

particular method of conveyance merely implements the Federal agency's decision to dispose of the property. Decisions concerning whether to undertake a public benefit conveyance or an economic development conveyance, or to sell property by negotiation or by competitive bid are committed by law to agency discretion. Selecting a method of disposal implicates a broad range of factors and rests solely within the Secretary of the Navy's discretion.

Conclusion

Alternative Reuse Scenario 3 with its three Development Concepts presents the highest and best use of the Charleston Naval Base. The local community, represented by the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority, has determined in its reuse plan that the property should be used for a high density mix of commercial, industrial and recreational activities. The property's physical characteristics and past use and the current use of adjacent lands make it appropriate for this high density mix of redevelopment. Additionally, utilizing the existing infrastructure on the Base to the maximum extent, this redevelopment would produce an environment most likely to create jobs.

Alternative Reuse Scenario 3 responds to local economic conditions, promotes rapid economic recovery from the impact of base closure, and is consistent with President Clinton's Five-Part Plan for revitalizing base closure communities, which emphasizes local economic redevelopment of the closing military facility and creation of jobs as the means to revitalize these communities. 32 CFR Parts 90 and 91, 59 FR 16,123 (1994). The resultant environmental impacts can be mitigated by the acquiring entity under the direction of Federal, State and local regulatory authorities.

If only environmental considerations were determinative, the proposal with the least potential for causing adverse environmental impacts would be Alternative Reuse Scenario 1. This alternative, however, does not constitute the highest and best use of the Base property. While Alternative Reuse Scenario 1 presents a reasonable use which could benefit residents of the local community, this alternative does not take full advantage of the property's physical characteristics and past use, does not make maximum use of the existing infrastructure to support redevelopment, and does not have as high a potential for job creation.

Additionally, Alternative Reuse Scenario 1 does not provide the level of activity sought in the LRA's reuse plan and would not foster rapid economic recovery for this base closure community through redevelopment of the closed Base and job creation. Consequently, Alternative Reuse Scenario 1 does not constitute the highest and best use of the property. Similarly, Alternative Reuse Scenario 2 does not take full advantage of the potential for redevelopment of the Base property and is not as likely to achieve economic redevelopment of the Base as is Alternative Reuse Scenario 3.

Accordingly, Navy will dispose of the Charleston Naval Base in a manner that is consistent with the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority's proposed reuse plan for the property.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announced the availability of the Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Storage and Disposition Draft PEIS) (DOE/EIS-0229-D) for public review and comment in the March 8, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 9443). The Department is announcing that the public comment period which began on March 8, 1996 and was to close on May 7, 1996 has been extended to June 7, 1996, for the Storage and Disposition Draft PEIS.

DATES: The public is invited to submit written and oral comments on any or all portions of the Storage and Disposition Draft PEIS during the extension of the public comment period that began on March 8, 1996 and now continues until June 7, 1996. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Comments submitted during the original public comment period do not have to be resubmitted. DOE's responses to comments received during the public comment period will

be presented in the Storage and Disposition Final PEIS. The Department held eight public meetings to discuss and receive comments on the Storage and Disposition Draft PEIS during the period from March 26, 1996 through April 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

Written comments on the Storage and Disposition Draft PEIS should be mailed to the following address: DOE-Office of Fissile Materials Disposition, P.O. Box 23786, Washington, DC 20026-3786. Comments may also be submitted orally (to a recording machine) or by fax by calling 1-800-820-5156, or to the Office of Fissile Materials Disposition's INTERNET (World Wide Web) address at URL=<http://web.fie.com/htdoc/fed/doe/fsl/pub/menu/any/index.htm>.

Requests for further information concerning the Storage and Disposition Draft PEIS should be directed to: Office of Fissile Materials Disposition (MD-4), Attention: Storage and Disposition PEIS, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585; by calling 1-800-820-5134; or by using the above INTERNET address.

Information regarding the DOE National Environmental Policy Act process should be directed to: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585, by calling (202) 586-4600 or leaving a message at 1-800-472-2756.

DOE Public Reading Rooms

Copies of the draft Storage and Disposition PEIS, as well as technical data reports and other supporting documents, are available for public review at the following locations:

Albuquerque Operations Office

National Atomic Museum, 20358 Wyoming Boulevard, SE, Kirtland AFB, NM 87117, 505-284-3243

Amarillo Area Office

U.S. Department of Energy, Amarillo College, Lynn Library/Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, P.O. Box 447, Amarillo, TX 79178, 806-371-5400

U.S. DOE Reading Room, Carson County Library, 401 Main Street, P.O. Box 339, Panhandle, TX 79068, 806-537-3742

Chicago Operations Office

Office of Planning, Communications and EEO, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439, 708-252-2013

Headquarters, Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, 202-586-3142

Idaho Operations Office

Idaho Public Reading Room, 1776 Science Center Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, 208-526-0271

Los Alamos National Laboratory

U.S. Department of Energy, c/o Los Alamos Community Reading Room, 1350 Central, Suite 101, Los Alamos, NM 87544, 505-665-2127

Nevada Operations Office

Nevada Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, 2621 Losse Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89030, 702-295-1128

Oak Ridge Operations Office

U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, 55 South Jefferson Circle, Room 112, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-8501, 423-241-4780

Richland Operations Office

Washington State University, Tri-Cities Branch Campus, 100 Sprout Road, Room 130 West, Richland, WA 99352, 509-376-8583

Rocky Flats Office

Front Range Community College Library, 3645 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80030, 303-469-4435

Sandia National Laboratory

Livermore Public Library, 1000 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, 510-373-5500

Savannah River Operations Office

Gregg-Graniteville Library, University of South Carolina-Aiken, 171 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801, 803-641-3320

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation.

DATES: Wednesday, June 5, 1996: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Oak Ridge Inn (formerly Holiday Inn), 420 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Perkins, Site-Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-1590.

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

June Meeting Topics

The Board will be briefed on the air monitoring program for the Oak Ridge Reservation.

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 Sandy Perkins at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official 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 5 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 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 am and 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday, or by writing to Sandy Perkins, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or by calling her at (423) 576-1590.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 3, 1996.

Rachel Murphy Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Privacy Act of 1974; Notice To Amend an Existing System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Proposed amendment to an existing system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a, the Department of Energy is publishing for public comment a revision to an existing system of records, "DOE-34, Employee Assistance Program (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program)" including the renaming of the system to "DOE-34, Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Records." The revision expands the scope of the system to include assistance on all behavioral problems or issues. The revision also proposes to increase system locations, expand the categories of individuals covered and the categories of records in the system, establish new routine uses, delete existing routine uses, and update other information related to the system.

DATES: The proposed revisions will become effective without further notice 40 days after publication in the Federal Register, unless comments are received on or before that date that would result in a contrary determination and a notice is published to that effect.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be directed to the following address: Director, FOIA/Privacy Act Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, HR-78, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Written comments will be available for inspection at the above address between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GayLa D. Sessoms, Director, FOIA/Privacy Act Division, HR-78, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-5955; Bruce Murray, Office of Personnel Policy, Programs and Assistance, HR-323, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-3372; or Harold Halpern, Office of General Counsel, GC-80, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8618.