

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the President's Security Policy Advisory Board Action Notice**

SUMMARY: The President's Security Policy Advisory Board has been established pursuant to Presidential Decision Directive/NSC-29, which was signed by President on September 16, 1994.

The Board will advise the President on proposed legislative initiatives and executive orders pertaining to U.S. security policy, procedures and practices as developed by the U.S. Security Policy Board, and will function as a federal advisory committee in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The President has appointed from the private sector, three of five Board members each with a prominent background and expertise related to security policy matters. General Larry Welch, USAF (Ret.) will chair the Board. Other members include: Rear Admiral Thomas Brooks, USN (Ret.) and Ms. Nina Stewart.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 14 September 1998, at 1330 hours at the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas Texas. The meeting will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Terence Thompson, telephone: 703-602-1098.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection package to the OMB for renewal under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The package covers collections of information concerning the public and the management and administration of DOE's Government-owned/contractor-operated facilities (GOCOs), offsite contractors, and grantees. The information is used by

Departmental management to exercise management oversight with respect to the implementation of applicable statutory and contractual requirements and obligations. The collection of this information is critical to ensure that the Government has sufficient information to judge the degree to which contractors and grantees meet contractual requirements; that public funds are being spent in the manner intended; and that fraud, waste, and abuse are immediately detected and eliminated.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the information collection package should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer at the following address no later than August 24, 1998. DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also notify the DOE contact listed in this notice.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin M. Smith, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy (HR-51), Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The package contains the following information: (1) title of the information collection package; (2) current OMB control number; (3) type of respondents; (4) estimated number of responses annually; (5) estimated annual total burden hours, including recordkeeping hours, required to provide the information; (6) purpose; and (7) number of collections.

Package Title: Procurement.

Current OMB No.: 1910-4100.

Type of Respondents: DOE management and operating contractors, offsite contractors, grantees, and the public.

Estimated Number of Responses: 4,331.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,234,692.

Purpose: This information is required by the Department to ensure that programmatic and administrative management requirements and resources are managed efficiently and effectively and to exercise management oversight of DOE contractors and grantees. The package contains 27 information and/or recordkeeping requirements.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 17, 1998.

Gwendolyn S. Cowan,

Acting Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL), Idaho Falls, Idaho**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Draft EIS for the AMWTP (DOE/EIS-0290D), at INEEL, Idaho Falls, Idaho. The Draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of DOE's proposed action as well as reasonable alternatives. The proposed action (preferred alternative) is to implement the remaining phases of a contract with BNFL Inc. to construct and operate the AMWTP. The AMWTP would sort, characterize, treat, and package for disposal 65,000 cubic meters of transuranic (TRU) waste, alpha-contaminated low-level mixed waste (alpha LLMW), and low-level mixed waste (LLMW) currently stored at the INEEL's Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC).

An additional 120,000 cubic meters of similar waste from the INEEL and other DOE sites could be treated at the proposed AMWTP, depending on future DOE decisions.

DATES: The public comment period begins on July 24, 1998, and extends through September 11, 1998. DOE will consider comments postmarked or submitted after September 11, 1998, to the extent practicable. Oral and written comments will be received at public meetings on the dates and at the locations given below:

1. Idaho Falls, Idaho, on Tuesday, August 18, 1998, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Eastern Idaho Technical College, Multipurpose Building Cafeteria, 1600 South 2500 East.

2. Twin Falls, Idaho, on Thursday, August 20, 1998, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho, Student Union Building, 315 Falls Avenue.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, requests for further information on the Draft EIS or public meetings, and requests for copies of the document should be directed to Mr. John Medema, DOE AMWTP EIS NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1117, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, 1-800-320-4549. Requests for copies of the Draft EIS can also be made using the Internet at whitakkb@id.doe.gov. Additionally, the Draft EIS is available for review on the Internet at <http://dev/scientech.com/amwtp>. Addresses of locations where the Draft EIS will be available for public review are listed in this notice under "Availability of Copies of the Draft EIS."

