

Council on Education Statistics (ACES). Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: October 10–11, 2002.

TIMES: October 10, 2002—Full Council meeting, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; October 11, 2002—Full Council meeting 9 a.m.–12 noon.

LOCATION: Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurence T. Ogle, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 9115, Washington DC 20006

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Council on Education Statistics (ACES) is established under section 46(c)(1) of the Education Amendments of 1974, Public Law 93–380. The Council is established to review general policies for the operation of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) and is responsible for advising on standards to ensure that statistics and analyses disseminated by NCES are of high quality and are not subject to political influence. In addition, ACES is required to advise the Commissioner of NCES and the National Assessment Governing Board on technical and statistical matters related to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). This meeting of the Council is open to the public, with the exception of budget discussions. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternate format) should notify Laurence T. Ogle at (202) 502–7426 by no later than October 3, 2002. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

The proposed agenda includes the following:

- Review of Division activity within NCES
- Legislative and budget updates
- Ethics training
- Statistical adjustments in primary NCES Reports

Records kept of Council proceedings and are available for public inspection. Records are also available for public inspection at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Laurence T. Ogle, Advisory Council on Education

Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 K Street NW., Room 9115, Washington, DC 20006.

Grover J. Whitehurst,

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration Office of Los Alamos Site Operations; Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Proposed Access Control and Traffic Improvements at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Floodplain Statement of Findings.

SUMMARY: This Floodplain Statement of Findings is for the construction and operation of proposed access control and traffic improvements at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Construction actions could occur near and over the floodplains of Mortandad and Los Alamos Canyons; there would be no action within established wetland areas (see Figure 1). In accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022, the Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Office of Los Alamos Site Operations has prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplains.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Withers, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Telephone (505) 667–8690; facsimile (505) 667–9998; or electronic address: ewithers@doeal.gov. For Further Information on General DOE Floodplain Environmental Review Requirements, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH–42, Department of Energy, 100 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585–0119. Telephone (202) 586–4600 or (800) 472–2756, facsimile (202) 586–7031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022), NNSA

prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment for this action. The NNSA included the floodplain/wetland assessment document as part of an Environmental Assessment issued on July 23, 2002 by the NNSA. No comments were received on the proposed floodplain action.

Project Description: NNSA considered a proposal for the construction of various access control and traffic improvements to be installed at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). One of the elements of the proposed action would be the construction of a short road around the east side of Technical Area 3 at LANL along the mesa tops. Bridges would be constructed from either side of the road to span over floodplains located at the heads of Mortandad and Sandia Canyons. No actions would be taken directly in the floodplains nearby. This project is estimated to occur over the next three years from 2003 through 2005.

Alternatives: The No Action Alternative was considered. Under the No Action Alternative access control into LANL would continue to be provided by the implementation of temporary measures as needed. No safety improvements of the intersections would be undertaken.

Floodplain Impacts: The proposed action would have the potential for minimal impacts on the floodplains. Should a rain event occur during construction activities, there may be some sediment movement down canyon because of the loosened condition of the soil from the clearing and construction activities.

Floodplain Mitigation: Placement of Best Management Practices (such as silt fences, straw bales or wattles, or wooden or rock structures to slow down water runoff and run-on at cleared sites) at the construction areas and post-construction reseeding and re-vegetation of the construction sites will minimize soil disturbance and reduce or prevent the potential for soil erosion. Upon completion of the construction activities the downstream flow and function of the floodplain will not be impeded. No debris will be left at the work site. No vehicle maintenance or fueling within 100 feet of the floodplain would occur. Any sediment movement from the sites would be short term and temporary.

Issued in Los Alamos, NM on September 9, 2002.

E. Dennis Martinez,

Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office.

