

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Idaho Operations Office****Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance**

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-02ID14200 Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) Program.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, is soliciting applications for research and development grant awards in nuclear engineering topics. It is anticipated that on September 12, 2001, a full text for Solicitation Number DE-PS07-02ID14200 for the 2002 NEER Program will be made available at the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Website at: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The deadline for receipt of applications will be on November 1, 2001. Applications are to be submitted via the IIPS Website. Directions on how to apply and submit applications are detailed under the solicitation on the Website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dallas Hoffer, Contracting Officer at hofferdl@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation will be issued in accordance with 10 CFR Part 600.6(b), eligibility for awards under this program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities with nuclear engineering degree programs or options or an operating research reactor, because the purpose of the Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) program is to (1) support basic research in nuclear engineering; (2) assist in developing nuclear engineering students; and (3) contribute to strengthening the academic community's nuclear engineering infrastructure.

The statutory authority for this program is Public Law 95-91.

Issued in Idaho Falls on September 5, 2001.

R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Los Alamos**

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), Los Alamos. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, September 26, 2001; 1 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Cities of Gold Hotel, Conference Room, Pojoaque, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1640 Old Pecos Trail, Suite H, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 989-1662; fax (505) 989-1752 or e-mail: adubois@doeal.gov.

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:

1:00-4:30 p.m.

Board Business.

Election of Officers.

Consideration of 2002 FY Budget.

Openness Plan.

Recruitment/Membership.

4:30-6:00 p.m.—Dinner Break.

6:00-8:30 p.m.—Environmental

Restoration and Waste Management Presentations.

Other Board business will be conducted as necessary

This agenda is subject to change at least one day in advance of 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. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ann DuBois at the address or telephone number listed above.

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 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 at the beginning of the meeting. This federal register notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to the meeting date. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

Minutes: 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 at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 1640 Old Pecos Trail, Suite H, Santa Fe, NM. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m.—4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Ann DuBois at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://www.nnmcab.org>.

Issued at Washington, DC on September 7, 2001.

Belinda G. Hood,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; Announcement of Extension of Public Comment Period; Possible Recommendation of Yucca Mountain for Development as a Geologic Repository**

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period; correction of an address for a hearing.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (the Department) announces the extension by 15 days of the public comment period concerning consideration of Yucca Mountain as a potential site for a geologic repository. The comment period, which was to end on September 20, 2001, will be extended to end on October 5, 2001. The Department also wishes to correct the address of a hearing in Amargosa Valley, Nevada.

DATES: Written comments must be received by October 5, 2001. DOE will consider comments after October 5, 2001 to the extent practicable. DOE requests one copy of the written comments.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Carol Hanlon, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, (M/S #025), P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307. The Department also wishes to correct the address of a

September 12, 2001, hearing in Amargosa Valley, Nevada. The correct address is: Longstreet Inn and Casino, Highway 373, Amargosa Valley, Nevada 89020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, (M/S #025), P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307, 1-800-967-3477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 7, 2001, the Department announced in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 23013-23016) the initiation of a public comment period on the Secretary's consideration of the Yucca Mountain site for recommendation as a spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste repository. In conjunction with the initiation of the comment period, the Department issued a report, the Yucca Mountain Science and Engineering Report (YMS&ER), summarizing the scientific and technical information compiled by the Department to date outlining the preliminary design and performance attributes of a potential geologic repository at the Yucca Mountain site. On August 21, 2001, the Department announced in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 43850-43851) the issuance of another report, the Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation (PSSE). Each of these documents is intended to inform the public and facilitate public review and comment on a possible site recommendation. Also, in the August 21, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice the Department announced that the comment period would close on September 20, 2001. That comment period is now extended 15 days to October 5, 2001.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on September 10, 2001.

James H. Carlson,

Acting Director Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Hearings and Appeals

Implementation of Special Refund Procedures

AGENCY: Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of implementation of special refund procedures.

SUMMARY: The Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) of the Department of Energy (DOE) announces the procedures

for the disbursement of \$6,672,934, plus accrued interest, in refined petroleum product overcharges obtained by the DOE pursuant to a remedial order OHA issued to Hudson Oil Company, Inc., Case No. VEF-0011. The OHA has determined that the funds will be distributed in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR part 205, Subpart V.

