

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.

Issued in Idaho Falls on September 25, 2001.

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.