

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: June 25, 1996.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Defense Science Board Task Force on Land-Attack Cruise Missile Defense; Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Land-Attack Cruise Missile Defense will meet in closed session on July 22-23, 1996 at Science Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will focus on architectures and implementation strategies for achieving a US military capability against this emerging threat. Organizational issues and issues related to the potential use of common sensors and/or weapons from Cruise Missile Defense and Ballistic Missile Defense should also be addressed.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: June 25, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Disposal of the S1C Prototype Reactor Plant; Notice of Availability and Announcement of a Public Hearing

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Naval Reactors (Naval Reactors) has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Disposal of the S1C Prototype Reactor Plant. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021). Naval Reactors will conduct a public hearing and receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which addresses the potential environmental impacts related to the disposal of the S1C Prototype reactor plant, located in Windsor, Connecticut.

This Notice announces that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available to the public at the Windsor, Connecticut Public Library or by mail upon request. Upon completion of general distribution of the document, Naval Reactors will file the Draft Environmental Impact Statement with the Environmental Protection Agency, which will then publish a notice in the Federal Register to start the formal comment period.

DATES: Naval Reactors invites interested agencies, organizations, and the general public to provide oral or written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. All written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are due by August 19, 1996. Oral comments will be accepted at the public hearing to be held August 7, 1996 at Windsor Town Hall at the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Mr. C. G. Overton, Chief, Windsor Field Office, Office of Naval Reactors, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 393, Windsor, CT 06095; telephone (860) 687-5610. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement also

may be requested from Mr. Overton. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 pm on August 7, 1996 at the Windsor Town Hall, 275 Broad Street, Windsor, CT 06095.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The S1C Prototype reactor plant is located on the 10.8 acre Windsor Site in Windsor, Connecticut, approximately 5 miles north of Hartford. The S1C Prototype reactor plant first started operation in 1959 and served for more than 30 years as both a facility for testing reactor plant components and equipment and for training Naval personnel. As a result of the end of the Cold War and the downsizing of the Navy, the S1C Prototype reactor plant was shut down in 1993. Since then, the S1C Prototype reactor plant has been defueled, drained, and placed in a stable protective storage condition.

Alternatives Considered

1. Prompt Dismantlement

This alternative would involve the prompt dismantlement of the reactor plant. All structures would be removed from the Windsor Site, and the Windsor Site would be released for unrestricted use. To the extent practicable, the resulting low-level radioactive metals would be recycled at existing commercial facilities that recycle radioactive metals. The remaining low-level radioactive waste would be disposed of at the DOE Savannah River Site in South Carolina. The Savannah River Site currently receives low-level radioactive waste from Naval Reactors sites in the eastern United States. Both the volume and radioactive content of the S1C Prototype reactor plant waste would be within the range of impacts of low-level radioactive waste that is currently received at Savannah River from Naval Reactors sites. Transportation of low-level radioactive waste to the DOE Hanford Site in Washington State also is evaluated.

2. Deferred Dismantlement

This alternative would involve keeping the defueled S1C Prototype reactor plant in protective storage for 30 years before dismantling it. Deferring dismantlement for 30 years would allow nearly all of the cobalt-60 radioactivity to decay away. Nearly all of the gamma radiation within the reactor plant comes from cobalt-60.

3. No Action

This alternative would involve keeping the defueled S1C Prototype reactor plant in protective storage

indefinitely. Since there is some residual radioactivity with very long half lives such as nickel-59 in the defueled reactor plant, this alternative would leave this radioactivity at the Windsor Site indefinitely.

4. Other Alternatives Considered

These alternatives include permanent on-site disposal. Such on-site disposal could involve building an entombment structure over the S1C Prototype reactor plant or developing a below ground disposal area at the Windsor Site. Another alternative would be to remove the S1C Prototype reactor plant as a single large reactor compartment package for offsite disposal. Each of these alternatives was considered but eliminated from detailed analysis.

