

the highest canal flow. Such a canal failure would likely close the American Canal for at least one month during costly emergency repairs. If the canal flow was disrupted for just one month due to repairs, the El Paso Water Utilities production of potable water would be reduced by 80 to 120 million gallons per day, and over a thousand El Paso County farmers could lose their crops, likely resulting in up to 500 bankruptcies. The No Action Alternative is not considered to be a viable alternative.

The preliminary engineering design studies for the replacement of the old American Canal indicate that a closed design may become the preferred alternative for the middle canal segment. Limited right-of-way constraints and existing infrastructure restrictions will dictate the proper design and construction methods to minimize the adverse effects to the public and adjacent landowners along the project. The reported project conditions will remain the same, but the aesthetics of the predominantly open canal will change. The USBWC will consult with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer should the preliminary canal design study recommend that the subject portion of the open canal be replaced with pre-cast box culvert.

The Draft FONSI and Draft EA were distributed November 21, 2000. The Notice of Draft FONSI for the Draft EA was published in the **Federal Register** on November 29, 2000. The Legal Notice of the Draft FONSI and Draft EA was published in the El Paso Times on December 2, 2000. The Public Comment period extended from November 21, 2000 through January 2, 2001. Public comments received were compiled into the Final EA, dated October 31, 2001. The Final EA finds that the proposed action does not constitute a major federal action that would cause a significant local, regional, or national adverse impact on the environment, because the Proposed Action Alternative would:

1. Improve structural stability of the American Canal, providing a reliable conveyance structure to transport flows of allocated water from the Rio Grande to El Paso County farms and to existing and planned El Paso Water Utilities water treatment facilities. The Rio Grande will be unchanged from existing conditions under USBWC jurisdiction;
2. Minimize seepage loss through the cracks in the canal lining;
3. Provide the full design capacity (1535 cfs) influent into the RGACE;
4. Improve safety and reduce the risk of accidental drownings in the

American Canal by installing fences and safety equipment;

5. Preserve the historic predominantly open channel character of the Canal; and

6. Preserve historical and photographic documentation of the historic Smelter Bridge per HAER Level III Standard.

Based on the Final Environmental Assessment and the implementation of the proposed historical mitigation, it has been determined that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted.

Dated: March 1, 2002.

Mario Lewis,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (02-031)]

Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1966: Administrative Wage Garnishment

AGENCY: National Aeronautics And Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: NASA's adoption of the Department of Treasury's regulation as described in 31 CFR 285.11, Administrative Wage Garnishment.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration hereby gives notice that the Agency has adopted the provisions contained in the Debt Collection Improvement Act Of 1996 (DCIA). Wage Garnishment is a process whereby an employer withholds amounts from an employee's wages and pays those amounts to the employee's creditors in satisfaction of a withholding order. The DCIA authorizes Federal agencies administratively to garnish the disposable pay of an individual to collect delinquent non-tax debts owned to the United States.

DATES: Effective: March 7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, Code BFZ, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melvin Denwiddie, (202) 358-0983.

Stephen J. Varholy,

Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (02-030)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that EnviroMetal Technologies Inc. of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, has applied for an exclusive patent license for the Use of Ultrasound to Improve the Effectiveness of a Permeable Treatment Wall, U.S. Patent No. 6,013,232, which is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Randall M. Heald, Assistant Chief Counsel/Patent Counsel, and John F. Kennedy Space Center.

DATES: Responses to this Notice must be received by March 22, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randall M. Heald, Assistant Chief Counsel/Patent Counsel, John F. Kennedy Space Center, Mail Code: CC-A, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899, telephone (321) 867-7214.

Dated: March 1, 2002.

Robert M. Stephens,

Deputy General Counsel.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES

Meeting

March 1, 2002.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given the National Council on the Humanities will meet in Washington, DC on March 21-22, 2002.

The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out his functions, and to review applications for financial support from and gifts offered to the Endowment and to make recommendations thereon to the Chairman.

The meeting will be held in the Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. A

portion of the morning and afternoon sessions on March 21–22, 2002, will not be open to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), (c)(6) and (c)(9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code because the Council will consider information that may disclose: trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

The agenda for the session on March 21, 2002 will be as follows:

Committee Meetings

(Open to the Public) Policy Discussion

9:00—10:30 a.m.

Education Programs—Room M-07

Preservation and Access/Challenge

Grants—Room 415

Public Programs—Room 426

Research Programs—Room 315

(Closed to the Public) Discussion of specific grant applications and programs before the Council

10:30 a.m. until Adjourned

Education Programs

Preservation and Access/Challenge Grants

Public Programs

Research Programs

1:30 p.m. until Adjourned

Federal/State Partnership

The morning session on March 22, 2002 will convene at 9:00 a.m., in the 1st Floor Council Room, M-09, and will be open to the public, as set out below. The agenda for the morning session will be as follows:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Reports

A. Introductory Remarks

B. Staff Report

C. Congressional Report

D. Reports on Policy and General Matters

1. Overview

2. Research Programs

3. Education Programs

4. preservation and Access/Challenge Grants

5. Public Programs

The remainder of the proposed meeting will be given to the consideration of specific applications and programs before the Council and closed to the public for the reasons stated above. Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Laura S. Nelson, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, or by calling (202) 606-8322, TDD (202) 606-8282.

Advance notice of any special needs or accommodations is appreciated.

Laura S. Nelson,

Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of Meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura S. Nelson, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* March 18, 2002.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2002 deadline.

2. *Date:* March 25, 2002.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2002 deadline.

3. *Date:* March 26, 2002.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Special Projects, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2002 deadline.

Laura S. Nelson,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

[Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI, ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI]

Private Fuel Storage, LLC, (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation); Notice of Evidentiary Hearing and of Opportunity To Make Limited Appearance Statements

March 1, 2002.

This Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hereby gives notice that, beginning on Monday, April 8, 2002, it will convene an evidentiary hearing in Salt Lake City, Utah, to receive testimony and exhibits and to allow the cross-examination of witnesses relating to certain matters at issue in this proceeding. The hearing involves the June 1997 application of Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. (PFS) for a license under 10 CFR part 72 to construct and operate an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) on the reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians in Skull Valley, Utah.

The State of Utah and three organizations—Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia (OGD), Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, and the Southwest Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA)—are among those who intervened in the proceeding to oppose the plans of PFS (which is a consortium of electric utility companies) to construct within the State's borders a temporary storage facility for spent fuel generated from various nuclear power plants in the United States. At the hearing, the Board will receive evidence on their challenges to the PFS license application concerning several contentions, or issue statements, involving geotechnical/seismic stability, "credible accident" scenarios,