

Management Final EIS (DOE/EIS-0279, 2000). The onsite impacts identified for those sites would not be changed by the extension of the Acceptance Policy. Transportation impacts from INEEL and SRS to the geologic repository as analyzed in the Final EIS for a *Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye, County, Nevada*, (DOE/EIS-250, 2002) are also unchanged by the extension.

Decision

DOE has decided to extend the FRR SNF Acceptance Policy for an additional 10 years beyond its current expiration, until May 12, 2016, for irradiation of eligible fuel, and until May 12, 2019, for fuel acceptance. DOE has also decided to include the Australian RRR as a reactor eligible to participate in the acceptance program. For the small amount of RRR fuel that would be added to 1996 estimates, DOE will continue limitations on shipment cask curie activity and will ensure that the upper limit estimate for the source term assumed in the FRR SNF EIS accident analysis will not be exceeded.

DOE's decision furthers the nonproliferation objectives of the United States. The extension of the Acceptance Policy is expected to provide sufficient time for reactors to complete their planned shipments, to complete development, testing, qualification and fabrication of new LEU fuels which could be used by the RRR and other reactors, and to provide time for reactors to convert to the new LEU fuels or make alternative fuel management arrangements.

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Linton F. Brooks,

Under Secretary and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Paducah. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, January 20, 2005—5:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William E. Murphie, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO), Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, 1017 Majestic Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, (859) 219-4001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- 5:30 p.m. Informal Discussion
- 6 p.m. Call to Order
 - Introduction
 - Review of Agenda
 - Approval of November Minutes
- 6:05 p.m. DDFO's Comments
- 6:25 p.m. Federal Coordinator Comments
- 6:30 p.m. Ex-Officio Comments
- 6:40 p.m. Public Comments and Questions
- 7:50 p.m. Task Forces/Presentations
 - Waste Disposition Task Force
 - Burial Ground Operable Unit
 - Water Quality Task Force
 - Long Range Strategy/Stewardship Task Force
 - Annual Report
 - Site Management Plan Update
 - Waste Community Outreach Task Force
- 7 p.m. Public Comments and Questions
- 8 p.m. Break
- 8:15 p.m. Administrative Issues
 - Review of Work Plan
 - Review of Next Agenda
- 8:20 p.m. Review of Action Items
- 8:25 p.m. Subcommittee Reports
 - Executive Committee
- 8:40 p.m. Final Comments
- 9:30 p.m. Adjourn

Copies of the 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. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact David Dollins at the address listed below or by telephone at (270) 441-6819. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in

a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments as the first item of the meeting agenda.

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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Environmental Information Center and Reading Room at 115 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., on Monday thru Friday or by writing to David Dollins, Department of Energy, Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or by calling him at (270) 441-6819.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP05-18-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proceeding

November 23, 2004.

Take notice that on November 18, 2004, in an order issued in Docket Nos. RP04-97-001, *et al.*, the Commission established a separate proceeding to conduct an inquiry in response to assertions by Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), 100 Allegheny Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15275, that a significant portion of its storage facilities' cushion gas has been lost due to migration of that gas. The proceeding in Docket No. CP05-18-000, initiated by the Commission pursuant to its authority under section 5, 7, 8 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), will explore material issues regarding Equitrans' loss of the cushion gas, as described in more detail herein.

In the rate proceeding in Docket Nos. RP04-97-001, *et al.*, Equitrans explained its intention to buy and inject into storage approximately 9,600,000 Dth of cushion gas to replace lost cushion gas. Equitrans proposed in the rate proceeding to reflect the projected purchase cost of this cushion gas of approximately \$49.1 million in its rates.