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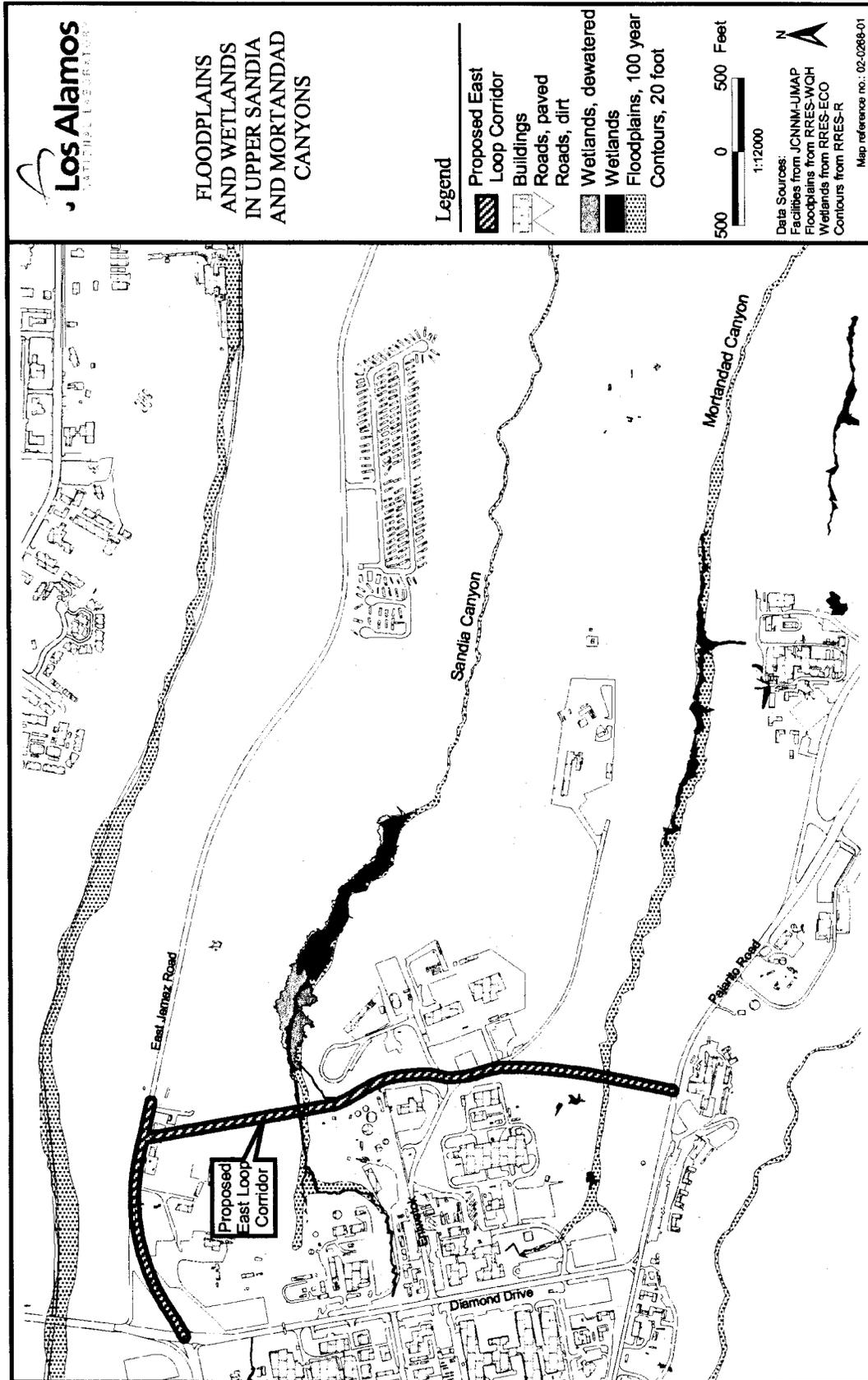


Figure 1. Floodplains and wetlands in upper Sandia and Mortandad Canyons.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Solicitation Number DE-PS07-031D14430]

Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) 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 research and development grant awards in nuclear engineering topics. It is anticipated that on September 16, 2002, a full text for Solicitation Number DE-PS07-031D14430 for the 2003 NEER 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 7, 2002. 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: Dallas Hoffer, Contracting Officer at hofferdl@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 with nuclear engineering degree programs or options or an operating research reactor, because the purpose of the Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) program is to (1) support basic research in nuclear engineering; (2) assist in developing nuclear engineering students; and (3) contribute to strengthening the academic community's nuclear engineering infrastructure.

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

Issued in Idaho Falls on September 9, 2002.

R. J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that public notice of the meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday September 30, 2002, 10 am to 5 pm and Tuesday, October 1, 2002, 9 am 12:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: Crystal City Sheraton, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Norton Haberman, Designated Federal Officer, Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, NE-1, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585, Telephone Number 301.903.1167, E-mail: Norton.Haberman@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE) of the Department of Energy on the many complex planning, scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Nuclear Energy research program.

Tentative Agenda

Monday September 30, 2002

Welcome Remarks

Status of Nuclear Energy's FY 2003 Budget Request

Report of Advanced Nuclear Fuel Cycle Initiative

Report of Subcommittee on Generation IV Technology Planning

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Business Case for New Nuclear Power Plants

Report of Joint DOE/EPA Task Force on Nuclear Energy and Clean Air Generation IV International Forum Public Comment Period

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis because of limited seating. Written statements may be filed with the committee before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Norton Haberman at the address or telephone listed above. Requests to make oral statements must be made and received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chair of the committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information

Reading Room. 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 10, 2002.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL02-123-000]

Boston Edison Company; Notice of Initiation of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

September 10, 2002.

Take notice that on August 22, 2002, the Commission issued an order in the above-referenced docket initiating an investigation under section 206 of the Federal Power Act.

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL02-123-000, established pursuant to section 206 (b) of the Federal Power Act, will be 60 days following publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER02-2043-001 and ER02-2046-001]

California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Filing

September 10, 2002.

Take notice that the on August 28, 2002, California Independent System Operator Corporation (CA ISO) tendered for filing an amendment to its filings of an unexecuted Participating Generator Agreement (PGA) and associated Meter Service Agreements (MSA) between the CA ISO and the Valero Refining Company—California (Valero) pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act. The amendment supplies additional information requested in a July 30, 2002 deficiency letter by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) including a single line diagram,