

7. *City of Allentown D-97-14 CP*

A project to modify the applicant's Klines Island STP to improve the secondary settling and final settling processes, along with other operational and equipment modifications. The STP project is intended to more efficiently meet the effluent parameters in the current and future discharge permits. The STP will continue to be rated for a 40 mgd average monthly flow and discharge to the Lehigh River in the City of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. The STP will continue to serve the City of Allentown, the Boroughs of Coplay, Emmaus, Alburtis and Macungie, and the Townships of Whitehall, South Whitehall, Salisbury, Upper Macungie, Lower Macungie, Upper Milford, Hanover, Weisenberg and Lowhill, all in Lehigh County.

Documents relating to these items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Preliminary dockets are available in single copies upon request. Please contact Thomas L. Brand at (609) 883-9500 ext. 221 concerning docket-related questions. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing are requested to register with the Secretary at (609) 883-9500 ext. 203 prior to the hearing.

Dated: July 21, 1997.

Susan M. Weisman,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Management Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U. S. C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Information Resources Management Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

Gloria Parker,
Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Management

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Customer Satisfaction Surveys and Focus Groups

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal government, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 101,000.

Burden Hours: 8,000.

Abstract: Customer satisfaction surveys and focus group discussions will be conducted by the Principal Offices of the Department of Education. They will measure customer satisfaction and establish and improve customer service standards as required by Executive Order 12862.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Response to Recommendation 97-2 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Continuation of Criticality Safety at Defense Nuclear Facilities in the Department of Energy (DOE) Complex

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 97-2, concerning Continuation of Criticality Safety at Defense Nuclear Facilities in the Department of Energy (DOE) Complex, in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1997 (62 CFR 29118). Section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b) requires the Department of Energy to transmit a response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by July 14, 1997. The Secretary's response follows.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before August 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robin Staffin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Development, Office of Defense Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 14, 1997.

Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.,

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

July 14, 1997.

The Honorable John T. Conway,
Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

Dear Mr. Chairman: This letter acknowledges receipt of Recommendation 97-2 issued on May 19, 1997, addressing the need for improved criticality safety practices and programs to alleviate potential adverse impacts on safety and productivity of Department of Energy operations. The Department accepts Recommendation 97-2 to assure the continuation of criticality safety at defense nuclear facilities.

To acquire a common understanding of issues raised in Recommendation 97-2, we surveyed criticality safety professionals at our major sites. The survey identified the following three general understandings which will be the foundation for the Implementation Plan.

- The Department has not efficiently integrated criticality safety as part of work planning and implementation uniformly across the complex.
- We are aware of emerging criticality safety issues as the Department transitions from nuclear weapons production to materials stabilization; facilities deactivation, decontamination and decommissioning; and packaging, transportation and dispositioning of fissile materials.

- The Department needs to develop new guidance and technical support resources to address criticality safety issues.

The Department recognized the need to integrate safety into its work. Initiatives are being implemented, as appropriate, to apply graded or tailored approaches to the work and any associated hazards. We are focussing on improved work performance and feedback as part of an overall Integrated Safety Management program.

The Department is aware of the challenges posed by the need to stabilize nuclear materials, deactivate contaminated facilities, and provide secure and safe storage of fissile materials. Therefore, our response to Recommendation 97-2 will be tailored to address criticality safety concerns where they exist. In conjunction with key line managers, the Department will form a group of criticality safety experts from the 2 Department of Energy and contractor communities to provide advice and assistance in development of a Recommendation 97-2 Implementation Plan. To ensure efficient operations of this criticality safety program and to build upon the successes of activities under way, we plan to integrate continuing actions under the 93-2 Implementation Plan into the 97-2 Implementation Plan, and propose closure of Recommendation 93-2.

Dr. Robin Staffin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Development,

Office of Defense Programs; and Mr. David Huizenga, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Materials and Facilities Stabilization, Office of Environmental Management, are the responsible co-managers for preparing the Implementation Plan. Dr. Staffin will serve as the principal point of contact with the Board and will work with you and your staff to develop an acceptable Implementation Plan meeting our mutual expectations.

Sincerely,
Federico Peña
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats.

DATES: Thursday, August 7, 1997, 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Westminster City Hall (Lower-level Multi-purpose Room), 4800 West 92nd Avenue, Westminster, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, EM SSAB-Rocky Flats, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021, phone: (303) 420-7855, fax: (303) 420-7579.

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.

Purpose of the Meeting: The Board will hear from an independent contractor it hired to review Rocky Flats environmental monitoring systems. During the spring of 1996, a Rocky Flats Community Needs Assessment (RFCNA) was conducted to identify the community's needs and concerns during the cleanup of Rocky Flats. One of the themes emerging from the study was that the public wanted to ensure they were protected from off-site radioactive releases. Having a reliable, continuous environmental monitoring program is a necessary component of that protection. As a follow-up to the RFCNA, the Board decided to contract with an outside, independent organization to review and assess the current environmental monitoring systems in place at the site.

This February, the firm Parker-Hall, Inc. (PHI) of Boise, Idaho, was selected to perform the review. PHI will now present the results of its study, as well as recommendations for change.

In addition, the Board will discuss a draft recommendation prepared by its Plutonium and Special Nuclear Materials Committee. The recommendation addresses environmental, health, and safety vulnerabilities associated with highly enriched uranium; general health and safety issues; and specific items such as criticality safety, fire protection, and management oversight.

Tentative Agenda

1. Parker-Hall, Inc. (PHI) Review, Results and Recommendations
2. Plutonium and Special Nuclear Materials Committee draft recommendation

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 Ken Korkia 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 Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Deb Thompson at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC, on July 25, 1997.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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