

Meeting: Simi Valley City Hall, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063; October 9, 2001, 8–10 p.m.

Meeting: Zuhrah Shrine Center, 2540 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404; October 16, 2001, 2–5 p.m. 8–10 p.m.

At the scoping meetings, the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and to comment orally or in writing on the scope of the PEIS, including the alternatives and issues that DOE should consider. Also, at these meetings, DOE plans to provide background information on the proposed scope of the PEIS, issues and impacts proposed to be evaluated, and the PEIS preparation schedule.

DOE has conducted public scoping meetings on the PEIS in the following locations: North Augusta, SC; Oak Ridge, TN; Oakland, CA; Richland, WA; Cincinnati, OH; and, Washington, DC. The public scoping period originally was to continue until September 10, 2001. However, in response to public comments and to ensure that the public has ample opportunity to provide comments, DOE extended the public scoping period by 60 days and scheduled additional meetings as specified above. The schedule for completion of the Draft PEIS is March, 2002, and for the Final PEIS is August, 2002. Further information on this PEIS is contained in the July 12, 2001, Notice of Intent.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on September 26, 2001.

Steven V. Cary,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Environment, Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Solicitation Number DE–PS07–02ID14238]

Idaho Operations Office; University Reactor Instrumentation (URI) Program

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation for awards of financial assistance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, is soliciting applications for special research grant awards that will upgrade and improve U.S. nuclear research and training reactors. It is anticipated that on September 27, 2001, a full text for Solicitation Number DE–PS07–02ID14238 for the 2002 URI Program will be made available at the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS)

Website at: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The deadline for receipt of applications will be on November 29, 2001. Applications are to be submitted via the IIPS Website. Directions on how to apply and submit applications are detailed under the solicitation on the Website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Stallman, Contract Specialist at stallmkm@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation will be issued in accordance with 10 CFR 600.6(b), eligibility for awards under this program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities having a duly licensed, operating nuclear research or training reactor because the purpose of the University Reactor Instrumentation (URI) program is to upgrade and improve the U.S. university nuclear research and training reactors and to contribute to strengthening the academic community's nuclear engineering infrastructure.

The statutory authority for this program is Public Law 95–91.

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Michael L. Adams,

Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management: Site Recommendation Consideration Process; Las Vegas Science Center To Serve as Extended Hearing Facility

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

ACTION: Notice of an extended hearing facility to receive official comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (the Department) announces that its Las Vegas Science Center will be used to receive public comments on the possible recommendation of the Yucca Mountain Site in Nevada for development as a spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste geologic repository. In addition, the Science Centers in Pahrump, Nevada, and Beatty, Nevada, will have forms available for written comments.

DATES: Starting on September 26, 2001, and continuing through October 15, 2001, the Las Vegas Science Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Locations for the three Science Centers in Nevada are: Las Vegas—4101–B Meadows Lane; Pahrump—1141 South Highway 160; Beatty—100 North E Avenue.

Written comments may also be addressed to Carol Hanlon, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office (M/S #205), P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, Nevada, 89036–0307.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, (M/S #025), P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036–0307, 1–800–967–3477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the August 21, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice (66 FR 43850–43851), the Department announced the scheduling of public hearings in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 5, 2001, in Amargosa Valley, Nevada on September 12, 2001, and in Pahrump, Nevada on September 13, 2001. The Department decided to postpone the latter two hearings in light of the recent terrorist attacks on the United States. In a notice published on September 27, 2001 (66 FR 49372–49373), the latter two hearings were rescheduled to October 10 and October 12, 2001, in Amargosa Valley, Nevada and Pahrump, Nevada, respectively.

For those members of the public who do not participate in these public hearings, the Department is providing them with an opportunity to submit comments at the Las Vegas Science Center, prior to the end of the comment period, on the possible recommendation of the Yucca Mountain Site for development as a spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste repository. A Department official and court reporter will be available to provide project information and receive public testimony from anyone wishing to provide official comments. All comments will be considered as part of the official public record. Written testimony may also be submitted as part of the official record. Posters and relevant information materials on the Yucca Mountain project will also be available at the Science Center.