General information on the DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process may be requested from Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by telephone at (202) 586-4600, or by leaving a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

From 1970 through the early 1980s, the INEEL accepted approximately 65,000 cubic meters of TRU waste and alpha LLMW from other DOE sites. The wastes are primarily laboratory and processing wastes of various solid materials, including paper, cloth, plastics, rubber, glass, graphite, bricks, concrete, metals, nitrate salts, and absorbed liquids. All 65,000 cubic meters were managed by DOE as TRU waste when first placed in storage at the INEEL. The wastes were placed on an asphalt pad at the RWMC in their original containers and covered with plywood, sheets of plastic, and soil, forming an earthen-covered berm. The wastes have been in the berm since the early 1970s.

Approximately 95% of this waste is classified as mixed waste which, because it contains both radioactive and chemically hazardous constituents, is regulated as hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Some of the wastes also contain polychlorinated biphenyls, which are regulated under the Toxic Substances Control Act. These wastes are intermingled in common containers. DOE needs to place these wastes in a configuration that will allow for their disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, NM or another appropriate facility, in a manner consistent with Federal and State laws

and with the schedule contained in the October 17, 1995 Settlement Agreement/Consent Order in the case of *Public Service Co. of Colorado v. Batt*.

Initial plans for dealing with these wastes were developed in the early 1990s, when studies indicated that significant cost and schedule savings could be realized if the treatment were privatized. In 1993 and 1994, DOE sought and received feasibility studies for treatment services from various private sector teams. After careful evaluation, DOE decided to pursue procurement of treatment, assay and characterization services for TRU waste, alpha LLMW, and LLMW from the private sector. During 1995 and 1996, DOE carried out a competitive procurement process, resulting in the award of a phased contract to BNFL Inc. Because the proposed waste treatment project was subjected to competitive procurement, DOE conducted an environmental evaluation of each of the proposals submitted (see DOE's NEPA Implementation Procedures at 10 CFR 1021.216 for a description of this process), the results of which were summarized in an Environmental Synopsis. Following the selection of BNFL Inc., in December 1996, for this project, DOE requested more detailed data regarding the proposed process for managing these wastes in order to prepare the analyses reflected in the Draft EIS. If, after completing this EIS, DOE decides not to proceed with Phases II and III (construction and operation) of the project, the contract will be terminated.

Alternatives Considered

The Draft EIS analyzes four alternatives:

No Action (required under the Council on Environmental Quality and DOE NEPA regulations)—existing waste management operations, facilities, and projects would continue for TRU waste, alpha LLMW, and LLMW at the INEEL. Retrieval of waste from the berm would proceed, and the untreated retrieved waste would be stored in facilities otherwise complying with RCRA requirements. Shipments to WIPP would occur to the extent that such shipments could be supported by existing facilities at the INEEL. Waste that could not meet waste acceptance criteria for WIPP would be returned to RCRA-permitted storage facilities at the RWMC.

Proposed Action (preferred alternative)—the BNFL treatment facility would be built and operated using the currently proposed treatment technologies of supercompaction, macroencapsulation, incineration, and

vitrification. Waste would be treated to meet the WIPP waste acceptance criteria and the RCRA Land Disposal Restriction requirements. The facility would treat the approximately 65,000 cubic meters of INEEL waste by 2015, and would have the capacity to treat up to 120,000 cubic meters of additional waste by 2033.

Non-Thermal Treatment Alternative—a modified AMWTP facility would be constructed and operated by BNFL Inc., but the thermal treatment process would not be a part of the system. Those wastes that do not require thermal treatment would be stabilized to meet WIPP waste acceptance criteria and RCRA Land Disposal Restriction requirements; wastes that require thermal treatment for disposal would be returned to storage at the RWMC.

