

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: October 2, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: State Plan for Independent Living, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended (Act), Title VII, Chapter 1.

Frequency: Every three years.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 4,480.

Abstract: The purpose of Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Act (Ch. 1) is to promote a philosophy of independent living which includes control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society. To implement this purpose, Ch. 1 authorizes financial assistance to States for providing, expanding and improving the provisions of State independent living services (SILS), to develop and support statewide networks of centers for independent living (CILs), to improve working relationships among State IL services programs (SILS), CILs, Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), programs funded under other titles of the Act, and other programs that address issues relevant to individuals with disabilities funded by Federal and non-Federal authorities.

Section 704 of the Act requires the designated State unit(s) (DSU), jointly with the SILC to develop and sign an approvable SPIL in each State to receive financial assistance under Ch. 1.

Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Applications for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 2,600.

Burden Hours: 41,600.

Abstract: The United States Scholars Program is a national recognition program to honor and recognize outstanding graduating high school seniors. Candidates are invited to apply to the program based on academic achievements on the SAT or ACT. This program was established under Executive Order of the President 11155.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Implementation Plan for Recommendation 97-1 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Safe Storage of Uranium-233

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 97-1, concerning the safe storage of uranium-233, on March 11, 1997 (62 FR 11160). Under section 315(e) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e), the Department of Energy must transmit an implementation plan on Recommendation 97-1 to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board after acceptance of the Recommendation by the Secretary. The Department's implementation plan was sent to the Safety Board on September 29, 1997, and is available for review in the Department of Energy Public Reading Rooms.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the implementation plan to: Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Tseng, Director of the Nuclear Materials Stabilization Task Group in the Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 2, 1997.

Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.,

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

September 29, 1997.

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

Dear Mr. Chairman: We are pleased to forward the Department's implementation plan for addressing the issues raised in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Recommendation 97-1 concerning the safe storage of uranium-233 material. The Department assessed the safety issues associated with the recommendation in terms of the history of uranium-233. The primary safety issue being addressed with the implementation plan is the lack of material characterization and uncertainty of storage conditions for uranium-233.

As noted in my April 25, 1997, letter to you, the Department is using a systems engineering approach to manage the implementation of this recommendation. Recognizing that it will take time to perform the systems engineering efforts, we are concurrently taking near-term actions as described in the implementation plan to further assess material characterization and storage conditions and make necessary changes to mitigate interim identified risks.

The implementation plan was prepared by a Task Team reporting to the Assistant Secretaries for Defense Programs and Environmental Management, in coordination with other affected Headquarters and Field offices. Mr. John Tseng, Director of the Nuclear Materials Stabilization Task Group in the Office of Environmental Management, is the responsible manager for implementation of the plan. He can be reached at (202) 586-0383.

Sincerely,

Federico Peña

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-156 and EA-157]

Applications to Export Electric Energy; Inland Pacific Resources and Consolidated Edison

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE

AGENCY: Notice of applications.

SUMMARY: Inland Pacific Resources, Inc., a power marketer, and Consolidated Edison Company of New York, a public utility, have submitted applications to export electric energy to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before November 7, 1997.

ADDRESS: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-5883 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. § 824a(e)).

The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) has received applications from the following companies for authorization to export electric energy to Canada, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA:

Applicant	Application date	Docket No.
Inland Pacific Resources Inc. (IPRI).	9/16/97	EA-156
Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison).	9/23/97	EA-157

IPRI, a power marketing company, does not own or control any facilities for the generation or transmission of electricity, nor does it have a franchised service area. IPRI proposes to transmit to Canada electric energy purchased from electric utilities and other suppliers within the U.S. Con Edison is a regulated public utility serving customers in the New York City metropolitan area. Con Edison proposes to transmit to Canada electric energy that is excess to its system or purchased from electric utilities or other suppliers within the U.S.

The applicants would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to Canada over the international facilities owned by Basin Electric, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison Company, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Company, Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. Each of the transmission facilities, as more fully described in these applications, has previously been

authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

Procedural Matters

Any persons desiring to become a party to these proceedings or to be heard by filing comments or protests to these applications should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Comments on IPRI's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-156. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Edward A. Finklea, Ball Janik LLP, 101 S.W. Main Street, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97204 AND Inland Pacific Resources Inc., c/o Jan Marston, President, Inland Pacific Energy Services Ltd., 1600-1095 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6E2M6, Canada. Comments on Con Edison's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-157. Additional copies are to be filed directly with John F. Gallagher III, Esq., 4 Irving Place—Rm. 1815 South, Manhattan, NY 10003.

A final decision will be made on these applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed actions will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 1, 1997.

Anthony J. Como,

Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. ETEC-012]

Certification of the Radiological Condition of Building T012 at the Energy Technology Engineering Center Near Chatsworth, California

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Restoration.

ACTION: Notice of Certification.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed radiological surveys and taken remedial action to decontaminate Building T012 located at the Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC) near Chatsworth, California. This property previously was found to contain radioactive materials from activities carried out for the Atomic Energy Commission and the Energy Research and Development Administration (AEC/ERDA), predecessor agencies to DOE. Although DOE owns the majority of the buildings and equipment, a subsidiary of Rockwell International, Rocketdyne, owned the land. Rocketdyne has recently been sold to Boeing North American Incorporated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Lopez, Program Manager, Environmental Restoration Division, Oakland Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland, CA 94612-5208.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE has implemented environmental restoration projects at ETEC (Ventura County, Map Book 3, Page 7, Miscellaneous Records) as part of DOE's Environmental Restoration Program. One objective of the program is to identify and clean up or otherwise control facilities where residual radioactive contamination remains from activities carried out under contract to AEC/ERDA during the early years of the Nation's atomic energy program.

ETEC is comprised of several facilities and structures located within Administrative Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. The work performed for DOE at ETEC consisted primarily of testing equipment, materials, and components for nuclear and energy-related programs. These nuclear energy research and development programs, conducted by Atomics International under contract to AEC/ERDA, began in 1946. Several buildings and land areas became radiologically contaminated as a result of facility operations and site activities. Building T012 is one ETEC area that has been designated for cleanup under the DOE Environmental Restoration Program. Other areas undergoing decontamination will be released as they are completed and are verified to meet established cleanup criteria and standards for release without radiological restrictions as established in DOE Order 5400.5.

Building T012 is located in the north-central section of Area IV. It originally consisted of two sections connected with an enclosed passageway.