

natural or human environment. Because no significant environmental impacts will result from implementation of the proposed action, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and will not be prepared.

The Army will not initiate the proposed action for 15 days following the completion of the EA and FNSI and publication of a public notice in a local newspaper. This EA is available for review at the following repositories: Lassen Community College Library, Highway 139, P.O. Box 3000, Susanville, CA 96130; Lassen County Public Works, 707 Nevada Street, Suite 2, Susanville, CA 96130; and the Washoe County Library, Downtown Branch, 301 South Center Street, Reno NV 89501.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupational
Health) OASA(I&E).*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century; Meeting

AGENCY: National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century (Commission). This notice also describes the functions of the Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, November 29, 1999, from 3:30 to approximately 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, November 30 from 8:30 a.m. to adjournment at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: The Washington Hilton and Towers, International Ballroom West, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009, telephone: (202) 483-3000, fax: (202) 232-0438.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Linda P. Rosen, Executive Director, The National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century, US Department of Education,

Room 6W252, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 260-8229, fax: (202) 260-7216.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century was established by the Secretary of Education and is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (P.L. 92-463, as amended; 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 2). The Commission was established to address the pressing need to significantly raise student achievement in mathematics and science by focusing on the quality of mathematics and science instruction in K-12 classrooms nationwide. The Commission will develop a set of recommendations with a corresponding, multifaceted action strategy to improve the quality of teaching in mathematics and science.

The meeting of the Commission is open to the public. The proposed agenda will focus on (1) What is known about effective teaching that leads to high levels of mathematical and scientific understanding among all students, and (2) What it takes to enable teachers to teach in this way. The proposed agenda will include both plenary sessions and presentations.

Space may be limited and you are encouraged to register if you plan to attend. You may register through the Internet at America_Counts@ed.gov or Jamila_Rattler@ed.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including e-mail, if available), telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register through the Internet, you may fax your registration information to The National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century at (202) 260-7216 or mail to The National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century, US Department of Education, Room 6W252, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202. The registration deadline is November 22, 1999. Any individual who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Jamila Rattler at (202) 260-8229 by no later than November 17, 1999. 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.

Records will be kept of all Commission proceedings, and will be available for public inspection at The

National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 6W252 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

Marshall S. Smith,

Acting Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the National Ignition Facility Project Specific Analysis Portion of the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the National Ignition Facility (NIF) Project Specific Analysis portion (Volume III, Appendix I) of the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SSM PEIS) DOE/EIS-0236-S1 for public review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft NIF SEIS are invited from the public during the comment period which ends December 20, 1999. Comments must be postmarked by December 20, 1999, to ensure consideration; late comments will be considered to the extent practicable. The DOE will use the comments received to help prepare the Final SEIS.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments in writing to DOE and for additional information contact: Richard Scott, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, L-293, P.O. Box 808, Livermore, CA 94550. Mr. Scott may also be contacted by telephone (925) 423-3022, facsimile (925) 424-3755, or toll-free: (877) 388-4930. Comments may also be sent to the e-mail address richard.scott@oak.doe.gov.

Requests for copies of the Draft NIF SEIS should be addressed to the DOE Oakland Operations Office, Energy Information Center, 1st floor in the North Tower of the Federal Building at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, CA, (510) 637-1762. The Draft NIF SEIS is available under the NEPA Analysis

Module of the DOE NEPA Web Site at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by calling (202) 586-4600 or by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft NIF SEIS was prepared pursuant to a Joint Stipulation and Order approved and entered as an order of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on October 27, 1997, in partial settlement of the lawsuit, *Natural Resources Defense Council [NRDC] v. Richardson*, Civ. No. 97-936 (SS) (D.D.C.). In that Joint Stipulation and Order, DOE agreed to prepare an SEIS evaluating the reasonably foreseeable significant adverse environmental impacts of continuing to construct and of operating NIF at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) with respect to any potential or confirmed contamination in the area by hazardous, toxic, and/or radioactive materials.

Availability of Draft SEIS

DOE has distributed copies of the Draft NIF SEIS to appropriate Congressional members and committees, the State of California, local governments, other federal agencies, and other interested parties. The Draft NIF SEIS is also available for public review and copying at the following locations: DOE Oakland Operations Office, Energy Information Center, 1st floor in the North Tower of the Federal Building at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, CA, (510) 637-1762; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, East Gate Visitors Center on Greenville Road in Livermore CA, (925) 424-4026; and DOE's Freedom of Information Reading Room, Rm. 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, (202) 586-3142.

DOE will hold several public meetings to discuss the Draft NIF SEIS, as well as for submitting prepared statements on the Draft NIF SEIS: Wednesday, December 1, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 6E-069, Washington, DC; and Wednesday, December 8, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at LLNL, 7000 East Avenue, Building 312, South Cafeteria Multi-Purpose Room, (located off East Avenue at the intersection of South Gate Drive), Livermore CA.

After the public comment period, which ends December 20, 1999, the Department will consider and respond to the comments received, revise the Draft NIF SEIS as appropriate, and issue a Final NIF SEIS. The Department will consider the analyses in the Final NIF SEIS in making a final Record of Decision.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 25, 1999.

Jonathan S. Ventura,

Acting Executive Assistant, Office of Defense Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Continuation of Solicitation for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program—Notice 00-01

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Annual notice of continuation of availability of grants and cooperative agreements.

SUMMARY: The Office of Science of the Department of Energy hereby announces its continuing interest in receiving grant applications for support of work in the following program areas: Basic Energy Sciences, High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics, Computational and Technology Research, Fusion Energy Sciences, and Biological and Environmental Research. On September 3, 1992 (57 FR 40582), DOE published in the **Federal Register** the Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Program (now called the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program), 10 CFR Part 605, Final Rule, which contained a solicitation for this program. Information about submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation and selection processes and other policies and procedures are specified in 10 CFR Part 605.

DATES: Applications may be submitted at any time in response to this Notice of Availability.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be sent to: Director, Grants and Contracts Division, Office of Science, SC-64, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290. When preparing applications, applicants should use the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Application Guide and Forms located on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. Applicants without Internet access may call 301-903-5212 for information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice is published annually and remains in effect until it is succeeded by another issuance by the Office of Science. This annual Notice 00-01 succeeds Notice 99-01 which was published November 12, 1998.

It is anticipated that approximately \$400 million will be available for grant and cooperative agreement awards in FY 2000. The DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of an application. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to this Notice.

In addition, the following program descriptions are offered to provide more in-depth information on scientific and technical areas of interest to the Office of Science:

1. Basic Energy Sciences

The Basic Energy Sciences (BES) program supports fundamental research in the natural sciences and engineering leading to new and improved energy technologies and to understanding and mitigating the environmental impacts of energy technologies. The science divisions and their objectives are as follows:

(a) Materials Sciences

The objective of this program is to increase the understanding of phenomena and properties important to materials behavior that will contribute to meeting the needs of present and future energy technologies. It is comprised of the subfields metallurgy, ceramics, condensed matter physics, materials chemistry, and related disciplines where the emphasis is on the science of materials.

Program Contact: (301) 903-3427.

(b) Chemical Sciences

The objective of this program is to expand, through support of basic research, knowledge of various areas of chemistry, chemical engineering and atomic molecular and optical physics with a goal of contributing to new or improved processes for developing and using domestic energy resources in an efficient and environmentally sound manner. Disciplinary areas where research is supported include atomic molecular and optical physics; physical, inorganic and organic chemistry; chemical physics; photochemistry; radiation chemistry; analytical chemistry; separations science; actinide chemistry; and chemical engineering sciences.

Program Contact: (301) 903-5804.