DATE AND ADDRESS: Applications for Refund should be addressed to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-0107. All comments should conspicuously display a reference to Case No. VEF-0011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Cronin, Jr., Assistant Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-0107, (202) 287-1562, richard.cronin@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 10 CFR 205.282(b), notice is hereby given of the issuance of the Decision and Order set out below. The Decision sets forth the procedures that the DOE has formulated to distribute to eligible claimants \$6,672,934, plus accrued interest, obtained by the DOE pursuant to a Remedial Order OHA issued to Hudson Oil Company, Inc. (Hudson) and Hudson Refining Company, Inc. (Hudson Refining), on March 15, 1985. Under the Remedial Order, Hudson and Hudson Refining were found to have violated the federal petroleum price regulations involving the sale of refined petroleum products during the relevant audit periods.

The OHA will distribute the Remedial Order funds in a refund proceeding described in the Decision and Order. Purchasers of motor gasoline from Hudson, Hudson Refining or its affiliated firms will have the opportunity to submit refund applications. Refunds will be granted to applicants who satisfactorily demonstrate that they were injured by the pricing violations and who document the volume of refined petroleum products they purchased from one of the Hudson-affiliated firms during the relevant audit period.

All applications must be postmarked by November 30, 2001. All applications received in this proceeding will be made available for public inspection between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays, in Room 7132 (the public reference room), 950 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, DC.

Dated: September 6, 2001.

George Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585,

September 6, 2001.

Decision and Order of the Department of Energy

Implementation of Special Refund Procedures

Name of Firm: Hudson Oil Company, Inc.

Date of Filing: March 20, 1995.

Case Number: VEF-0011.

On March 20, 1995, the Economic Regulatory Administration (ERA) of the Department of Energy (DOE) filed a Petition for the Implementation of Special Refund Procedures with the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), to distribute the funds received pursuant to an OHA Remedial Order issued to Hudson Oil Company, Inc. (Hudson) and Hudson Refining Company, Inc. (Hudson Refining). See *Hudson Oil Company, Inc.*, 12 DOE ¶ 83,035 (1985). In accordance with the provisions of the procedural regulations at 10 CFR part 205, Subpart V (Subpart V), the ERA requests in its Petition that the OHA establish special procedures to make refunds in order to remedy the effects of regulatory violations set forth in the Remedial Order.

I. Background

ERA audits of Hudson, a retailer with headquarters in Kansas City, Kansas and Hudson Refining, a refiner located in Cushing, Oklahoma, revealed possible violations of the Mandatory Petroleum Price Regulations in Hudson's sales of gasoline during the period of price controls.¹ Subsequently, ERA issued a proposed remedial order (PRO) alleging that Hudson and its affiliated firms had violated the petroleum price regulations. Hudson challenged the PRO before OHA. In our March 15, 1985 Remedial Order, we found that Hudson had violated the price regulations and had overcharged its motor gasoline customers by \$10,670,000 during the period June 1979 through August 1979 (refund period). See *Hudson*, 12 DOE at 86,479. Hudson and its affiliates were found to be jointly and severally liable for the overcharge amount.² *Id.* at 86,481. On March 20, 1995, the Office of General Counsel filed a Petition for the Implementation of Special Refund Proceeding for the \$6,672,934 in funds Hudson has remitted to the DOE.³

¹ Hudson and its affiliates operated a widespread retail operation. While information in the available files is incomplete, Hudson gasoline may have been sold by retailers in Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, West Virginia and Georgia.

² The Remedial Order references Hudson Van Oil Company, Hudson Van Oil Company of Kansas City, Inc., Hudson Van Oil Company of Florida, Inc., Hudson Van Oil Company of California, Inc., Hudson Stations, Inc., Wind Stations, Inc., News, Inc. and Hudson Petroleum, Inc. as Hudson affiliates covered in ERA's PRO. See *Hudson*, 12 DOE at 86,483 n.1.

³ Hudson and Hudson Refining filed for bankruptcy in 1984. In addition to the March 1985