

On February 8, 1994, a GSA contract specialist prepared a memorandum that supported the SLA's position. On February 15, 1994, the private concessionaire concurred with the SLA's position and submitted to GSA a list of four items that the private concessionaire proposed to discontinue selling in the cafeterias. However, the SLA declined this proposal because these products represented very little sales value to the Randolph-Sheppard vendors.

On November 28, 1994, the SLA filed a request with the Secretary of Education to convene an arbitration panel pursuant to the Act and regulations. Subsequently, on December 22, 1994, staffs of the Vending Facility Branch of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, the SLA, and the GSA central and regional offices held a teleconference in an attempt to resolve the complaint. However, attempts to define separate product lines to be sold by the Randolph-Sheppard vending facilities and the cafeterias operated by the private concessionaire were unsuccessful. On January 23 and 24, 1996, an arbitration hearing was held concerning this complaint.

Arbitration Panel Decision

The three issues before the arbitration panel were—

(1) Whether a private concessionaire's sale of the same products as the licensed blind vendors on the same premises is in violation of the priority provisions of the Act and regulations;

(2) Whether a private concessionaire's sale of the same products as the licensed blind vendors on the same premises constitutes direct competition in violation of the Act and regulations; and

(3) Whether GSA can be compelled to provide a blind vendor with a satisfactory site pursuant to the provisions of the Act and regulations.

The majority of the panel held that a private concessionaire's sale of the same products as the licensed blind vendor does not violate the priority provisions of the Act. The panel concluded that the priority provisions of the Act require the property manager to offer the SLA the first opportunity to operate a vending facility on Federal property. However, the panel considered that this does not preclude the possibility that there will be a private concessionaire operating a facility on the same premises as a licensed blind vendor. Consequently, the panel concluded that priority rights do not translate into an exclusive right to sell specific products.

On the second issue concerning direct competition, the majority of the panel held that Congress recognized the

probable existence of direct competition from other vending facilities, including cafeterias. The panel stated that by definition direct competition is "the presence and operation of a vending machine or a vending facility on the same premises as a vending facility operated by a blind vendor." The panel concluded that this language of the Act does not prohibit direct competition except in specific instances that involve vending machines that are in direct competition with a blind vending location. The income generated from vending machines in direct competition with a Randolph-Sheppard vending facility is subject to the income-sharing provisions of the Act.

On the third issue, which concerned a satisfactory site, the majority of the panel determined that the Denver Federal Center building was occupied prior to the 1974 amendments to the Act, and, therefore, the building was not subject to the space requirements for a satisfactory site. The panel did note that GSA had offered to the SLA additional space on the upper floors of the building following their renovation.

One panel member dissented from the majority opinion.

The views and opinions expressed by the panel do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the U.S. Department of Education.

Dated: October 29, 1996.

Howard R. Moses,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Extension of the Public Comment Period for the Draft Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive Land Use Plan (DOE/EIS-0222D), Richland, Washington

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Extension of the public comment period.

SUMMARY: DOE announces the extension of the public comment period for the Draft Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive Land Use Plan (HRA-EIS).

DATES: DOE announced the availability and schedule of the public hearing for the Draft HRA-EIS in the Federal Register on September 10, 1996, (61 FR 47739). In response to requests from the

public, DOE is extending the public comment period from November 1, 1996, to December 10, 1996. Comments received after December 10, 1996, will be considered to the extent practicable in the preparation of the Final HRA-EIS.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or requests for further information on the Draft HRA-EIS should be directed to Mr. Thomas W. Ferns, DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, MSIN HO-12, Richland, Washington 99352-0550 or fax to (509) 376-4360. The Draft HRA-EIS is available on the DOE Hanford Internet Home Page at <http://www.hanford.gov/eis/hraeis/hraeis.htm>. A compact disk or a paper copy version of the Draft HRA-EIS is also available, and can be obtained through: (1) Calling the HRA-EIS Hotline at 1-800-786-2018, (2) by fax at (509) 376-4360, or (3) by Internet at Thomas_W_Ferns@rl.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., MSIN EH-42, Washington, D.C. 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by telephone at (202) 586-4600 or by leaving a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE intends to complete the Final HRA-EIS and prepare a response to comments received during the review of the Draft HRA-EIS, and will announce availability of the Final HRA-EIS in the Federal Register.

