

VI. EIS for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship

DOE anticipates a separate announcement soon in both the **Federal Register** and the New York State Environmental Notice Bulletin providing notice of a second EIS to be prepared by DOE and NYSERDA for decommissioning and/or long-term stewardship of the WVDP and WNYNSC and a public scoping process pursuant to NEPA and SEQRA.

DOE anticipates that it will be the lead Federal agency for purposes of compliance with NEPA, and NYSERDA will be the lead agency for purposes of compliance with SEQRA. DOE also anticipates that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will participate as a cooperating agency under NEPA, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will be an involved agency under SEQRA. Although DOE envisions that DOE and NYSERDA will jointly prepare this EIS for decommissioning and/or long-term stewardship, either agency may decide to proceed independently in support of its independent mission. The Notice of Intent will provide further information on this second EIS, including the alternatives proposed to be evaluated and the opportunities for stakeholder involvement.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on March 21, 2001.

Steven V. Cary,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Environment, Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Grand Junction Office; Notice of Floodplain/Wetlands Involvement for Ground Water Remediation Activities at Shiprock, New Mexico, Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Site

AGENCY: Grand Junction Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Floodplain/Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) hereby provides notice as required by 10 CFR part 1022, to conduct ground water remediation activities within the 100-year floodplain of the San Juan River at the Shiprock New Mexico Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Site, with possible impacts to wetlands. The site is located within the boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation. Activities are scheduled to commence in 2002, and consist of installation of extraction

wells and pipeline to pump contaminated ground water from the alluvial aquifer to an evaporation pond on the terrace, in accordance with 40 CFR part 192, "Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings". A floodplain/wetlands assessment has been prepared as an appendix to the environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes the potential environmental effects of this action.

DATES: Written comments are due to the address below no later than April 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Don Metzler, U.S. Department of Energy, Grand Junction Office, 2597 B³/₄ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, 81503; or transmitted by E-mail via Internet to dmetzler@doegjpo.com; or by facsimile to (970) 248-6040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna Bergman-Tabbert, Manager, U.S. Department of Energy—Grand Junction Office, 2597 B³/₄ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503, Telephone 1-970-248-6001 or 1-800-399-5618, E-mail via Internet to dbergman-tabbert@doegjpo.com, Facsimile to 1-970-248-6023.

For Further Information on General DOE Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements, Contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under E.O. 11988—Floodplain Management, E.O. 11990—Protection of Wetlands, and 10 CFR part 1022—Compliance with Floodplain/ Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements, notice is given that DOE is planning ground water remediation in the San Juan River 100-year floodplain north and east of the Shiprock UMTRA site.

Remediation activities include the installation of five extraction wells in the floodplain in the most contaminated part of the plume, pumping water via underground piping to a lined evaporation pond, and spray-evaporating the water. The evaporation pond will be located on the terrace above the floodplain. Water would be withdrawn from the floodplain alluvial aquifer at the rate of 80 gallons per minute. At this rate, modeling projects the floodplain contaminants to be reduced to acceptable levels within 14 years.

The locations of the wells, piping, and pond will be determined in a ground

water compliance action plan, and would avoid sensitive areas including wetlands, cultural resources, and those containing sensitive plant and animal species.

A typical extraction well would be installed in two to three days and would disturb an area of approximately 30' X 30'. Access to the floodplain would utilize existing roads as much as possible. Because the activities are located within the Navajo Reservation, all activities will be coordinated through the Navajo Nation and other state and federal agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A floodplain/wetlands assessment has been prepared as an appendix to the Environmental Assessment of Ground Water Compliance at the Shiprock, New Mexico, Uranium Mill Tailings Site (March, 2001).

A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any finding of no significant impact that is issued following the completion of the EA or may be issued separately.

Issued in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 15, 2001.

Constance L. Soden,

Director, Environment, Safety, and Health Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Fernald

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting .

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Fernald. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 12, 2001 6:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Fernald Environmental Management Project Site, Services Building Conference Room, 7400 Willey Road, Hamilton, OH 45219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois Yasutis, Phoenix Environmental, 6186 Old Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, at (703) 971-0030 or (513) 648-6478, or e-mail; lyasutis@theperspectivesgroup.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

6:00 p.m.—Call to Order
 6:00–6:20 p.m.—Chair's Remarks and Ex Officio Announcements
 6:20–7:05 p.m.—Waste Pits Update and Discussion
 7:05–7:20 p.m.—Update on Uranium Water Remediation Levels
 7:20–7:40 p.m.—Update on Rebaseline
 7:40–8:30 p.m.—Discussion and Recommendations on Public Use Scenarios
 8:30–8:45 p.m.—Public Comment
 8:45 p.m.—Adjourn

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board chair either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board chair at the address or telephone number listed below. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Gary Stegner, Public Affairs Office, Ohio Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 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 five minutes to present their comments.

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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board, c/o Phoenix Environmental Corporation, MS–76, Post Office Box 538704, Cincinnati, OH 43253–8704, or by calling the Advisory Board at (513) 648–6478.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 21, 2001.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Advisory Board**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory Board. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, April 17, 2001 and Wednesday, April 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., (Room 1E–245), Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James T. Melillo, Executive Director of the Environmental Management Advisory Board, (EM–10), 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., (Room 5B–161), Washington, DC 20585. The telephone number is 202–586–4400. The Internet address is james.melillo@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management Advisory Program from the perspective of affected groups, as well as state, local, and tribal governments. The Board will contribute to the effective operation of the Environmental Management Program by providing individual citizens and representatives of interested groups an opportunity to present their views on issues facing the Office of Environmental Management and by helping to secure consensus recommendations on those issues.

Preliminary Agenda

Tuesday, April 17, 2001

1:00 p.m. Public Meeting Opens
 —Approve Minutes of October 12–13, 2000 Meeting
 Opening Remarks
 Ad hoc Committee on Science & Innovation—Status Report/Briefing
 Technology Development & Transfer Committee—Report/Briefing/Resolution
 Science Committee—Briefing/Resolution
 Long-Term Stewardship Committee—Status Report
 Ad hoc Committee on Safety and Technology—Briefing

Contracting & Management Committee—Status Report
 Worker Health & Safety—Status Report

Alternatives to Incineration Committee—Status Report

5:15 p.m. Public Comment Period and Adjournment

Wednesday, April 18, 2001

8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks
 FY 2002 Budget Overview Board
 Discussions—Work Plan Development
 EM Disposition Mapping
 Public Comment Period
 Board Business—Approval of Resolutions—New Business—Board Calendar
 Public Comment Period
 Adjournment

Public Participation

This meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Board, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make an oral statement regarding any of the items on the agenda, please contact Mr. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above, or call the Environmental Management Advisory Board office at 202–586–4400, and we will reserve time for you on the agenda. You may also register to speak at the meeting on April 17–18, 2001, or ask to speak during the public comment period. Those who call in and or register in advance will be given the opportunity to speak first. Others will be accommodated as time permits. The Board Chairs will conduct the meeting in an orderly manner.

Transcript and Minutes

We will make the minutes of the meeting available for public review and copying by June 17, 2001. The minutes and transcript of the meeting will be available for viewing at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room (1E–190) in the Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. The Public Reading Room is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. except on Federal holidays.

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Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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