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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Northeast Phoenix Drainage Area Feasibility Study; Maricopa County, AZ

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Los Angeles District, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Los Angeles District intends to prepare an EIS to support the proposed study for flood control and drainage in the Northeast Phoenix area. The Northeast Phoenix Drainage feasibility study area is located in the Northeast of the City of Phoenix, and adjacent communities. The Study area is roughly bounded by Carefree Highway on the North, Cave Creek Road to the West, the Central Arizona Project canal to the South, and Scottsdale Road to the East. The study will analyze flooding and drainage problems in the study area and primarily on Rawhide Wash and alluvial fan 5 and 6.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For further information contact Mr. David Compas, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn.: CESPL-PD-RN, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, California, 90053-2325; phone (213) 452-3850; E-mail dcompas@spl.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To prepare for the preparation of the EIS, the Corps will be conducting a public scoping meeting on September 8, 1998, at 7 P.M., at the Paradise Valley Community Center located at 17402 N. 40th St., Phoenix, Arizona. This scoping meeting will be held to solicit public input on significant environmental issues associated with the proposed project. The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to participate in the scoping process by attending the Scoping Meeting and/or submitting data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. Useful information includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, and alternatives that should be addressed in the analysis. Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the proposed study and provide comments suggestions by attending the public scoping meeting, or by mailing the information within thirty (30) days to Mr. David Compas. Requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements and the Draft EIS also should be sent to Mr. David Compas.

Alternatives: A full array of alternatives to the proposed action will be developed for further analyses. The proposed plan, viable project alternatives, and the no action plan will be carried forward for detailed analysis in the National Environmental Policy Act document.

Dated: August 19, 1998.

Robert L. Davis,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Certain Plutonium Residues and Scrub Alloy Stored at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Certain Plutonium Residues and Scrub Alloy Stored at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (DOE/EIS-0277F, August 1998). The Final EIS analyzes reasonable alternatives for the management of certain plutonium residues and all of the scrub alloy at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (Rocky Flats) near Golden, Colorado. Plutonium residues and scrub alloy are materials that were generated while processing plutonium during the manufacture of components for nuclear weapons. The Final EIS analyzes processing technologies for various material categories of residues (e.g., ash, salts, fluorides) and the scrub alloy. Processing of these materials is needed to address health and safety issues associated with their continued storage and to prepare them for disposal or other disposition. DOE has prepared this Final EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*), in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and the DOE NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR Part 1021).

DOE analyzed four alternatives, in addition to the Preferred Alternative, for each of the categories of Rocky Flats plutonium residues and scrub alloy. The Final EIS identifies the rationale for identifying the treatment technologies as preferred.

All of the alternatives analyzed in the Final EIS were either analyzed in the Draft EIS or are composed of elements of alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIS, with the exception of two new candidate processing technologies similar to technologies analyzed in the Draft EIS. Nevertheless, because certain

alternatives were not presented to the public in the form in which they appear in this Final EIS, and in furtherance of public involvement in the NEPA process, DOE has decided to issue phased Records of Decision for this Final EIS. The first Record of Decision will cover only those materials for which the preferred processing technology was analyzed in the Draft EIS, and for which any variances to safeguards termination limits discussed in the Draft EIS had already been granted. The first Record of Decision will be issued no sooner than 30 days after issuance of the Final EIS. The second Record of Decision will cover the remaining materials within the scope of the EIS (e.g., as discussed in Section 1.4.2 of the Final EIS). Prior to issuing the second Record of Decision, DOE is providing a 45-day comment period that begins with publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability regarding this Final EIS as discussed in the **DATES** section below, and will resolve any comments received.

The Final EIS is available to the public in the public reading rooms listed below in the "Availability of Copies of the Final EIS" section of this Notice. The Final EIS is also available by mail upon request by contacting the Center for Environmental Management Information as specified under **ADDRESSES** below.

