period by 60 days and scheduled additional meetings as specified above. The schedule for completion of the Draft PEIS is March, 2002, and for the Final PEIS is August, 2002. Further information on this PEIS is contained in the July 12, 2001, Notice of Intent.

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Steven V. Cary,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Environment, Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Solicitation Number DE–PS07–02ID14238]

Idaho Operations Office; University Reactor Instrumentation (URI) Program

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation for awards of financial assistance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, is soliciting applications for special research grant awards that will upgrade and improve U.S. nuclear research and training reactors. It is anticipated that on September 27, 2001, a full text for Solicitation Number DE–PS07–02ID14238 for the 2002 URI Program will be made available at the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS)

Website at: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The deadline for receipt of applications will be on November 29, 2001. Applications are to be submitted via the IIPS Website. Directions on how to apply and submit applications are detailed under the solicitation on the Website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Stallman, Contract Specialist at stallmkm@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation will be issued in accordance with 10 CFR 600.6(b), eligibility for awards under this program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities having a duly licensed, operating nuclear research or training reactor because the purpose of the University Reactor Instrumentation (URI) program is to upgrade and improve the U.S. university nuclear research and training reactors and to contribute to strengthening the academic community's nuclear engineering infrastructure.

The statutory authority for this program is Public Law 95–91.

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Michael L. Adams,

Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management: Site Recommendation Consideration Process; Las Vegas Science Center To Serve as Extended Hearing Facility

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of an extended hearing facility to receive official comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (the Department) announces that its Las Vegas Science Center will be used to receive public comments on the possible recommendation of the Yucca Mountain Site in Nevada for development as a spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste geologic repository. In addition, the Science Centers in Pahrump, Nevada, and Beatty, Nevada, will have forms available for written comments.

DATES: Starting on September 26, 2001, and continuing through October 15, 2001, the Las Vegas Science Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Locations for the three Science Centers in Nevada are: Las Vegas—4101–B Meadows Lane; Pahrump—1141 South Highway 160; Beatty—100 North E Avenue.

Written comments may also be addressed to Carol Hanlon, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office (M/S #205), P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, Nevada, 89036–0307.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, (M/S #025), P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036–0307, 1–800–967–3477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the August 21, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice (66 FR 43850–43851), the Department announced the scheduling of public hearings in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 5, 2001, in Amargosa Valley, Nevada on September 12, 2001, and in Pahrump, Nevada on September 13, 2001. The Department decided to postpone the latter two hearings in light of the recent terrorist attacks on the United States. In a notice published on September 27, 2001 (66 FR 49372–49373), the latter two hearings were rescheduled to October 10 and October 12, 2001, in Amargosa Valley, Nevada and Pahrump, Nevada, respectively.

For those members of the public who do not participate in these public hearings, the Department is providing them with an opportunity to submit comments at the Las Vegas Science Center, prior to the end of the comment period, on the possible recommendation of the Yucca Mountain Site for development as a spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste repository. A Department official and court reporter will be available to provide project information and receive public testimony from anyone wishing to provide official comments. All comments will be considered as part of the official public record. Written testimony may also be submitted as part of the official record. Posters and relevant information materials on the Yucca Mountain project will also be available at the Science Center.

Citizens are encouraged to reserve time slots to offer testimony by calling 1–800–967–3477. Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes in order to provide proper consideration to all individuals wishing to testify. Citizens are encouraged to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to their scheduled testimony time; citizens arriving after their timeslot has passed will be accommodated to the extent possible.