

Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) Bremerton and NAVSTA Everett in the Pacific Northwest are currently designated as CVN home ports. All three locations will be considered as alternative locations for the proposed actions. Although not currently designated as a CVN home port, Pearl Harbor is capable of accommodating deep-draft ships and will also be evaluated as a potential home port.

The 1993 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended, and the President and Congress directed the closure of NAS Alameda, CA (scheduled for 1997), and the relocation of two CVNs to fleet concentrations in San Diego, CA, and in the Pacific Northwest. Consequently, the Department of the Navy established homeporting capabilities for one nuclear-powered aircraft carrier at NAS North Island in the San Diego Naval Complex, CA (scheduled for completion in 1998), and one nuclear-powered aircraft carrier at PSNS Bremerton, WA (which has now been implemented). The proposed actions do not involve a reexamination of homeporting actions directed by the 1993 Defense Base Closure and Realignment process.

As the proposed actions could result in the aggregation of CVNs at PSNS Bremerton, consideration will be given to relocation of non-nuclear powered deep-draft Navy support ships currently homeported at PSNS Bremerton.

The EIS will analyze the potential environmental effects of the proposed actions at the alternative locations discussed above, including any associated facilities development and dredging, and other reasonable alternatives identified during the public scoping process. Environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS include: geology, topography, and soils; dredging, hydrology, and water quality; pollution prevention; biology and natural resources; noise; air quality; land use; historic and archeological resources; socioeconomic schools, and housing, transportation/circulation/parking; public facilities and recreation; safety and environmental health; aesthetics; utilities; and environmental justice. Issue analysis will include an evaluation of the direct, indirect, short-term, and cumulative impacts associated with the proposed actions. No decision to implement the proposed actions will be made until the NEPA process is complete.

**ADDRESSES:** The Department of the Navy will initiate a scoping process for the purpose of determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying significant issues relative to

these proposed actions. Public meetings to receive oral comments from the public will be held in the four primary areas of consideration (San Diego, CA; Bremerton, WA; Everett, WA; and Honolulu, HI) in January and February 1997. These meetings will be announced in the Federal Register and in local area newspapers. Navy representatives will be available at the scoping meetings to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern. A brief presentation describing the proposed actions and the NEPA process will precede a request for public comments. It is important that federal, state, and local agencies, as well as interested organizations and individuals, take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that they feel should be addressed during the preparation of the EIS. Agencies and the public are invited and encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meetings. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the commenter believes the EIS should address. Written comments or questions regarding the scoping process and/or the EIS should be postmarked no later than 28 February 1997 and sent to the following address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. Daniel Muslin (Code 03PL), Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132-5190; telephone (619) 532-3403.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

D.E. Koenig,

*LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### **Certification of the Radiological Condition of the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company Site in Hamilton, Ohio, 1995**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Certification.

**SUMMARY:** DOE has completed remedial actions to decontaminate the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company site in Hamilton, Ohio. Formerly, the property was found to contain quantities of residual radioactive material resulting from activities conducted by contractors for DOE's predecessors, the Manhattan

Engineer District (MED) and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). Radiological surveys show that the property now meets applicable requirements for use without radiological restrictions, and the docket related to cleanup activities is now available.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket is available from:

Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585

Public Document Room, Oak Ridge Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 200 Administration Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Lane Public Library, 300 N. Third Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William E. Murphie, Acting Director, Office of Eastern Area Programs, Office of Environmental Restoration (EM-42), U.S. Department of Energy, Germantown, Maryland 20874, (301) 903-2328 Fax: (301) 903-2385.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Eastern Area Programs, the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Team, has conducted remedial at the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company site in Hamilton, Ohio, as part of FUSRAP. The objective of the program is to identify and remediate or otherwise control sites where residual radioactive contamination remains from activities carried out under contract to the Manhattan Engineer District/Atomic Energy Commission (MED/AEC) during the early years of the nation's atomic energy program or from commercial operations causing conditions that Congress has authorized DOE to remedy. In June 1994, the site was designated for cleanup under FUSRAP.

The Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company, intermittently from the 1940s to the early 1950s, machined natural (not depleted or enriched) uranium metal slugs from rolled stock under subcontract to prime MED contractors Dupont and the University of Chicago. Records indicate that two work orders were performed at the site in 1943 in support of the MED and one in 1951 for the AEC. The uranium machining was relatively small scale and appears to have been conducted during brief periods. The available records indicate that MED/AEC work performed at the site was discontinued by August 1951.