DOE PUBLIC READING ROOMS AND

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES: The Draft HRA-EIS and associated reference materials can be found in the following DOE Public Reading Rooms and Information Repositories:

Suzzallo Library, University of Washington, Box 352900, Government Publications Room, Seattle, Washington 98195-2900, (206) 543-1937

Foley Center, Gonzaga University, E 502 Boone Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99258, (509) 324-5931

U. S. Department of Energy Public Reading Room, Washington State University, Tri-Cities Campus, 100 Sprout Road, Room 130 West, Richland, Washington 99352, (509) 376-8583

Branford Price Millar Library, Science and Engineering Floor, Portland State University, SW Harrison and Park, Portland, Oregon 97207, (503) 725-4735

U.S. Department of Energy Freedom of Information Reading Room, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., 1E-190, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-3142 or (202) 586-6020

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James M. Owendoff,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration.

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats.

DATES: Thursday, November 7, 6:00 pm-9:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: Westminster City Hall, 4800 West 92nd Avenue, Westminster, CO 80030 (lower-level multi-purpose room).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, EM SSAB-Rocky Flats, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021, phone: (303) 420-7855, fax: (303) 420-7579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

(1) Representatives from Rocky Flats will discuss recent fines assessed by the Department of Energy on private contractors doing work at Rocky Flats. These fines, totaling approximately \$75,000, were for violations of nuclear safety rules that occurred earlier this year.

(2) The Board will discuss the draft Ten-Year Plan for Rocky Flats cleanup. Public comment on the plan is being accepted until November 8. At this meeting, Board members will formulate comments on the plan that will be forwarded to DOE.

(3) The Board will also follow up on its soil cleanup levels recommendation for Rocky Flats. Since the last Board meeting, the agencies have adopted their proposed interim standards for cleanup. The Board will discuss issues that may need further study regarding this decision.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Deb Thompson at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

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Gail Cephas,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Advisory Committee for National Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee.

DATES: Thursday, November 21, 1996: 1:30 p.m.-5:20 p.m.; Friday, November 22, 1996: 9:00 a.m.-2:20 p.m.

ADDRESSES: St. Anthony Hotel, 300 E Travis Street, San Antonio, TX, Park NC, 27709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Imre Gyuk, EMF Program Manager, EE-14, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee advises the Department of Energy and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences on the design and implementation of a five-year, national electric and magnetic fields research and public information dissemination program. The Secretary of Energy, pursuant to Section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Public Law 102-486, has overall responsibility for establishing the national program which includes health effects research, development of technologies to assess and manage exposures, and dissemination of information.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, November 21, 1996

1:30 p.m. Welcome and opening remarks
1:45 p.m. National Academy of Sciences report
1:55 p.m. Status of RAPID program extension
2:05 p.m. Summary of FY96 non-Federal contributions
2:15 p.m. Status of NIEHS RAPID program
2:45 p.m. Status of RAPID engineering research
3:05 p.m. Record of Expenditures, FY95, FY96 and projected FY97 Budget
3:30 p.m. Break
3:50 p.m. Site visits for quality assurance
4:00 p.m. Function and funding of regional EMF facilities
4:20 p.m. Summary of replication experiments
4:40 p.m. Small grants program awards
5:00 p.m. Animal studies
5:20 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, November 22, 1996

9:00 a.m. Science workshops
10:30 a.m. Break
10:50 a.m. Science review symposium
12:15 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. EMF information booklet for workers
1:40 p.m. Hotlines
2:00 p.m. NEMFAC Business
2:20 p.m. Open time for public comments

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Robert Brewer at the