

Agency (IEA) will meet on November 20, 2001, at the headquarters of the IEA in Paris, France in connection with a meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 252(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(i)) (EPCA), the following notice of meeting is provided:

A meeting of the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will be held at the headquarters of the IEA, 9, rue de la Fédération, Paris, France, on November 20, 2001, beginning at approximately 9 a.m. The purpose of this notice is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ), which is scheduled to be held at the IEA on November 20, including a preparatory encounter among company representatives from approximately 9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m..

The Agenda for the preparatory encounter among company representatives is to elicit views regarding items on the SEQ's Agenda. The Agenda for the SEQ meeting is under the control of the SEQ. It is expected that the SEQ will adopt the following Agenda:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Summary Record of the 102nd Meeting
3. IEA Response Plan: Follow-up
4. The SEQ Program of Work
 - Draft Program of Work and Budget for 2002
5. Update on Compliance with International Energy Program (IEP) Stockholding Commitments
6. Unavailable Stocks
7. Emergency Response Procedures
 - Transition from CERM (Coordinated Emergency Response Measures) to IEP Measures
8. Oil Market, Policy and Legislative Developments in Member Countries
 - Accession of Korea
 - Japan
 - Others
9. The Current Oil Market Situation
 - Report on the Oil Market Situation
10. Current IAB Activities
11. Emergency Response Training and Simulation Exercise
 - Progress Report on the Emergency

- Response Training
 - Simulation Exercise 2002 (ERE 2)
12. Joint SEQ/SLT (Standing Group on Long-Term Cooperation) Seminar
 - Joint SEQ/SLT Inter-fuels Workshop
13. IEA World Energy Outlook 2001: Insights
14. Oil Security Developments in Non-Member Countries and International Organizations
 - Developments in Poland and Slovakia
 - Report on China
 - Stockholding Agencies: ACOMES
 - Report on ASEAN and APERC Meeting, Bangkok
 - Report on the Seminar on OPEC and Global Energy Balance
 - Other Initiatives and Events
15. Emergency Data and Related Issues for Information
 - Emergency Reserve and Net Import Situation of IEA Countries on July 1, 2001
 - Emergency Reserve Situation of IEA Candidate Countries on July 1, 2001
 - Monthly Oil Statistics July 2001
 - Base Period Final Consumption 2Q2000/2Q2001
 - QOF—4Q2001
 - Update of Emergency Contacts List
16. Other Business
 - Dates of Next Meetings: March 12–15, 2002; June 25–27, 2002

As provided in section 252(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(ii)), this meeting is open only to representatives of members of the IAB and their counsel, representatives of members of the SEQ, representatives of the Departments of Energy, Justice, and State, the Federal Trade Commission, the General Accounting Office, Committees of Congress, the IEA, and the European Commission, and invitees of the IAB, the SEQ, or the IEA.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; Site Recommendation Consideration Process—Announcement of Supplemental Public Comment Period

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

ACTION: Notice of a supplemental public comment period on supplemental

information regarding the Yucca Mountain site recommendation consideration process.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (the Department) announces a supplemental public comment period regarding the consideration of a possible recommendation of the Yucca Mountain by the Secretary of Energy. This supplemental public comment period is being offered to afford the public an additional opportunity to comment on information that was not available during the comment period that ended on October 19, 2001.

DATES: The 30 day comment period begins today and closes on December 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Carol Hanlon, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office (M/S #205), P.O. Box 364629, North Las Vegas, Nevada, 89036-8629. Supplementary analyses and updated technical information, in the form of contractor reports, are available on the Internet at www.ymp.gov or also can be obtained by calling 1-800-967-3477.

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 364629, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-8629, 1-800-967-3477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Today the Department announces a 30-day supplemental comment period regarding possible site recommendation of Yucca Mountain as a geologic repository.

In a **Federal Register** Notice of October 5, 2001, (66 FR 51027), the Secretary indicated that there would be a later public involvement opportunity closer to the decision time on a possible Yucca Mountain site recommendation, the scope of which would be focused exclusively on issues that could not have been raised in the comment period which ended on October 19, 2001. This notice announces the beginning and closing of that opportunity for public involvement.