Citizens are encouraged to reserve time slots to offer testimony by calling 1–800–967–3477. Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes in order to provide proper consideration to all individuals wishing to testify. Citizens are encouraged to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to their scheduled testimony time; citizens arriving after their timeslot has passed will be accommodated to the extent possible.

Walk-in testimony will be accepted as the schedule permits, with priority given to those who have reserved time in advance. Individuals who visit the Las Vegas Science Center to provide testimony will do so in the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) Reading Room.

In addition, citizens can visit DOE Science Centers located in Pahrump, Nevada, and Beatty, Nevada, to submit written comments until the close of the comment period. Comments can also be submitted via e-mail through the web site at www.ymp.gov.

Additional information on the comment process at the Science Centers and on the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management program may be obtained at the Yucca Mountain web site at www.ymp.gov or by calling 1-800-967-3477.

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Lake H. Barrett,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Federal Energy Management Program; Federal Purchasing of Energy-Efficient Standby Power Devices

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE or Department) will hold a public meeting to discuss plans for implementing Executive Order 13221, which directs government agencies to purchase devices with minimal standby power—at or below one watt where available. The Department is interested in receiving comments on which products using standby power are purchased in significant numbers for use in federal facilities, which of these have models available with low standby power levels at or near 1 watt, and comments on the Department's proposed approach for identification of low-standby power products.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crystal City Hilton, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22201. Written comments are welcome, either before or after the public meeting,

but no later than October 26, 2001. Please submit written comments to: Ms. Alison Thomas, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Federal Energy Management Program, EE-90, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2099; Telefax: (202) 586-3000. Please label comments both on the envelope and on the documents and submit them for DOE receipt by October 26, 2001. Please submit one signed copy and a computer diskette (WordPerfect or Microsoft Word). The Department will also accept electronically-mailed comments, e-mailed to alison.thomas@ee.doe.gov.

Additional information on standby power, federal purchasing, and Executive Order 13221 can be found on the DOE website at: <http://www.eren.doe.gov/femp/procurement>. Copies of the agenda, a list of attendees, the public comments received, and this notice may be read at the Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-3142, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Ms. Alison Thomas, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-90, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-2099, email alison.thomas@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 2001, President Bush signed Executive Order 13221, directing government agencies to purchase devices with minimal standby power—at or below one watt where available. He further ordered the Department of Energy (DOE), in consultation with the General Services Administration (GSA), the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and others, to develop a list of products that comply with this requirement. If no devices with standby at or below 1 W are available within a product category, DOE is to recommend a standby power level that is cost-effective.

The DOE Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) will hold an informal public meeting to present its proposed approach to implementing this Order and to solicit views from the public and from federal agencies themselves on practical and effective implementation steps.

The workshop will cover initial ideas on the range of low-power standby products to be included, how to test and

certify standby power levels, how to create a public-domain database on such products based on voluntary data submitted by federal suppliers and manufacturers, and procedures for periodic updating of the database and the categories of products.

Background information on standby power, the Executive Order, and FEMP's ideas on implementation will be presented in the morning. Topics will include the relation of this new effort to FEMP's other activities in support of energy-efficient federal purchasing and to the Energy Star™ labeling program.

After a lunch break, the meeting will be open to brief presentations (up to 5 minutes each) and discussion of comments from the public, including federal agencies. FEMP is interested in receiving feedback from vendors, manufacturers, and other interested parties.

The workshop agenda includes:

- Why are we here?—the Executive Order 13221, workshop objectives, FEMP's approach
- Background on standby power with questions
- Technical issues with questions
- Implementing the Executive Order
- Proposed approach for identifying products and schedule with questions
- Open for public comments

The meeting will be conducted in an informal, conference style. There shall be no discussion of proprietary information, costs or prices, market shares, or other commercial matters regulated by the U.S. antitrust laws. After the meeting and expiration of the period for submitting written statements, the Department will begin consideration of the comments received.

If you would like to participate in the meeting, receive meeting materials, or be added to the DOE mailing list to receive future notices and information regarding the energy conservation program for consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment, please contact Ms. Alison Thomas at (202) 586-2099 or alison.thomas@ee.doe.gov.

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David K. Garman,

Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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