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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Department of Energy Draft Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Materials Use Roadmap

AGENCY: Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a draft Roadmap that it intends to use to guide any future research and development (R&D) activities for the materials associated with its depleted uranium hexafluoride (DUF₆) inventory and certain other depleted uranium. On August 2, 1999, DOE issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for Long-Term Management and Use of Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride. This ROD indicated that DOE has decided to promptly convert the DUF₆ inventory to a more chemically stable form. DOE is committed to conducting a program to effect this conversion as rapidly as is practical. In addition, DOE plans a parallel effort to conduct appropriate R&D to assure the most effective disposition of the converted depleted uranium product. This activity will include appropriate investments in the exploration of potential beneficial use of the DU and other materials resulting from the conversion of the DUF₆, *i.e.*, fluorine and empty carbon steel storage cylinders, to achieve cost savings to the Government, contrasted to simply disposing of the materials. However, the Government will also carry out research activities necessary to assure the direct disposal of these materials if costeffective and realistic beneficial uses are not found.

The Roadmap characterizes and analyzes paths for the eventual disposition of these materials, identifies the barriers that exist for those paths, and proposes research, development, and other activities in order to eliminate such barriers. The Roadmap also addresses other surplus depleted uranium, primarily in the form of DU trioxide and DU tetrafluoride.

DOE invites all interested parties to review the draft Roadmap and to submit comments. The draft Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Materials Use Roadmap is available for downloading via the Internet at www.nuclear.gov.

DATES: Comments on the draft Roadmap will be accepted during a public comment period that ends on October 20, 2000. DOE will consider comments received after this date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, requests for further information, or requests for copies of the document may be submitted over the Internet by sending them to DUF6.comments@hq.doe.gov. Please annotate the message subject as dealing with the DUF₆ Materials Use Roadmap. Anyone without Internet access can request a hard copy of the Roadmap and/or submit comments by sending a fax with name and address to (301) 903–4905 or sending a card or letter to the Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Management Program (NE-30), U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert R. Price, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874. Telephone 301/903–9527, Facsimile 301/903–4905.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 6, 1999, DOE issued the Final Plan for the Conversion of Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride as required by Public Law 105–204. In that final plan, DOE committed to develop a Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Materials Use Roadmap in order to establish a corporate plan for the application of

DUF₆ and DUF₆-derived materials that will focus on potential Governmental uses of DUF₆ but will also incorporate limited analysis of established uses of DUF₆-derived materials in the private sector. This commitment supports the preferred alternative presented in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Alternative Strategies for the Long-Term Management and Use of Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride, DOE/EIS-0269, namely, to begin conversion of the DUF₆ inventory as soon as possible, either to uranium oxide, uranium metal, or a combination of both, while allowing for future uses of as much of this inventory as possible.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 31, 2000.

Take notice that on August 25, 2000, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet, to be effective September 25, 2000.

First Revised Sheet No. 101A

ANR states that this filing is made in compliance with the Commission's Order dated July 26, 2000 in the captioned proceeding.

ANR states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party