DATES: The public is invited to comment on the processing technologies for a subset of the plutonium residue material categories addressed by the Final EIS, as specified in Section 1.4.2 of the Final EIS. The public comment period begins with publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability regarding this Final EIS in the **Federal Register** (August 28, 1998), and continues through October 12, 1998. All comments received by October 12, 1998, will be considered when preparing the second Record of Decision or taking other actions in response to the comments. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be considered to the degree practical.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Final EIS should be directed to: Center for Environmental Management Information, P.O. Box 23769, Washington, DC 20026-3769.

Copies may also be requested by calling 1-800-736-3282 (or 202-863-5084 in Washington, DC).

Written comments on the Final EIS may be submitted to the following address: Mr. Charles R. Head, Senior Technical Advisor, Office of Nuclear Material and Facility Stabilization (EM-

60), Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585-0001.

Written comments may also be submitted electronically as follows: Via E-Mail to RFPR.EIS@EM.DOE.GOV, or Via facsimile to Mr. Charles R. Head at (202) 586-5393.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the Final EIS, please contact Mr. Charles R. Head at the address specified above.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please write or call: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Final EIS, DOE analyzes processing certain plutonium-bearing materials being stored at Rocky Flats near Golden, Colorado. These materials are plutonium residues and scrub alloy remaining from nuclear weapons manufacturing operations formerly conducted by DOE at this site. In their present forms, these materials cannot be disposed of or otherwise be prepared for final disposition because they contain plutonium in concentrations exceeding DOE safeguards termination requirements. The term "safeguards" refers to those measures (e.g., recordkeeping, monitoring, and physical protection) that DOE and other organizations holding nuclear materials must take to ensure that the materials are not stolen or diverted for illicit purposes.

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board has raised health and safety concerns regarding the current storage of plutonium residues and scrub alloy at Rocky Flats. The proposed processing will address the concerns raised by the Board and also will prepare the plutonium residues and scrub alloy for disposal or other disposition.

Alternatives

DOE has identified and assessed the following alternatives for processing these plutonium-bearing materials:

1. Alternative 1 (No Action—Stabilize and Store). This alternative consists of stabilization or repackaging to prepare the material for interim storage as described in the Rocky Flats Solid Residue Environmental Assessment (Solid Residue Treatment, Repackaging, and Storage Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact, DOE/EA-1120, Rocky Flats Field Office,

April 1996). Under this alternative, further processing to prepare the material for disposal or other disposition would not occur. Because scrub alloy was not addressed in the Rocky Flats Solid Residue Environmental Assessment, the "No Action" alternative for scrub alloy has been defined as continued storage at Rocky Flats with repackaging, as necessary. Under this alternative, approximately 40 percent of the Rocky Flats plutonium residues and all of Rocky Flats scrub alloy would be left in forms that would not meet the requirements for termination of safeguards, making these materials ineligible for disposal. Thus, while implementation of this alternative would address the immediate health and safety concerns associated with near-term storage of the materials, the health and safety risks associated with potential long-term storage of these materials would remain.

2. Alternative 2 (Processing Without Plutonium Separation). Processing to prepare the material for disposal as transuranic waste or for other disposition (i.e., meet safeguards termination limits). Processing technologies evaluated include immobilization and dilution, with all processing taking place at Rocky Flats.

3. Alternative 3 (Processing With Plutonium Separation). This alternative would include use of various plutonium separation technologies, such as Purex, acid dissolution/plutonium oxide recovery, salt distillation, water leach, and others. On-site processing is evaluated at Rocky Flats for most of the residues and scrub alloy; off-site processing is evaluated at the Savannah River Site for certain types of residues and the scrub alloy and the Los Alamos National Laboratory for certain salt residues only. The separated plutonium would be placed into safe and secure storage at the processing site pending disposition. The wastes left after separation of the plutonium would be disposed of.

4. Alternative 4 (Combination of Processing Technologies). This alternative would include processing technologies that stabilize and blend down the residues, as necessary, so that the concentration of plutonium in the residues would be less than 10 percent. These residues would then be repackaged in preparation for disposal. Due to the relatively higher concentration of plutonium in the scrub alloy, no processing technology for scrub alloy was analyzed under this alternative. All processing under this alternative would be done at Rocky Flats.

