

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site**

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), Savannah River Site.

DATES AND TIMES:

Monday, September 28, 1998:

9:30 a.m. (National Academy of Sciences Presentation)

6:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (Public Comment Session)

7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (Individual Subcommittee Meetings)

Tuesday, September 29, 1998: 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

All meetings will be held at: Sheraton Augusta Hotel, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, Georgia

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerri Flemming, Public Accountability Specialist, Environmental Restoration and Solid Waste Division, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802 (803) 725-5374.

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.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, September 28, 1998

9:30 a.m. National Academy of Sciences presentation

6:30 p.m. Public comment session (5-minute rule)

7:00 p.m. Issues-based subcommittee meetings

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Tuesday, September 29, 1998

8:30 a.m.

Approval of minutes, agency updates (~15 minutes)

Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~10 minutes)

Risk management & future use subcommittee report (~1 hour)
—Environmental report for 1997
—FY2000 budget review

Nuclear materials management subcommittee (~1 hour)

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (~30 minutes)

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

Environmental remediation and waste management subcommittee report (~1 hour 30 minutes)

Low-Level Waste Seminar report/action (~30 minutes)

Administrative subcommittee report (~30 minutes)

Bylaws amendment proposal

Budget subcommittee report (~15 minutes)

Facilitator update (~15 minutes)

National SSAB Chair Meeting report (~20 minutes)

Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~10 minutes)

4:00 p.m.

Adjourn

If necessary, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda, and administrative details. A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, September 28, 1998.

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 Gerri Flemming's office 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 Officer 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 by writing to Gerri Flemming, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802, or by calling her at (803) 725-5374.

Issued at Washington, DC on August 26, 1998.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee**

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 a meeting of the National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee

DATES: Thursday, September 17, 1998: 1:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.; Friday, September 18, 1998: 8:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Inn Suites Hotel, 475 North Granada, Tucson AZ, 85701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Imre Gyuk, EMF Program Manager, EE-14, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Purpose of the Committee**

The National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee (NEMFAC) advises the Department of Energy and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) on the design and implementation of a five-year, national electric and magnetic fields (EMF) research and public information dissemination (RAPID) program. The Secretary of Energy, pursuant to Section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-486, has overall responsibility for establishing the national program which includes health effects research, development of technologies to assess and manage exposures, and dissemination of information.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, September 17, 1998

1:30 p.m. Welcome and opening remarks

1:40 p.m. Acceptance of minutes

1:50 p.m. Report on the EMF Working Group

2:45 p.m. Public input process for Working Group report

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Interagency Committee perspective on Working Group report

4:00 p.m. Discussion

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, September 18, 1998

8:30 a.m. DOE Core program activities

9:00 a.m. Plans for NIEHS final report

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Plans for Interagency Committee final report

10:45 a.m. NEMFAC responsibilities for final reports

11:15 a.m. Open time for public comments

12:15 p.m. Adjourn

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation. The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Dr. Gyuk at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Depending on the number of requests, comments may be limited to five minutes. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Transcript and Minutes. A transcript and 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 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Copies of the minutes will also be available by request.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-190]

Application to Amend Presidential Permit Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has applied to amend an existing Presidential permit which authorized construction of electric transmission facilities at the United States border with Canada in the vicinity of Buffalo, New York. The amendment is requested in order to upgrade the existing facilities.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before October 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal &

Power Import and Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9506 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk), a generation and transmission-owning regulated public utility in New York State, owns several international electric transmission facilities that were authorized by Presidential permits issued by the Federal Power Commission (FPC).¹ Some of the cross-border facilities permitted to Niagara Mohawk in FPC Docket IT-6797 (FE Docket PP-31) include four, 3-phase, 38-kV, 25 Hz transmission lines at Buffalo—Ft. Erie.

On July 21, 1998, Niagara Mohawk filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for amendment of the Presidential permit issued in FPC Docket No. IT-6797 in order to upgrade one of the four Buffalo-Ft. Erie 38-kV, 25 Hz lines (identified as Huntley-Linde line No. 46) to 115-kV, 60 Hz. When the upgrade is completed, the resulting 115-kV facilities will be maintained as an emergency interconnection with Canadian Niagara Power Company, Limited (CNP) and will be used to supply electric energy to CNP only when CNP loses its normal source of power from Ontario Hydro, the provincial electric utility of the Province of Ontario, Canada.

In order to accomplish the upgrade, Niagara Mohawk proposes to construct two underground concrete pipes (10-inch diameter, each) from Niagara Mohawk's existing "structure 13" near Dearborn Street and extending approximately 9,250 feet south along West Street to Terminal House B. Niagara Mohawk will then extend an existing 115-kV line (which originates at the Huntley substation and presently terminates at "structure 13") through one of the underground concrete pipes and connect this line to the existing 38-kV border crossing at Terminal House B.

¹ Authority to issue Presidential permits was transferred from the Federal Power Commission to the Department of Energy on October 1, 1977.

The physical change to the portion of the existing 38-kV line which crosses the border will be only reinsulation.

Since the restructuring of the electric power industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities constructed pursuant to Presidential permits to provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the FPA and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 888, as amended (Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities). In furtherance of this policy, DOE intends to condition any Presidential permit issued in this proceeding on compliance with these open access principles.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a petition to intervene or protest at the address provided above in accordance with section 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (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. Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protest also should be filed directly with: Susan Hodgson, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13202 and Scott Klurfeld, Swidler & Berlin, Chtd., 3000 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20007.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system and also consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.