

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: In the January 20, 2012, issue of the **Federal Register** (77 FR No. 13), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) published its Notice of Availability for the ASAP DEIS for public comment. In that notice, the Corps stated that written comments must be submitted on or before March 5, 2013. Instructions for submitting comments are provided in the January 20, 2010, **Federal Register** notice. In response to scheduling conflicts for public meetings, the Corps has decided to extend the public comment period to April 4, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Romero, Project Manager, Alaska District Regulatory Division, (907) 753-2773

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS
ANNOUNCEMENT:** 77 FR 479 (January 5,
2012); FR Doc. 2012-44.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF
THE MEETING:** Session I: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.,
March 22, 2012; Session II: 6 p.m.-9
p.m., March 22, 2012, Three Rivers
Convention Center, 7016 West
Grandridge Boulevard, Kennewick,
Washington 99352.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The Defense
Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board)
is expanding the matters to be
considered in Session I of the hearing
and meeting. Session I will also include
testimony from the Department of
Energy (DOE) and its contractors
concerning the status of actions related
to unresolved technical safety issues in
the design of the Waste Treatment and
Immobilization Plant (WTP) and
infrastructure needs at the Tank Farms.
The Board will also examine the
relationship between the resolution of
these unresolved safety issues and
development of a sound nuclear safety
strategy. To illustrate these challenges,
the Board will explore at least two areas
of technical concern: erosion/corrosion
and pulse jet mixing.

Session II of the hearing concerns the
status of actions related to the DOE's
implementation plan for the Board's
Recommendation 2011-1, *Safety
Culture at the Waste Treatment and
Immobilization Plant*. Session II
includes several panels of witnesses,
including a panel of DOE Headquarters
senior management personnel who will
discuss DOE's plan for corrective
actions for safety culture concerns and
management/resolution of safety and
technical issues across the defense
nuclear facilities complex. Since this
panel involves just headquarters
personnel, the Board has determined
that it would be more beneficial to
convene the headquarters panel in
Washington, DC, at a later date. The
Board will therefore be reconvening a
separate supplemental panel session, a
continuation of hearing Session II, from
9 a.m.-12 p.m., on Tuesday, May 22,
2012, at the Board's Washington, DC,
Headquarters located at 625 Indiana
Avenue NW., Suite 300, Washington,
DC 20004-2001.

The Board's instructions for public
participation for Sessions I and II of the
March 22, 2012 hearing are described in
the **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 479)
for that hearing. Public participation for
the reconvened Session II hearing in
Washington, DC, is also invited. The
Board is setting aside time at the end of
the reconvened Session of the hearing
for presentations and comments from
the public. Requests to speak may be
submitted in writing or by telephone.
The Board asks that commenters
describe the nature and scope of their
oral presentations. For the continuation
of Session II, those who contact the
Board prior to close of business on May
18, 2012, will be scheduled to speak. At
the beginning of continued hearing, the
Board will post a schedule for speakers
at the entrance to the hearing room.
Anyone who wishes to comment or
provide technical information or data
may do so in writing, either in lieu of,
or in addition to, making an oral
presentation. The Board Members may
question presenters to the extent
deemed appropriate. Documents will be
accepted at the hearing or may be sent
to the Board's Washington, DC, office.
The hearing will be presented live
through Internet video streaming. A link
to the presentation will be available on
the Board's Web site (www.dnfsb.gov). A
transcript of the hearing, along with a
DVD video recording, will be made
available by the Board for inspection
and viewing by the public at the Board's
Washington, DC, office and at DOE's
public reading room at the DOE Federal
Building, 1000 Independence Avenue

SW., Washington, DC 20585. The Board
specifically reserves its right to further
schedule and otherwise regulate the
course of the meeting and hearing, to
recess, reconvene, postpone, or adjourn
the meeting and hearing, conduct
further reviews, and otherwise exercise
its power under the Atomic Energy Act
of 1954, as amended.

The Board also stated in the original
Federal Register notice that the hearing
record would remain open until April
23, 2012, for the receipt of additional
materials. As a result of the
continuation of Session II, the Board
now extends the period of time for
which the full hearing record will
remain open to June 23, 2012.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 700,
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4016. This is a toll-free number.

Dated: March 5, 2012.

Peter S. Winokur,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Assessment for a Radiological Work and Storage Building at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory Kesselring Site

AGENCY: Naval Nuclear Propulsion
Program, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Draft
Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as
amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et
seq.); the Council on Environmental
Quality Regulations for implementing
the procedural provisions of NEPA (40
CFR parts 1500-1508); and the
Department of Energy (DOE)
implementing procedures (10 CFR part
1021); the Naval Nuclear Propulsion
Program (NNPP) announces the
availability of a Draft Environmental
Assessment (EA) for construction and
operation of a radiological work and
storage building at the Knolls Atomic
Power Laboratory (KAPL) Kesselring
Site in West Milton, New York. A
modernized facility is needed to
streamline radioactive material handling
and storage operations, permit
demolition of aging facilities, and
accommodate efficient maintenance of
existing nuclear reactors. The Draft EA
may be viewed at the Saratoga Springs
Public Library in Saratoga Springs, NY,