The structure is a large, roughly rectangular building (approximately 300,000 ft<sup>2</sup>), constructed mostly of concrete. The interior is primarily an open design with few walls and a

support structure of columns and beams with cross braces. High bays are offset by rows of windows at the ceiling. Early site documents used for the original radiological survey noted that uranium was machined on lathes in the large machine room on the first floor of this section of the building. A portion of the first floor is currently occupied by Union Paper Company. The remainder of the building is unoccupied and is used for storage.

On August 29 and 30, 1988, and April 24, 1989, radiological surveys were conducted at the request of DOE and with the consent of the property owner. The results of the radiological surveys revealed no radionuclide concentrations in excess of the applicable DOE criteria for air and soil on the first floor, and no beta or gamma radiation above background could be detected. Consequently, the site was eliminated from consideration under FUSRAP.

Later interviews with individuals formerly associated with the site revealed that uranium machining operations for MED also occurred in the southeastern corner of the building in a section with three floors, accessed by a stairwell and an elevator. Uranium was machined on the third floor in a room with concrete columns. Radiological surveys performed in 1988 and 1989 did not include that area of the building because it has not been previously identified as an area where uranium operations had taken place. A third radiological survey, conducted by Oak Ridge National Laboratory in 1993, identified uranium in portions of the floor and walls of the 9,000-square-foot third floor area. Also, it was determined from historical records that MED and/or its agents exercised significant control over the fabrication process and that MED had an on-site representative during some operations. In June 1993, the property was designated for remedial action by FUSRAP. Remedial action was conducted at the site from December 1994 to March 1995.

Post-remedial action surveys have demonstrated and DOE has certified that the subject property is in compliance with DOE radiological decontamination criteria and standards. The standards are established to protect members of the general public and occupants of the properties and to ensure that future use of the properties will result in no radiological exposure above applicable health-based guidelines. Accordingly, this property is released from FUSRAP.

The certification docket will be available for review between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) in the DOE Public Reading Room located in Room

1E-190 of the Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585. Copies of the certification docket will also be available in the DOE Public Document Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 37831, and in the Lane Public Library, 300 N. Third Street, Hamilton, Ohio, 45011.

DOE, through the Oak Ridge Operations Office, Former Sites Restoration Division, has issued the following statement:

**Statement of Certification: Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company Site in Hamilton, Ohio**

DOE, Oak Ridge Operations Office, Former Sites Restoration Division, has reviewed and analyzed the radiological data obtained following remedial action at the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company Site in Hamilton, Ohio. Based on analysis of all data collected, including post-remedial action surveys, DOE certifies that any residual contamination on the site falls within current guidelines for use without radiological restrictions. This certification of compliance provides assurance that reasonably foreseeable future use of the site will result in no radiological exposure above current radiological guidelines established to protect members of the general public as well as occupants of the site.

Property owned by William Burchfield, 1550 Grand Boulevard, Hamilton, Ohio 45011.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 25, 1996.

James M. Owendoff,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration.*

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## **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-94-000]

### **ANR Pipeline Co.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

November 26, 1996.

Take notice that on November 22, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1 and Original Volume No. 2, the following tariff sheets, proposed to become effective December 1, 1996:

*Second Revised Volume No. 1*

Original Sheet No. 2A through 2J

First Revised Sheet No. 4

Original Sheet Nos. 4A through 4J

Fourth Revised Sheet Nos. 5 through 7  
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 8  
Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 9  
Fourth Revised Sheet Nos. 10 through 12  
Fourth Revised Sheet Nos. 14 and 15  
Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 16  
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 17A  
Twenty-first Revised Sheet No. 18  
Third Revised Sheet No. 23  
Second Revised Sheet No. 33A  
Third Revised Sheet No. 40  
Second Revised Sheet No. 89  
Second Revised Sheet No. 145  
Second Revised Sheet No. 175  
Third Revised Sheet No. 180  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 181  
Second Revised Sheet No. 186  
Third Revised Sheet No. 192

*Original Volume No. 2*

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ANR states that this filing is being made to implement the remaining changes to its tariffs to conform with the revisions made to Part 154 of the Commission's regulations pursuant to Order No. 582 and 582-A ("Orders"). The Orders directed pipelines to complete the revisions to their tariffs to reflect the changes by no later than December 31, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protest must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Inspection Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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### **Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; Notice of Filing**

November 26, 1996.

Take notice that on October 16, 1996, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation tendered for filing an amendment to its October 11, 1996 filing in the above-reference docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion