

rests solely within the Secretary of the Navy's discretion.

CONCLUSION: The Reuse Plan prepared by the City of Philadelphia is consistent with the prescriptions of the FPMR and Section 90.4 of the DoD Rule. The LRA has determined in its Reuse Plan that the property should be used for several purposes including light and heavy industrial, manufacturing, administrative, research and development, educational, intermodal transportation, and waterfront commercial and industrial activities. The property's location, physical characteristics, and existing infrastructure, as well as the current uses of adjacent property, make it appropriate for the proposed uses.

The Reuse Plan responds to local and regional economic conditions, promotes rapid economic recovery from the impact of the Base's 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 new jobs as the means to revitalize these communities. 32 CFR Parts 90 and 91, 59 FR 16123 (1994). The acquiring entity, under the direction of Federal, State and local agencies with regulatory authority over protected resources, will be responsible for implementing necessary mitigation measures.

Although the "No action" alternative has less potential for causing adverse environmental impacts, that alternative would not alleviate the economic hardship that Congress expressly recognized as accompanying base closures. It would not foster local economic redevelopment of the Naval Base property and would not create new jobs. Additionally, it would not take advantage of the property's location, physical characteristics, and infrastructure or the current uses of adjacent property.

Accordingly, Navy will dispose of Naval Base Philadelphia in a manner that is consistent with the City of Philadelphia's Reuse Plan for the property.

Dated: June 26, 1997.

William J. Cassidy, Jr.,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy
(Conversion and Redevelopment).*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Centers for Independent Living; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Purpose of Program

This program provides support for planning, conducting, administering, and evaluating centers for independent living (centers) that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act), consistent with the State plan for establishing a statewide network of centers. Centers are consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agencies that are designed and operated within local communities by individuals with disabilities and provide an array of independent living (IL) services.

Eligible Applicants

To be eligible to apply, an applicant must be a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agency as defined in 34 CFR 364.4; have the power and authority to meet the requirements in 34 CFR 366.2(a)(1); be able to plan, conduct, administer, and evaluate a center for independent living consistent with the requirements of section 725 (b) and (c) of the Act and Subparts F and G of 34 CFR Part 366; and either—(1) not currently be receiving funds under Part C of Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Act; or (2) propose the expansion of an existing center through the establishment of a separate and complete center (except that the governing board of the existing center may serve as the governing board of the new center) in a different geographical location. Eligibility under this competition is limited to entities that meet the requirements of 34 CFR 366.24 and propose to serve areas that are unserved or underserved in the States and territories listed under *Available Funds*.

Supplementary Information: The current grantee under this program that is eligible for a grant under the statute has withdrawn its application. Therefore, the funds are available to other applicants.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 15, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 29, 1997.

Applications Available: July 9, 1997.

Available Funds: \$431,691 as distributed in the following manner: South Carolina \$431,691.

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$100,000–431,691.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1–4 per eligible State.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 96; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 364 and 366.

For Applications or Further Information Contact: John Nelson, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3326 Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2741. Telephone (202) 205-9362. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be downloaded from the Rehabilitation Services Administration's electronic bulletin board, telephone (202) 205-5574 (2400 bps) and (202) 205-9950 (9600 bps) or from the World Wide Web (at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/RSA/rsakits.html>); and can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for this competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 721 (c) and (e) and 796(f).

Dated: July 2, 1997.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing the availability of

the "Summary of Public Scoping Comments Related to the Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada" (hereafter referred to as the comment summary document).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy R. Dixon, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Project Manager, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 1180 Town Center Drive, MS/010, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134, 1-800-967-3477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE is preparing an EIS pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended (NWPA), for a geologic repository for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and high-level radioactive waste (HLW) at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada. On August 7, 1995 DOE published a notice of intent (60 FR 40164) encouraging the general public, Federal agencies, state and local government agencies, Native American tribal organizations, public interest groups, transportation interests, and industry and utility organizations to participate in the scoping process for the EIS. DOE held fifteen public scoping meetings across the country between August 29 and October 24, 1995 to allow interested parties the opportunity to present oral and written comments. As mentioned in the notice of intent, although the 120-day scoping period closed on December 5, 1995, DOE will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable. DOE welcomes such comments, which may be submitted in writing to Ms. Dixon at the address above. Alternatively, comments may also be submitted through the internet and e-mail addresses identified in the "Availability" discussion below.

Shortly after the scoping period closed, funding to continue the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process was discontinued in accordance with Fiscal Year 1996 budgetary reductions, until October 1, 1996 (the beginning of Fiscal Year 1997). During the interim, on July 9, 1996, to simplify the DOE NEPA process, reduce cost, and save time, DOE published a final rule (61 FR 36222) eliminating the requirement in its new regulations to prepare implementation plans. The elimination of this requirement, however, did not affect the requirement to consider public scoping comments and factor them into the preparation of the EIS.