Alternative 4 would also require that a variance to safeguards termination limits be applied for any residues that would be sent to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) for disposal because the residues would contain plutonium concentrations exceeding DOE safeguards termination limits. The variance is based on the combination of processing method, the waste management controls in place for normal handling of transuranic waste, and the limited quantity of special nuclear materials present at any particular place and time.

5. Preferred Alternative Identified in the Final EIS. DOE has identified preferred processing technologies (collectively referred to as the Preferred Alternative) for each of the categories of Rocky Flats plutonium residues and scrub alloy. Under the Preferred Alternative, all materials would be processed at Rocky Flats except for sand, slag, and crucible; certain direct oxide reduction salts; fluoride residues; and scrub alloy. The salts would be processed at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The sand, slag and crucible; fluoride residues; and scrub alloy would be processed at the Savannah River Site. The Final EIS identifies the rationale for identifying the treatment technologies as preferred.

Public Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Copies of the Draft EIS and/or the Summary were mailed to over 1,000 individuals and organizations. The public comment period was held from November 25, 1997, to January 5, 1998. However, DOE continued to consider and accept comments received after the closing date. Written submissions were received from 39 individuals and organizations, generating about 200 comments. DOE held three public hearings at the potentially affected sites, attended by a total of approximately 50 people. These meetings generated about 40 questions and comments. Chapter 9 of the Final EIS provides the Department's responses to the comments received. Most commenters commented on the alternatives and technical processes, the analyses presented in the EIS, and concerns such as storage, ultimate disposition, proliferation risks, transportation, environmental, safety and health risks, and costs.

Process and Schedule for Decisions

All of the alternatives analyzed in the Final EIS were either analyzed in the Draft EIS or are composed of elements of alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIS, with the exception of two new

candidate processing technologies similar to technologies analyzed in the Draft EIS. Nevertheless, because certain alternatives were not presented to the public in the form in which they appear in this Final EIS, and in furtherance of public involvement in the NEPA process, DOE has decided to issue phased Records of Decision for this Final EIS. The first Record of Decision will cover only those materials for which the preferred processing technology was analyzed in the Draft EIS, and for which any variances to safeguards termination limits discussed in the Draft EIS had already been granted (e.g., sand, slag, and crucible residues, low plutonium concentration direct oxide reduction salt residues, combustible residues, plutonium fluoride residues, Ful Flo filter media residues, glass residues, graphite residues, and inorganic residues, and the scrub alloy). The first Record of Decision will be issued no sooner than 30 days after issuance of the Final EIS. The second Record of Decision will cover the remaining materials within the scope of the EIS (e.g., incinerator ash residues, graphite fines residues, inorganic ash residues, molten salt extraction/electrorefining salt residues, high plutonium concentration direct oxide reduction salt residues, HEPA filter media residues, and sludge residues). Prior to issuing the second Record of Decision, DOE is providing a 45-day comment period and will resolve any comments received.

Availability of Copies of the Final EIS

The Final EIS has been distributed to interested Federal, State, and local agencies, and to individuals and organizations who have expressed an interest. Copies of the Final EIS are available for review in the following public reading rooms:

Simi Valley Public Library, 2629 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, East Gate Visitors Center, Greenville Road, Livermore, CA 94550
CSU Northridge/Oviatt Library, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330
U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, 1301 Clay Street, Room EIC, 8th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612
Platt Brand Public Library, 23600 Victory Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367
U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, Public Reading Room, 14869 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Superfund Records Center, 999 18th Street, Floor 5, Denver, CO 80202
Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, Public Reading Room, 9035 Wadsworth Avenue, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021
Standley Lake Public Reading Room, 8485 Kipling Street, Arvada, CO 80005

