

In the July 13 supplement, the petitioners requested the reinstatement of their request that Dr. Hopenfeld's DPO be resolved before allowing IP2 to restart, asserting that the resignation of a DPO panel member raised doubts about the efficacy of the DPO process, and that, therefore, the Petition Review Board should reconsider its rejection of Dr. Hopenfeld's DPO for review under the 10 CFR 2.206 process. However, the NRC staff rejected this request because it did not meet the the 10 CFR 2.206 criteria. Dr. Hopenfeld's concerns were generic in nature and the information the petitioners had provided was not uniquely applicable to IP2 to support the assertions raised in their 10 CFR 2.206 Petition. The information in the July 13 supplement did not provide any information to alter that determination, and, therefore, this request will not be treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations.

Copies of the Petition and additional information are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www/nrc.gov>).

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of August 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m. on September 15, 2000.

PLACE: The Commission's National Office at One Lafayette Centre, 1120 20th St., NW., 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-3419.

STATUS: Pursuant to 29 CFR § 2203.3(a) the first part of this meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: This meeting will be opened to allow the Commission to evaluate the Commission's pilot program for the Settlement Part (29 CFR § 2200.120) and to decide whether to make it permanent. After that matter is disposed of the meeting will be closed for the

Commission to consider cases pending for adjudication.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Issuance of OMB Circular A-76 Transmittal Memorandum No. 22

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) publishes technical changes to the OMB Circular A-76 Revised Supplemental Handbook.

DATES: The OMB Circular A-76 Transmittal Memorandum No. 22 is effective with publication in the **Federal Register** and shall apply to all cost comparisons where the in-house offer remains sealed as of the date of this publication. Inventories produced in accordance with the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act shall also comply with these changes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David C. Childs, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, NEOB Room 9013, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone No. (202) 395-6104.

Availability: Copies of the OMB Circular A-76, its Revised Supplemental Handbook and currently applicable Transmittal Memoranda may be obtained at the OMB home page. The online address (URL) is <http://www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/circulars/index.html#numerical>. Paper copies of the Circular and Supplemental Handbook can be obtained by contacting the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, NEOB, Room 9013, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Telephone No. (202) 395-7579.

Interested parties are reminded that OMB Circular No. A-76, Transmittal Memoranda 1 through 14 have been canceled. Transmittal Memorandum No. 15 provided the Revised Supplemental Handbook dated March 27, 1996 (**Federal Register**, April 1, 1996, pages 14338-14346). Transmittal Memoranda 16, 17, and 18, which provided A-76 related Federal pay raise and material escalation cost factors are canceled. Transmittal Memorandum No. 19, to the

extent that it provided A-76 related Federal pay raise and material escalation cost factors, has been canceled. The standard retirement cost factors for the weighted average CSRS/FERS pension and Federal retiree health cost estimates and the post-retirement health costs also provided by Transmittal Memorandum No. 19, remain in effect. Transmittal Memorandum No. 20, which implemented the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act, remains in effect. Transmittal Memorandum No. 21, which provides the current A-76 related Federal pay raise and material escalation cost factors also remains in effect.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On May 4, 2000 (65 FR 25966), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requested agency and public comments on proposed changes to the OMB Circular A-76 Revised Supplemental Handbook. The proposed changes would:

(1) Amend the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act (FAIR) implementation guidance provided by OMB Circular A-76 Transmittal Memorandum No. 20, by changing the A-76 Revised Supplemental Handbook at Appendix 2, paragraph g.3., to provide for 30 working days rather than 30-calendar days as the period during which an interested party may submit its initial challenge to an agency's FAIR Act inventory. It was also proposed that Appendix 2, paragraph g.4., be changed to provide for 28 working days rather than 28 calendar days as the period during which the agency should issue its decision on the initial challenge;

(2) Delete Part 1, Chapter 3, paragraph K.1.e., of the Revised Supplemental Handbook, which requires A-76 cost comparison appellants to "demonstrate that the items appealed (in an A-76 cost comparison) individually or in aggregate, would reverse the tentative decision." The proposed change was intended to avoid any conflict in requiring a single A-76 cost comparison administrative appeal period, as provided at Part 1, Chapter 3, paragraph K.7.

(3) Strengthen OMB's longstanding policy of limiting the participation of directly affected employees on an A-76 cost comparison Source Selection Board or its evaluation teams by revising Part 1, Chapter 3, paragraph H. 3.b. of the Revised Supplemental Handbook.

OMB received 13 responses to its request for comments (65 FR 25966); 6 Federal agencies, 5 industry or trade groups, 1 employee organization and one individual. A discussion of the