

34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 385 and 389.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

FOR APPLICATIONS: To request an application package, please write to U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3038 Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649, Attention Joyce R. Jones; or call (202) 205-8351.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education, Region IV, PO Box 1691, Atlanta, Georgia 30301. Telephone: (404) 331-0530. 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 viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at [gopher://gcs.ed.gov](http://gcs.ed.gov)); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 774.

Dated: January 29, 1997.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Reopening of the Public Comment Period for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Disposal Phase Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Reopening of the Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: This notice reopens the public comment period for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Disposal Phase Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS-II) until February 27, 1997. All comments received by that date will be considered

in preparing the final SEIS-II. A Notice of Availability of the draft was published on November 29, 1996 (61 FR 60690). All other information contained in the Notice of Availability remains unchanged.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the draft SEIS-II should be mailed to the following address: Harold Johnson, NEPA Compliance Officer, Att: SEIS Comments, P.O. Box 9800, Albuquerque, NM 87119.

Although some written comments mailed to this address were mistakenly returned by the U.S. Postal Service to sender, this situation has been rectified and individuals are requested to resubmit their comments to the above address. Comments may also be submitted by electronic mail to WIPPSEIS@battelle.org or by fax to Harold Johnson, NEPA Compliance Officer at (505) 224-8030. For more information on WIPP and the SEIS-II, contact the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-WIPP (1-800-336-9477).

For information on the DOE National Environmental Policy Act process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

DATES: The comment period on the draft SEIS-II will be reopened until February 27, 1997. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 29, 1996, the Department issued a Notice of Availability (61 FR 60690) on the draft SEIS-II that included: A brief description of the contents of the document and alternatives analyzed; a list of reading rooms where the full document is available to the public; information on how to obtain additional copies of the document and submit public comments; and a schedule of public hearings. This Notice also announced a sixty-day public comment period extending from November 29, 1996 to January 28, 1997.

The public comment period is being reopened until February 27, 1997, in response to public requests for additional time to review the document and prepare comments. The Department has individually notified interested stakeholders of the reopened comment period. Except for the end of the comment period, all information contained in the November 29, 1996, Notice of Availability remains unchanged. Please note that some written comments on the draft SEIS-II that were mailed to the Department

were mistakenly returned by the U.S. Postal Service to sender. This situation has been rectified and these comments may be resubmitted to the address above. Comments postmarked after February 27, 1997, will be considered to the extent practicable. Further information on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and on the SEIS-II is contained in the November 29, 1996, Notice of Availability.

Issued in Washington, DC., this 27 day of January, 1997.

Mark W. Frei,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Waste Management Environmental Management.

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Floodplain Statement of Findings for Operable Unit 5 Remedial Action at the Fernald Environmental Management Project

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE), Fernald Environmental Management Project.

ACTION: Floodplain statement of findings.

SUMMARY: This is to give notice of DOE's planned actions for the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP), located approximately 18 miles (29 kilometers) northwest of downtown Cincinnati, Ohio. The subject of this Floodplain Statement of Findings is the Operable Unit 5 Remedial Action. DOE proposes to protect human health and the environment by excavating and consolidating contaminated soil and sediment within an on-property, above-grade disposal facility. Excavation and construction activities associated with implementation of this action would involve the floodplain along Paddys Run in Hamilton County, Ohio. In accordance with Executive Order 11988 and 10 CFR part 1022, DOE prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment describing the effects, alternatives and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. The assessment found that the proposed action would have minimal temporary or long-term impacts on the floodplain.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the DOE at the following address on or before February 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments and/or requests for further information, including a site map, to: Mr. David Kozlowski, Associate Director, Office of Safety & Assessment, U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project, P.O. Box 538705,

Cincinnati, Ohio 45253-8705. Phone: (513) 648-3187; Facsimile: (513) 648-3077.

FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information on general DOE floodplain and wetland environmental review requirements, contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy & Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone: (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Operable Unit 5 Remedial Action at the FEMP has been prepared in accordance with Executive Order 11988, "Floodplain Management," and 10 CFR part 1022, "DOE Regulations for Compliance with Floodplain/Wetland Environmental Review Requirements." A Notice of Floodplain/Wetland Involvement was published in the Federal Register (FR) on April 17, 1995 (60 FR 19238) and a floodplain/wetland assessment was incorporated in the Operable Unit 5 Feasibility Study. DOE is proposing to protect human health and the environment by excavating contaminated soil and sediment to prevent leaching of contaminants into the Great Miami Aquifer.

In addition, DOE is proposing to extract and treat contaminated groundwater, along with collection and treatment of contaminated stormwater runoff. In order to eliminate the threat of a release to Paddys Run, excavation may occur within the floodplain, depending on the extent of soil contamination in this area. Direct physical impact to the floodplain would result from the operation of heavy equipment during excavation of contaminated soil and sediment, and construction of a stormwater basin within the floodplain. Potential indirect impacts to the 100- and 500-year floodplains, as a result of remedial activities involving soil excavation and construction of the stormwater basin, include surface water runoff and sediment deposition into the floodplain. Several alternatives were considered and evaluated in making this determination, including: no action; excavation and off-site shipment; excavation and on-property engineered disposal facility with off-site disposal of waste exceeding waste acceptance criteria (the preferred alternative); and excavation and on-property consolidation with an earthen cover with off-site disposal of waste exceeding waste acceptance criteria. Direct and indirect impacts would occur during the implementation of any action

alternatives considered. However, minimal or no permanent change in flood elevations would be expected from any of the alternatives. The proposed remedial action has been designed to conform to applicable Federal and State regulations, including floodplain protection standards. Before this action begins, approval would be obtained from Federal and State agencies having jurisdiction.

DOE has determined that there is no practicable alternative to the proposed remedial action and that this action has been designed to minimize harm to the 100- and 500-year floodplains of Paddys Run. Engineering controls (e.g., silt fences, straw bales) will minimize any indirect impacts such as runoff and sediment deposition to the floodplain. Backfilling and regrading activities following the Operable Unit 5 Remedial Action will eliminate any long-term adverse impacts and would be implemented during remedial activities to avoid/minimize any environmental impacts.

Issued in Miamisburg, Ohio on January 23, 1997.

Susan L. Smiley,

NEPA Compliance Officer, Ohio Field Office.

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Office of Fossil Energy

National Coal Council and Coal Policy Committee Joint Meeting; Notice of Open Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: National Coal Council and Coal Policy Committee.

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 18, 1997, 12:00 Noon.

Place: The Washington National Airport Hilton, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact: Margie D. Biggerstaff, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-5), Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: 202/586-3867.

Purpose of the Council: To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and coal industry issues.

Purpose of the Meeting: To consider and act upon Council study entitled "Vision 2020: The Role of Coal in U.S. Energy Strategy."

Tentative Agenda

—Call to order and opening remarks by Clifford Miercort, Chairman of the National Coal Council.

—Discussion of any other business properly brought before the Council.
—Public comment—10-minute rule.
—Adjournment.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Council is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement with the Council will be permitted to do so, either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Margie D. Biggerstaff at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda.

Transcript: Available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Consistent with 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:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Openness Advisory Panel.

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 11, 1997, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Place: The Westin Hotel at City Center, Vista Ballroom A, 1400 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Openness Advisory Panel is to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the current status and strategic direction for the Department's classification and declassification policies and programs, as well as other aspects of the Department's ongoing Openness Initiative. The Panel's work will help institutionalize the Department's Openness Initiative.