Rocky Flats Public Reading Room, Front Range Community College Library, 3645 W. 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80030
University of Colorado Libraries, Government Publications, Campus Box 184, Boulder, CO 80309
Colorado Department of Public Health, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO 80222
Colorado School of Mines, Arthur Lakes Library, 1400 Illinois Street, P.O. Box 4029, Golden, CO 80401
Colorado State University, Library Documents Department, Ft. Collins, CO 80523
U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, FOI Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Bldg., Washington, DC 20585
Pullen Public Library, 100 Decatur Street, SE, Atlanta, GA 30303
Chatham Effingham Library, 2002 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31499
Reese Library, Augusta College, 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904
Georgia Institute of Technology, Bobby Dodd Way, Atlanta, GA 30332
Argonne National Laboratory, Technical Library, P.O. Box 2528, Idaho Falls, ID 83403
University of Illinois at Chicago, U.S. DOE Public Documents Room, 801 S. Morgan Street, 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60607
East St. Louis Public Library, Dr. Ram Chauhan, 405 North 9th Street, East St. Louis, IL 62201
Lincoln Library, Reference Department, 326 South 7th Street, Springfield, IL 62701
Salina Public Library, Marc Boucher, Reference Librarian, 301 West Elm, Salina, KS 67401
Washburn Law Library, 1700 College, Topeka, KS 66621
Paducah Public Library, 555 Washington Street, Paducah, KY 42001
U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Information Center, 175 Freedom Boulevard, Kevil, KY 42053
Mid Continent Public Library, Blue Ridge Branch, 9253 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64138
St. Louis Public Library, 1301 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63103
Scenic Regional Library, 308 Hawthorn Drive, Union, MO 63084
Los Alamos Community Reading Room, 1350 Central Avenue, Suite 101, Los Alamos, NM 87544
U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, National Atomic Museum, 20358 Wyoming Boulevard SE, Kirtland Air Force Base, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185
U.S. Department of Energy, FOIA Reading Room, 4700 Morris NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111
U.S. Department of Energy, Technical Vocational Institute, Main Campus Library, 525 Buena Vista SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106
New Mexico State Library, 325 Don Gasper, Santa Fe, NM 87503
U.S. Department of Energy, Gregg Graniteville Library, 171 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801
County Library, 404 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403

South Carolina State Library, 1500 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11469
 Orangeburg County Free Library, 510 Louis Street NE, P.O. Box 1367, Orangeburg, SC 29116
 Lawson McGhee Public Library, 500 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37902
 Nashville Public Library, 225 Polk Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203
 U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, Oak Ridge Operations Office, 55 Jefferson Circle, Room 1123, Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Copies of the Final EIS can also be obtained by contacting the Center for Environmental Management Information at the address, or via the telephone numbers, listed earlier in this Notice under **ADDRESSES**.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on August 25, 1998.

David G. Huizenga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Material and Facility Stabilization, Office of Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EC96-19-035, ER96-1663-036]

California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Filing

August 24, 1998.

Take notice that on August 17 and August 20, 1998, as corrected on August 21, 1998, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO), tendered for filing a compliance filing, which includes certain revisions to the ISO Tariff and Protocols, responses regarding issues raised by intervenors, and responses to questions contained in the Commission's order addressing ISO Tariff Amendment No. 10.¹

The ISO states that this filing has been served on all parties listed on the official service list in the above-referenced dockets, including the California Public Utilities Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before September 7, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-363-014]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 25, 1998.

Take notice that on August 18, 1998, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing a compliance filing pursuant to the Initial Decision issued July 29, 1998, at Docket No. RP95-363-002.

El Paso states that the filing contains revised schedules that adjust the cost of service and rate design in accordance with the July 29 Decision.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-357-001]

Gas Transport, Inc.; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 25, 1998.

Take notice that on August 19, 1998, Gas Transport, Inc. (GTI) tendered for filing the following revised tariff sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1:

Effective August 1, 1998

Sub. Fifth Revised Sheet No. 162

Sub. Fourth Revised Sheet No. 162A

GTI states that the purpose of this filing is to conform to the Order issued August 12, 1998 in Docket No. RP98-357-000 (August 12 Order), and to conform to the GISB Standards incorporated by Order No. 587-G, Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines. Specifically, Standards 1.4.6, 2.4.6, 4.3.5, 4.3.16 and 5.3.30 have been incorporated by reference and the reference to Standard 4.3.4 has been deleted, as directed by the August 12 Order.

GTI states that copies of this filing were served upon its jurisdictional customers and the Regulatory Commissions of the states of Ohio and West Virginia.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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¹ California Independent System Operator Corporation, 84 FERC ¶ 61,121 (1998).