

operations to support reasonably foreseeable mission requirements. This includes the expansion or modification of current facilities and construction of new facilities, as well as those projects, activities, and facilities described in the No Action Alternative. The LLNL SW/SPEIS and the analyses it contains may support additional programmatic or project decisions in the future. The implementation of these decisions and the schedules for implementation depend on funding levels and allocation of the DOE/NNSA budget.

NNSA's review of the data and methodologies used in accident analyses verified that the LLNL SW/SPEIS correctly identifies bounding site accidents and estimates their potential consequences. This review found a small number of minor discrepancies on non-bounding site accident scenarios. Information concerning these discrepancies is available from Thomas Grim, the NNSA Document Manager for the LLNL SW/SPEIS, at the address and phone number included at the beginning of this ROD. These discrepancies are negligible and the LLNL SW/SPEIS adequately evaluates the potential impacts of the alternatives.

NNSA has decided to implement the preferred alternative, the Proposed Action with the exception of the Energetic Materials Processing Center Replacement and High Explosives Development Center Project. With the issuance of this ROD, NNSA will begin to expand operations at LLNL critical to NNSA's Stockpile Stewardship Program. The major decisions are increasing the administrative and material-at-risk limits for plutonium in the Plutonium Facility and increasing the administrative and material-at-risk limits for tritium in the Tritium Facility. NNSA will review and approve the appropriate documentation and procedures required to implement the increase to a 1,400 kilogram administrative limit for plutonium and the 40 kilograms of fuel-grade equivalent plutonium material-at-risk limit for two rooms for the Plutonium Facility. NNSA will conduct experiments at the NIF using plutonium, other fissile materials, fissionable materials, and lithium hydride. These decisions are discussed in more detail in the following paragraphs.

NNSA continues to rely on LLNL to meet its Stockpile Stewardship Program objectives. These objectives include campaigns relating to pit manufacturing and certification, advanced radiography, dynamic materials properties, materials shelf life experiments, and enhanced surveillance research, which contribute

to the need for long-term storage of plutonium. These campaigns and programs require increasing use of plutonium. NNSA continues to work on a solution for disposal of plutonium, but no pathway for disposal of the excess plutonium at LLNL currently exists, requiring an increase in the plutonium administrative limits. A July 2005 report issued by the Government Accountability Office, *Securing U.S. Nuclear Materials*, discusses some of the problems that need to be solved in order to develop a disposal path for excess plutonium. These problems have not yet been resolved and the amount of plutonium stored at LLNL will increase as NNSA continues to operate the Plutonium Facility. Therefore, NNSA has decided to increase the administrative limit for plutonium to 1,400 kilograms. The inventory will continue to be stored in robust vaults in the facility.

NNSA has decided to increase the plutonium material-at-risk limit from 20 to 40 kilograms of fuel-grade equivalent plutonium in each of two rooms of the Plutonium Facility. The material-at-risk limit for all other rooms would remain at 20 kilograms fuel grade equivalent plutonium. The increases are needed to meet future Stockpile Stewardship Program objectives such as the casting of plutonium parts. These activities support campaigns for advanced radiography, pit manufacturing, and certification.

NNSA has decided to increase the tritium administrative limit for the Tritium Facility from 30 to 35 grams and the material-at-risk at a single workstation from 3.5 to 30 grams. These increases are needed to support future planned Stockpile Stewardship Program activities such as the high-energy density physics target fill and the Test Readiness Program.

NNSA has decided to use plutonium, other fissile materials, fissionable materials, and lithium hydride in experiments at the NIF as evaluated in the LLNL SW/SPEIS. This decision is based on the need for a variety of experiments using fissionable and fissile material at the NIF. NIF will perform experiments with plutonium or highly enriched uranium without ignition to study the equation of state of these materials. Experiments will be conducted to measure fundamental nuclear physics properties using plutonium or highly enriched uranium that require ignition. Experiments will be conducted with lithium hydride, which is not a special nuclear material, with and without ignition. These are materials physics and equation of state experiments designed to address

fundamental physical behavior of this material and to allow benchmarking of physical models of the material. Experiments will be performed with depleted uranium with ignition. These experiments require materials with high atomic numbers collocated on the ignition target to enhance the conversion of laser light to x-rays for inertial confinement fusion experiments.

In accordance with the provisions of NEPA, its implementing procedures and regulations, and DOE's NEPA regulations, I have considered the information contained in the LLNL SW/SPEIS and public comments received in response to the both the Draft and Final LLNL SW/SPEIS. Being fully apprised of the environmental consequences of the alternatives and other information relevant to these decisions, I have decided to continue operations at LLNL as described in the Proposed Action with the exception of the Energetic Materials Processing Center Replacement and High Explosives Development Center Project. This decision will help enable the Department to maintain the core intellectual and technical competencies of the United States in nuclear weapons, and maintain a safe and reliable nuclear weapons stockpile. In making this decision, all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from implementation of the Proposed Action will be adopted. NNSA will consider changes in its programmatic needs prior to implementing Proposed Action projects. The implementation of these decisions and the schedules for their implementation depend on funding levels and allocation of the DOE/NNSA budget. Their implementation also depends on the results of NNSA's continuing assessment of its mission needs and of LLNL's role in meeting those needs.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 22, 2005.

**Linton F. Brooks,**

*Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-7751-6]

### Access to Confidential Business Information by Chemical Abstract Services

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has authorized its contractor Chemical Abstract Services (CAS), of Columbus, Ohio, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data will occur on November 30, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. General Information***A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under TSCA. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?*

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2003-0004. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

**II. What Action is the Agency Taking?**

Under Contract Number EP-W-06-011, CAS of 2540 Olentangy River Rd., P.O. Box 3012, Columbus, OH 43210, will assist EPA by providing technical assistance in developing and operating the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory. This is a new contract that continues the work initiated under Contract Number 68-W-00-127.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under Contract Number EP-W-06-011, CAS will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8 of TSCA, to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract.

CAS personnel will be given information submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 5 and 8 of TSCA, that the Agency may provide CAS access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and CAS' site located at 2540 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH 43210.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under Contract Number EP-W-06-011 may continue until November 30, 2010. Access begins November 30, 2005.

CAS personnel have signed non-disclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection,  
Confidential business information.

Dated: November 23, 2005.

**Vicki Simons,**

*Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ORD-2005-0031; FRL-8003-5]

**Board of Scientific Counselors, Water Quality Subcommittee Meetings—Winter 2006**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of three meetings of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Water Quality Subcommittee.

**DATES:** Two conference call meetings will be held on: (1) Wednesday, December 21, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and (2) Thursday, January 12, 2006 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. One face-to-face meeting will begin on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.), continue on Thursday, January 26, 2006 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and conclude on Friday, January 27, 2006 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). All times noted are eastern time. The meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests for the draft agendas or for making oral presentations at the conference calls or the face-to-face meeting will be accepted up to 1 business day before each conference call/meeting date.

**ADDRESSES: Conference Calls:**

Participation in the conference calls will be by teleconference only—meeting rooms will not be used. Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number and access code to participate in a teleconference meeting may contact Bernice L. Smith, Designated Federal Officer, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice, at least four work days prior to each conference call. *Face-to-Face Meeting:* The meeting will be held at the Marriott Kingsgate Conference Hotel, 151 Goodman Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

**Document Availability**

Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft agenda for, or