Treatment and Storage Alternative—construction and operation of the AMWTP facility would proceed as proposed by BNFL Inc. However, once treated, the waste would be returned to the RWMC for long-term storage in RCRA-permitted storage facilities, some of which may need to be constructed to accommodate this waste.

DOE has also considered but not analyzed in detail other alternatives (i.e., treatment at other DOE sites, other treatment technologies—thermal and non-thermal), because they were technically infeasible; were not capable of processing the existing waste types; or were not available on the schedule necessary to accommodate DOE's agreement with the State of Idaho.

Availability of Copies of the Draft EIS

Copies of the Draft EIS are being distributed to Federal, State and local officials and agencies; Tribes; and organizations and individuals who have indicated an interest in the INEEL or the Draft EIS. Addresses of DOE Public Reading Rooms and libraries where the Draft EIS will be available for public review are listed below:

University of Idaho Library, Rayburn Street, Moscow, Idaho 83844
Boise Outreach Office, INEEL, Boise City National Bank Building, 805 West Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho 83706
Boise Public Library, 715 Capital Boulevard, Boise, Idaho 83706
Twin Falls Public Library, 434 2nd Street E, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
Idaho State University Public Library, 741 South 7th Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho 83209
Shoshone-Bannock Library, Bannock and Pema Streets, PO Box 306, Fort Hall, Idaho 83203
INEEL Technical Library/DOE Public Reading Room, 2525 North Fremont Avenue, University Place, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402
Idaho Falls Public Library, 457 Broadway, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

Boise State University Library, Albertson Library, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83705

Lewis-Clark State College, The Library, 500 8th Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Gooding Public Library, 306 5th Avenue West, Gooding, Idaho 83330-1205

Wallace Public Library, 415 River Street, Wallace, Idaho 83873-2260

New Mexico State Library, 325 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, NM 87503

Carlsbad Public Library, 101 S. Halagueno St., Carlsbad, NM 88220

Zimmerman Library Government Publications Department University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131

DOE/Forrestal Building Freedom of Information Reading Room 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585

Issued in Washington, DC this 21st day of July 1998.

James A. Turi,

Acting Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Waste Management, Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-303-001]

Caprock Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 20, 1998.

Take notice that on July 14, 1998, Caprock Pipeline Company (Caprock Pipeline), tendered for filing to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 29A, to be effective August 1, 1998.

Caprock Pipeline states that the purpose of the filing is to correct inadvertent errors made in the July 1, 1998, filing in this proceeding.

Caprock Pipeline states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its transportation customers and interested state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-355-000]

Chandeleur Pipe Line Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 20, 1998.

Take notice that on July 16, 1998, Chandeleur Pipe Line Company (Chandeleur), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of August 1, 1988:

Second Revised Sheet No. 43

Original Sheet No. 43A

Third Revised Sheet No. 69

First Revised Sheet No. 69A

Chandeleur states that revised tariff sheets are being filed in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 597-G, issued April 16, 1998 in the above-referenced docket. Chandeleur states that the tariff sheets are being made effective August 1, 1998, in order to implement the GISB Standards adopted under Order No. 587-G.

Chandeleur states that it is serving copies of the filing to its customers, State Commissions and interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT98-84-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 20, 1998.

Take notice that on July 15, 1998, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), tendered for filing a firm Transportation Service Agreement (TSA) between El Paso and Pemex Gas y Petroquimica Basica (Pemex) and Ninth Revised Sheet No. 1, to its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A.

El Paso states that it is submitting the TSA for Commission approval since the TSA contains payment provisions which differ from El Paso's Volume No. 1-A General Terms and Conditions. The tariff sheet, which references the TSA, is proposed to become effective on August 14, 1998.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-300-001]

KN Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 20, 1998.

Take notice that on July 14, 1998, KN Interstate Pipeline Company (KNI), tendered for filing to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1-B, Substitute Third Revised Sheet No.