Although not required to do so, DOE has prepared a comment summary document to inform the public of the results of the scoping process. The comment summary document summarizes and categorizes comments received during the public scoping process into issue areas, and discusses how these issue areas will be addressed in the EIS.

As discussed in the Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS (60 FR 40164), the NWPA directs DOE to evaluate the suitability of the Yucca Mountain site as a potential site for a geologic repository for the disposal of SNF and HLW. If the Secretary of Energy determines that the Yucca Mountain site is suitable, the Secretary may then recommend that the President approve the site for development of a repository. Under the NWPA, any such recommendation is considered a major Federal action and must be accompanied by a final EIS. The NWPA states that the EIS need not consider the need for a repository, alternatives to geologic disposal, or alternative sites to the Yucca Mountain site. Therefore, as described in the Notice of Intent, the proposed action would be to construct, operate, and eventually close a repository at Yucca Mountain for the geologic disposal of commercial and DOE-owned SNF and HLW.

SNF and HLW generate heat as a result of radioactive decay. The amount of heat generated is important because of its potential for changing the long-term performance characteristics of a repository. The amount of heat in a repository, or "thermal load", can be controlled by varying how densely SNF or HLW is placed in a repository, as well as by selective placement of fuels that have different ages. Packing SNF and HLW packages closely together would generate an upper range of repository temperatures. In contrast, packing SNF and HLW farther apart would generate a lower range of repository temperatures. DOE has identified three implementation alternatives, based on thermal load objectives, that would implement the proposed action. The EIS will therefore evaluate three thermal load ranges: High Thermal Load (emplacement of greater than 80 Metric Tons of Heavy Metal (MTHM) SNF and HLW per acre); Low Thermal Load (less than 40 MTHM per acre); and Intermediate Thermal Load (between 40 and 80 MTHM per acre). For each of these implementation alternatives, DOE will include an evaluation of different SNF and HLW packaging and transportation options.

Under the NWPA DOE is prohibited from emplacing more than 70,000

MTHM of SNF and HLW in the first repository until such time as a second repository is in operation. Many comments received during the scoping process requested that the EIS evaluate not only the disposal of 70,000 MTHM of SNF and HLW, but also the disposal of all existing and projected SNF and HLW. In addition, commentators noted that in recent planning and NEPA documents, DOE has indicated that other waste types, such as commercial Greater-than-Class C low-level waste, may require permanent isolation in a geologic repository, and therefore should also be considered as candidates for disposal in this EIS.

As discussed in the comment summary document, the EIS will continue to evaluate the proposed action and three thermal load implementation alternatives, as well as a no action alternative. The no action alternative will include the termination of site characterization activities at Yucca Mountain and the continued accumulation of SNF and HLW at commercial storage sites and DOE facilities. In addition, based on the scoping comments received, DOE is also considering including an analysis of the incremental environmental impacts from the disposal of all existing and projected SNF and HLW, and other highly radioactive waste types that may require permanent isolation, even though disposal at Yucca Mountain of some of these materials is not explicitly authorized.

Availability

The comment summary document will be distributed for information purposes to those individuals, agencies, Native American tribal organizations, and public interest groups who have requested that they receive copies of EIS-related information. Copies of the comment summary document may be obtained by phone (1-800-967-3477, 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m., Monday—Friday, Eastern Time), by faxed request (1-800-967-0739), from the internet at Uniform Resource Locator address <http://www.ymp.gov> under the listing entitled "Environmental Impact Statement," and by e-mail by sending a request to ymp_eisr@notes.ymp.gov.

Copies of the comment summary document also are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following public reading rooms.

Inyo County, 139 North Edwards, P.O.

Drawer L, Independence, CA 93526.

Attn: Brad Mettam (619) 872-2913
Oakland Operations Office, U.S.

