

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Commission Finding That Shortens Periods for Issuing News Release on Cadet Heaters

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission finds that certain heaters made by Cadet present a potential hazard to consumers and that, to protect the public health and safety, the customary manufacturer comment and notification periods preceding public release of certain information shall be shortened.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Renae Rauchschwalbe, Division of Corrective Actions, Office of Compliance, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0608 ext. 1362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

In October 1997, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and Cadet Manufacturing Company, Inc. issued a joint news release about the recall and retrofit of certain hazardous heaters. However, Cadet is not conducting the corrective action described in the news release. Therefore, the Commission has issued its own news release to inform consumers about the situation.

B. Statutory and Regulatory Provisions

Under section 6(b)(1) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2055(b)(1), the Commission must provide manufacturers or private labelers with at least 30 days advance notice before disseminating information that identifies the manufacturer's product. In addition, section 6(b)(2) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2055(b)(2), requires at least 10 days additional notice if the manufacturer or private labeler claims that the information to be released is inaccurate. However, the Commission may provide lesser periods of notice, in both cases, if "the Commission finds that the public health and safety requires a lesser period of notice."

Under the CPSA and the Commission's regulations, the Commission must publish its "public health and safety" findings in the **Federal Register**. 16 CFR §§ 1101.23 (b) and (c) and 1101.25 (b) and (c). Disclosure of the information in the news release may be made concurrently with the filing of the Federal Register notice, and need not await its publication.

C. Commission Finding

The Commission finds that the public health and safety requires less notice than the periods of time specified in section 6(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act. The Cadet heaters, which present to the public the serious risks of burns, smoke inhalation, and electrocution, should not be used until they are properly and adequately repaired. The onset of cold weather in most of the country underscores the urgency of informing consumers of the risks inherent in the use of these particular heaters. Therefore, the Commission authorizes issuance of a news release 24 hours after Cadet has been provided an opportunity to comment on it, and an additional 24 hours after Cadet has been notified that the Commission intends to issue the release over Cadet's accuracy objections (if Cadet submits comments and if the Commission, after evaluating the comments, decides to issue the release).

Dated: November 25, 1997.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

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

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: REINSTATEMENT.
Title: 1999 National Study of Postsecondary Faculty (NSOPF—99): Faculty Questionnaire.

Frequency: One Time.
Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:
Responses: 500.
Burden Hours: 391.

Abstract: The third cycle of the NSOPF is being conducted in response to a continuing need for data on faculty and instructors. The study will provide information about faculty in postsecondary institutions which is key to learning about the quality of education and research in these institutions. This study will expand the information about faculty and

instructional staff in two ways—allowing comparisons to be made over time and examining critical issues surrounding faculty that have developed since the first two studies. This clearance request covers field test and full scale activities for the second phase of the study—collection of information from a nationally representative sample of faculty and instructional staff at postsecondary institutions. This information, together with information collected in the first phase of the study (1850-0665) on the institutions themselves, will provide a source of descriptive, analytical, trend and policy relevant research on the way postsecondary education functions.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: NEW.

Title: Guidance for Reporting on Waivers Granted by the U.S. Department of Education.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 20.

Burden Hours: 100.

Abstract: The Department is required by statute to collect reports from state education agencies on the uses of waivers in their states. The purpose of this guidance is to assist states in meeting the statutory requirements. Information from this collection will be used to monitor the progress of waiver recipients in improving teaching and learning and to inform the Department's annual report to Congress on waivers. [FR Doc. 97-31495 Filed 12-1-97; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Intent To Solicit Comments for Financial Assistance Awards

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to solicit comments for financial assistance awards.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Geothermal Technologies, Advanced Drilling Systems Research Program, via the Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID), is soliciting comments on its draft solicitation for cost-shared cooperative agreements, industry-government Research & Development projects to develop advanced drilling technologies and transfer the results to industry. These new developments can then be

used by the U.S. geothermal industry to solve technical problems.

Comments regarding the draft solicitation are welcome from potential developers, owners and operators of geothermal facilities, including utilities, as well as from manufacturers, universities, and other non-industry groups.

DATES: Comments to the draft solicitation should be sent to the point of contact shown below by January 8, 1998. A copy of the draft solicitation in its full text can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.inel.gov/doiid/solicit.html> under Current Solicitations.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the draft solicitation or requests to be placed on the final solicitation mailing list shall be submitted in writing to: Ms. Peggy Brookshier, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1220, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563, e-mail: brookspa@inel.gov, Tele: (208) 526-1403, Fax: (208) 526-5964.

It is the agency preference that all submitted comments be received by e-mail. All written comment responses must include name, title, organization, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address.

A **Federal Register** notice soliciting applications will be published at a later date upon issuance of the final solicitation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael K. Barrett, Contracting Officer at (208) 526-5743 or Peggy Brookshier, Program Manager at (208) 526-1403; U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation will be issued pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(a) with no eligibility restrictions. The statutory authority for the issuance of this solicitation is Pub. L. 93-410, the Geothermal Energy Research, Development & Demonstration Act of 1974. The catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.087.

This notice is also intended to promote the formation of industry partnerships, to stimulate interaction among potential participants, and to encourage organizations to investigate creative solutions. Funding for phase I will be available to support several awards for a period of approximately six to twelve months. Funding for phase II will be available to support one or more awards, for a period of 12-24 months. Applications may include Federally Funded Research and Development

Centers, but only as lower tier participants with funding for their expected costs provided through their existing arrangements with the Government.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL ISSUANCE OF THE SOLICITATION. PLEASE DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS AT THIS TIME.

Issued in Idaho Falls, ID, November 24, 1997.

B.G. Bauer,

Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Revised Draft Request for Proposals for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services

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

ACTION: Request for Comments on a Revised Draft Request for Proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) is responsible under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended (NWPAA), for accepting and transporting spent nuclear fuel (SNF) from commercial nuclear reactor sites to a federal facility for storage or disposal. The Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste (10 CFR part 961) details the arrangements between the Department of Energy (DOE) and the owners and generators of SNF (Purchasers) for the Department to accept the SNF at the Purchasers' sites for transport to a federal facility. Section 137(a)(2) of the NWPAA requires the utilization of private industry to the "fullest extent possible" in the transportation of SNF.

OCRWM anticipates seeking competitive proposals for commercial SNF acceptance and transportation services, including the provision of storage equipment, in accordance with the final version of this revised draft Request for Proposals (RFP). In May 1996, OCRWM published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 26508) and the *Commerce Business Daily*, a Request for Expression of Interest and Comments on a previous draft Statement of Work for these services. In July 1996, comments were received from interested parties at a presolicitation conference. In December 1996, OCRWM issued a draft