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This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: May 21, 2001.

Trisha Dedik,

Director, International Policy and Analysis for Arms Control and Nonproliferation, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration; Notice of Intent To Establish the National Nuclear Security Administration Advisory Committee (NNSA AC)

In accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1015(a), this notice of intent to establish the National Nuclear Security Administration Advisory Committee. This intent is to establish follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretary of the General Services Administration, pursuant to 41 CFR Subpart 101-6.10.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Administrator for Nuclear Security with advice, information, and recommendations on NNSA mission performance, needs, and priorities. The Committee will provide an organized forum for the community to provide advice and input to programs concerning nonproliferation, stockpile stewardship and naval reactor issues, and their related technology, research and development.

Committee members have been identified; they were selected to ensure an appropriately-balanced membership to bring into account a diversity of viewpoints, including representatives from universities, industry, and others who may significantly contribute to the deliberations of the Committee.

Advance notice of all meetings of this Committee will be published in the **Federal Register**.

The establishment of the National Nuclear Security Administration Advisory Committee has been determined to be compelled by consideration of national security, essential to the conduct of Department of Energy business, and in the public interest.

Further information regarding this Committee may be obtained from Dr. Maureen McCarthy, Chief Scientist,

National Nuclear Security Administration, Washington, DC 20585, phone (202) 586-5555.

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James N. Solit,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments on the Forms EIA-911A-C, "Surveys to Assess Effects of Interruptions of Natural Gas Supplies."

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before July 30, 2001. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to William Trapmann, (EI-44), ATTN: Form EIA-911, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Mr. Trapmann may be reached by telephone at 202-586-6408, by FAX at 202-586-4420 or by e-mail at william.trapmann@eia.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or a copy of the forms and instructions should be directed to Mr. Trapmann at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (FEA Act) (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 et seq.) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. To carry out this program, section 13(b) of the FEA Act

(15 U.S.C. 772(b)) states that "All persons owning or operating facilities or business premises who are engaged in any phase of energy supply or major energy consumption shall make available to the (Secretary) such information and periodic reports, records, documents, and other data, relating to the purposes of this Act,

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Under the authorities granted, EIA conducts mandatory surveys of companies involved in energy supply and consumption. Conducting the surveys provides EIA with information used to accurately estimate United States energy supplies. Users of EIA's information include analysts in Federal, State, and local governments, as well as analysts in energy trade associations, energy companies, the media, consultants, and other private organizations.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the collections under section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

During the past two winters, EIA has fielded emergency surveys to collect information for addressing increasing volatility in natural gas supplies and prices. Most recently, in order to assess interactions of the natural gas and distillate energy markets during the 2000/2001 winter heating season (October-March) and to answer questions on the effects that "fuel-switching" customers (i.e., those that switch between natural gas and petroleum products) have on demand and prices, EIA needed to collect information that was not then available. To satisfy the information needs, EIA fielded the following surveys:

- Form EIA-911A, "Biweekly Gas Supplier Survey"

Form EIA-911A was used to collect information on a biweekly basis from a sample of companies that deliver natural gas regarding delivered volumes and interruptions of service for the January through March portion of the heating season. For each two-week period, data were collected on deliveries (firm, non-firm); interruptions (volumes