Department of Energy, Public Reading Room—EIC, 1301 Clay Street, Room

- 700N, Oakland, CA 94612-5208. Attn: Lauren Noble (510) 637-1762
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Public Reading Room, 1617 Cole Blvd., Golden, CO 80401. Attn: Nancy Greer (303) 275-4030
- Rocky Flats Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, Front Range Community College Library, Room B1103, 3645 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80030. Attn: Susan Barron (303) 469-4435
- Atlanta Support Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, 730 Peachtree Street, Suite 876, Atlanta, GA 30308-1212. Attn: Nancy Mays or Laura Nicholas (404) 347-2420
- Southeastern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, Legal Library, Samuel Elbert Building, 2 South Public Square, Elberton, GA 30635-2496. Attn: Joel W. Seymour or Carol M. Franklin (706) 213-3800
- Boise State University Library, Government Documents, 1910 University Ave., P.O. Box 46, Boise, ID 83707-0046. Attn: Adrien Taylor (208) 385-1621
- Idaho Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, 1776 Science Center Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Attn: Brent Jacobson (208) 526-1144
- Chicago Operations Office, Document Department, University of Illinois, Chicago, 801 South Morgan Street, Chicago, IL 60607. Attn: John Shuler (312) 996-2738
- Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office, U.S. Department of Energy, SPRMO/SEB Reading Room, 900 Commerce Road, East, New Orleans, LA 70123. Attn: Ulysses Washington (504) 734-4243
- Churchill County, 190 West 1st Street, Fallon, NV 89406. Attn: Alan Kalt (702) 423-5136
- Clark County, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, #3012, P.O. Box 551751, Las Vegas, NV 89155-1751. Attn: Dennis Bechtel (702) 455-5175
- Esmeralda County, Public Reading Room, Commissioner's Office, P.O. Box 517, Goldfield, NV 89013. Attn: Susan Dudley (702) 485-3461
- Eureka County, 1012 Monroe Street, P.O. Box 714, Eureka, NV 89316. Attn: Sandy Green (702) 237-5407
- Lander County, 500 Main Street, P.O. Box 10, Austin, NV 89310. Attn: Tammy Manzini (702) 964-2447
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, James Dickinson Library—Government Publications, 4505 Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89154-7013. Attn: Reference Desk (702) 895-3409
- Lincoln County, #1 Main Street, P.O. Box 90, Pioche, NV 89043. Attn: Jason Pitts (702) 962-5390
- Mineral County, 1st and A Streets, P.O. Box 1600, Hawthorne, NV 89415. Attn: Vernon Poe (702) 945-2484.
- Nevada State Clearinghouse, Department of Administration, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710. Attn: Julie Butler (702) 486-3000
- Nye County, 475 St. Patrick Street, P.O. Box 1767, Tonopah, NV 89049. Attn: Les Bradshaw (702) 482-8183
- University of Nevada Library, Business and Government Information Center, Reno, NV 89557-0044. Attn: Duncan Eldrich (702) 784-6500
- White Pine County, 957 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301. Attn: Ferd Mariani (702) 289-2341
- Albuquerque Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Technical Vocational Institute, 525 Buena Vista, SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Attn: Russ Gladstone (505) 845-4097
- Fernald Area Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Public Information Office, 7400 Willey Road, Cincinnati, OH 45239. Attn: Gary Stegner (513) 648-3153
- Bartlesville Project Office, U.S. Department of Energy, National Institute for Petroleum and Energy Research, BPO/NIPER Library, 220 Virginia Ave., P.O. Box 2565, Bartlesville, OK 74005. Attn: Josh Stroman (918) 337-4371
- Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, 1 West 3rd, Suite 1600, P.O. Box 1619, Tulsa, OK 74101. Attn: Pam Bland (918) 595-6608
- Bonneville Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy—BPA—C—ACS—1, 905 NE 11th Street, Portland, OR 97208. Attn: Sue Ludeman (503) 230-7334
- Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center, U.S. Department of Energy, Building 922/M210, Cochrans Mill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940. Attn: Anne C. Dunlap (412) 892-6167
- Savannah River Operations Office, Gregg-Graniteville Library, University of South Carolina, Aiken, 171 University Pkwy., Aiken, SC 29801. Attn: David Darugh (803) 725-2497
- University of South Carolina, Thomas Cooper Library, Documents/Microfilms Department, Green and Sumpter Streets, Columbia, SC 29208. Attn: Lester Duncan (803) 777-4841
- Oak Ridge Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, 55 S. Jefferson Circle, Room 112 Oak Ridge, TN 37831-8510. Attn: Amy Rothrock (423) 576-1216
- Southern Methodist University, Central University Libraries, Fondren Library—Documents Department, P.O. Box 135, Dallas, TX 75257-0135. Attn: Robin Gruner (214) 768-2561
- University of Utah, Marriott Library—Special Collections, Salt Lake City, UT 84112. Attn: Walter Jones (801) 581-6273
- U.S. Department of Energy, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. Attn: Carolyn Lawson (202) 586-5955
- OCRWM National Information Center, 600 Maryland Ave., SW, Suite 760, Washington, D.C. 20024. Attn: Elizabeth Smeda (202) 488-6728
- Richland Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy Public Reading Room, 100 Sprout Road, Room 130 West, P.O. Box 999, MS:H2-53, Richland, WA 99352. Attn: Terri Traub (509) 376-8583
- Yucca Mountain Science Center, U.S. 95—Star Route 374, Beatty, NV 89003. Attn: Marina Anderson (702) 553-2130
- Yucca Mountain Science Center, 4101B Meadows Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89107. Attn: Melinda d'Ouville (702) 295-1312
- Yucca Mountain Science Center, 1141 South Highway 160, Pahrump, NV 89041. Attn: Lee Krumm (702) 727-0896
- Issued in Washington, D.C. on June 27, 1997.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-604-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 2, 1997.

Take notice that on June 25, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-604-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to exchange a 6-inch turbine meter at its Oshkosh Meter Station with a 4-inch