Since the close of the public comment period on October 19, 2001, the Department has completed preparation of supplemental analyses addressing, to the extent necessary, changes from the proposed to the final regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) establishing public health and safety standards for a repository at Yucca Mountain, 40 CFR part 197, and of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) establishing licensing regulations for

such a repository, 10 CFR part 63. The EPA issued its final regulations on June 13, 2001 (66 FR 32074); the NRC finalized its regulations, with conforming changes to implement the final EPA public health and safety standards, on November 2, 2001 (66 FR 55732). Following issuance of 10 CFR part 63, the Department finalized its regulation, 10 CFR part 963, establishing guidelines for the Secretary to determine the suitability of the Yucca Mountain site. Those final DOE regulations have been promulgated in a separate part of today's **Federal Register**.

In addition to the supplemental analyses described above, the Department's site characterization work has continued since publication of the *Science and Engineering Report* (S&ER), and the *Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation* (PSSE). The Department has prepared a report to reflect this updated technical and scientific information completed since publication of the S&ER in May 2001.

The supplementary analyses and updated technical information documents referenced above, in the form of contractor reports, are available on the Internet at www.ymp.gov or also can be obtained by calling 1-800-967-3477. These documents are entitled as follows:

(i) Total System Performance Assessment—Analyses for Disposal of Commercial and DOE Waste Inventories at Yucca Mountain—Input to the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Site Suitability Evaluation; Bechtel SAIC Company, LLC (September 17, 2001);

(ii) TSPA Sensitivity Analyses for Final Regulations; Bechtel SAIC Company, LLC (November 2001); and,

(iii) Technical Update Impact Letter Report; Bechtel SAIC Company, LLC (November 2001).

Additional information on the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management program may be obtained at the Yucca Mountain web site at www.ymp.gov or by calling 1-800-967-3477.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Proposed Renewal of Information Collection and Request for Comments

November 7, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for Office of Management and Budget to renew information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is providing notice of a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal of the Commission's May 11, 2001 request for a collection of information in connection with the California electricity markets, and is soliciting public comment on that information collection.

DATES: Comments are requested on or before January 6, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: (1) Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415 and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us; and (2) Amy Farrell, FERC Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202 NEOB, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Ms. Farrell may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-7318 or by fax at (202) 395-7285.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart Fischer, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, (202) 208-2103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Power Act directs the Commission to ensure just and reasonable rates for transmission and wholesale sales of electricity in interstate commerce. See 16 U.S.C. 824e(a). To enable the Commission to fulfill this duty, the Federal Power Act also authorizes the Commission to conduct investigations of, and collect information from, public utilities. See 16 U.S.C. 825, 825c, 825f, and 825j. Commission staff has been investigating the California electricity market, which in late 2000 and early 2001 was in a state of emergency with prices at extremely high levels and, on some days, rotating blackouts.

One of the likely reasons for the high prices was forced and scheduled

outages by electric generators in California. On most days between January and May 2001, the California Independent System Operator (ISO) reported outages of well over 10,000 megawatts for generating plants in California. In addition to causing higher prices, the outages limited the availability of electric power in California, leading the ISO to order rotating blackouts in the state to preserve the transmission system. On April 26, 2001, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Prospective Mitigation and Monitoring Plan for the California Wholesale Electric Markets and Establishing An Investigation of Public Utility Rates in Wholesale Western Energy Markets, *San Diego Gas and Electric Company v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Service et al.*, 95 FERC ¶ 61,115 (2001) (the April 26 Order), *Order on Rehearing*, 95 FERC ¶ 61,418 (June 19, 2001) (the June 19 Order). In the April 26 Order, the Commission stated that:

the Commission staff will continue its independent monitoring of generating unit outages as well as the real-time and forward price monitoring of both electric and natural gas commodity and transmission prices. Knowledge of these conditions on an ongoing and up-to-date basis is essential, if the Commission is to provide an independent and informed assessment of the key elements of the mitigation plan, such as the level of unplanned outages and conditions that could cause price mitigation to be invoked.

95 FERC at 61,360.

To implement its monitoring efforts, on May 11, 2001, the Commission sought a clearance from OMB to collect information electronically from generators on plant outages within 24 hours of their occurrence and conclusion, whether forced, scheduled or otherwise. 66 FR 24353 (May 14, 2001). OMB granted the Commission's request on May 17, 2001, with an expiration date of November 30, 2001. Currently, the Commission requires this information from all non-municipal generators that sell into the ISO market, are not investor owned utilities, and own, operate or control either one generation unit with a capacity of 30 MW or more, or generation units aggregating 50 MW or more in capacity. Municipal generators that meet the generation capacity parameters are requested to supply the information on a voluntary basis. For the purposes of the data collection, Commission staff considers an outage partial if it reduces the available output of a generation unit below its nameplate rated capacity or below the reliable capacity of the unit as determined by contract with the California ISO. The Commission has