Public Hearing

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The meeting will be chaired by a presiding officer and will not be conducted as an evidentiary hearing; speakers will not be cross-examined, although the presiding officer and Naval Reactors representatives present may ask clarifying questions of those who provide oral comments. To ensure that everyone has an adequate opportunity to speak, five minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Depending on the number of persons requesting to speak, the presiding officer may allow more time for elected officials, or speakers representing multiple parties, or organizations. Persons wishing to speak on behalf of organizations should identify the organization. Persons wishing to speak may either notify Mr. Overton in writing at the address below or register at the meeting. As time permits, individuals who have spoken subject to the five minute rule will be afforded additional speaking time. Written comments also will be accepted at the meeting.

Availability of Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are being distributed to interested Federal, State, and local agencies, and to individuals who have expressed interest. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and its supporting references are available for inspection at the Windsor Public Library at 323 Broad Street, Windsor, CT 06095. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement may be requested from Mr. Overton at the above phone number.

Issued at Arlington, VA this 20th day of June 1996.

B. DeMars,

Admiral, U.S. Navy, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

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Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials—Nonproliferation and Arms Control Assessment

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy intends to conduct a Nuclear Nonproliferation and Arms Control Assessment of the weapons-usable fissile materials storage and disposition alternatives contained in the Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft PEIS) (February 1996, DOE/EIS-0229-D). While not conducted as part of the formal National Environmental Policy Act process, the study will be performed to provide the fullest possible public involvement in the Department's consideration of weapons-usable fissile materials storage and plutonium disposition. The Assessment will be considered in identifying preferred alternatives for storage of weapons-usable fissile materials and disposition of plutonium. The goals of the proposed Assessment will be to help identify the nuclear nonproliferation and arms control benefits and vulnerabilities associated with each of the storage and disposition alternatives considered in the Draft PEIS and identify potential steps to maximize nonproliferation and arms control benefits and mitigate any vulnerabilities associated with the various alternatives.

DATES: All comments on the outline are due by August 9, 1996 and those received by that time will be considered by DOE in drafting the nonproliferation and arms control assessment. Comments received after that date will be considered by DOE to the extent practicable.

Meetings will be held in following locations:

July 23, 1996, 2:00pm-4:30pm (local time), University of Texas at Austin, Texas Union, North Entrance, 3.304, Quadrangle Room, 24th and Guadalupe, Austin, Texas 78712.
July 25, 1996, 2:00pm-4:30pm (local time), Stanford University, Galvez House Conference Room, 320 Galvez Street, Stanford, CA 94305.

July 29, 1996, 2:00pm-4:30pm (local time), Northwestern University, Norris Student Center, Louis South, 2nd Floor, 1999 South Campus Drive, Evanston, IL 60208.

July 31, 1996, 2:00pm-4:30pm (local time), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stratton Student Center, Mezzanine Lounge, 3rd Floor, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139.

August 1, 1996, 2:00pm-4:30pm, Department of Energy Headquarters, Forrestal Building, Room 1E245, Washington, DC 20585.

ADDRESSES: The Department of Energy invites interested agencies, organizations, and the general public to provide oral and/or written comments on the outline of the proposed Nonproliferation and Arms Control Assessment as set forth in this Notice. Written and oral comments will be accepted at the public meetings to be held at the times and locations listed above. Persons desiring to participate in the meetings are requested to pre-register by calling the toll-free number listed no later than one week prior to the meeting.

Written comments on the outline, requests for the President's Nonproliferation and Export Control Policy Statement, the National Academy of Sciences report, or the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement should be sent to: Mr. Jon B. Wolfsthal, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation (NN-42), Attn.: Assessment, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave, S.W., Washington, DC 20585-0001. Electronic mail comments can be sent to Jon.Wolfsthal@HQ.DOE.GOV. Comments are due by August 9, 1996.

Persons wanting additional information or to pre-register for any of the public meetings can do so by calling 1-800-835-8009. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Office of Nonproliferation and National Security's world wide web homepage at HTTP://WWW.NN.DOE.GOV/NN/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There are a number of reasons behind the Department's effort to identify and implement safe, secure and timely storage and disposition of these weapons-usable materials. Many of these reasons relate to U.S. efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to additional nations or sub-national groups, and to encourage safe and secure storage and disposition of weapons-usable materials by other countries. Identifying the various implications for these goals presented