

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the NMFS bycatch plan should be directed to the NMFS Office of Science and Technology, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD. 20910.

PHONE:(301)713-2363. FAX: (301)713-1875. The NMFS bycatch plan is also available in its entirety on the Internet at <http://kingfish.ssp.nmfs.gov/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Witzig or Liz Lauck, (301) 713-2365.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Interest in bycatch in the Nation's fisheries has received increased attention in the last decade. During this time, NMFS and its constituents have come to agree that fisheries bycatch is an issue of great concern to those interested in sustainable fisheries and marine ecosystems. Congress has emphasized NMFS' responsibility to address bycatch in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

Issues in each of NMFS' administrative regions and on the national level are addressed in detail in the draft NMFS bycatch plan. This discussion forms the basis for a set of research and management recommendations that will help guide the agency's bycatch-related activities. Broadly, recommendations in the plan address the acquisition of bycatch data, gear technology and selectivity research, the effects of bycatch, research on individual incentive programs to manage bycatch, development and implementation of conservation and management measures to address bycatch, and information exchange and cooperative management.

A notice of availability of the draft NMFS bycatch plan was published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 1997 (62 FR 15659). The draft NMFS bycatch plan continues to generate significant public interest and NMFS would like to ensure that all interested members of the public have adequate time to comment on the draft plan. Thus, NMFS is extending the deadline for public comments on the draft plan to June 30, 1997. All comments received on or before that date will be considered in development of the final plan.

**Request for Comments**

NMFS intends that the final version of the bycatch plan will take advantage of information and recommendations from all interested parties. Therefore, comments and suggestions are hereby solicited from the public, other

concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, and any other person concerned with this draft NMFS Bycatch Plan.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

**Nancy Foster,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Technology Center; Notice of Inventions Available for Licensing**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center hereby announces that the inventions listed below are available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207-209 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. Foreign patents rights have been retained on selected inventions to extend market coverage and may also be available for licensing. A copy of issued patents may be obtained, for a modest fee, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

**ADDRESSES:** Assistant Counsel for Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26505.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa A. Jarr, Assistant Counsel for Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26505; Telephone (304) 285-4555; E-mail: LJARR@FETC.DOE.GOV.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 35 U.S.C. 207 authorizes licensing of Government-owned inventions. Implementing regulations are contained in 37 CFR Part 404. 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) authorizes exclusive licensing of Government-owned inventions under certain circumstances, provided that notice of the invention's availability for licensing has been announced in the **Federal Register**.

**ISSUED PATENTS**

Number	Title
4,969,928	Combined Method for Simultaneously Dewatering and Reconstituting Finely Divided Carbonaceous Material.
5,379,902	Method for Simultaneous Use of a Single Additive for Coal Flootation, Dewatering, and Reconstitution.

**Patent Applications Filed**

Combustor Oscillation Attenuation Via the Control of Fuel-Supply Line Dynamics

Porous Desulfurization Sorbent Pellets Containing a Reactive Metal Oxide and an Inert Zirconium Compound

Dynamically Balanced Fuel Nozzle

Periodic Equivalence Ratio Modulation for Control of Combustion Oscillations

Dated: April 25, 1997.

**Rita A. Bajura,**

*Director, FETC.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia); Notice**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia).

**DATES:** Wednesday, May 21, 1997: 6:30 pm-9:35 pm (Mountain Standard Time).

**ADDRESSES:** North Valley Community Center, 3825 4th Street, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Zamorski, Acting Manager, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185 (505) 845-4094.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda:*

6:30 p.m.—DOE Quarterly Meeting  
7:30 p.m.—Public Comment Period  
7:40 p.m.—Approval of Agenda

7:45 p.m.—Approval of 3/19/97 Minutes (Postponed from 4/16/97 Meeting)  
 7:50 p.m.—Approval of 4/16/97 Minutes  
 7:55 p.m.—Chair's Report—Jesse D. Dompereh  
 8:10 p.m.—Break  
 8:20 p.m.—Membership/Nominating Committee Report  
 8:35 p.m.—WEB Site Report  
 8:55 p.m.—Issues Committee Report  
 9:05 p.m.—New/Other Business  
 9:15 p.m.—Agenda Items for Next Meeting  
 9:20 p.m.—Public Comment Period  
 9:25 p.m.—Announcement of Next Meeting/Adjourn

A final agenda will be available at the meeting Wednesday, May 21, 1997.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Mike Zamorski's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Mike Zamorski, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, or by calling (505) 845-4094.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 2, 1997.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah; Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is

hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

**DATES:** Thursday, May 22, 1997, 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Heath High School (cafeteria), 4330 Metropolis Lake Road, West Paducah, Kentucky.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carlos Alvarado, Site-Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (502) 441-6804.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

**Tentative Agenda:** Updates on the Environmental Management and Enrichment Facilities Project report, the Federal Facility Agreement, and the membership drive; reviews of the 10-Year Plan and the Draft Work Plan; and presentations on the Waste Area Groups 6 and 22.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Carlos Alvarado at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Environmental Information and Reading Room at 175 Freedom Boulevard, Highway 60, Kevil, Kentucky between 8 am and 5 pm on Monday through Friday, or by writing to Carlos Alvarado, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, or by calling him at (502) 441-6804.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 2, 1997.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2045-000]

#### AMVEST Power, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

May 2, 1997.

AMVEST Power, Inc. (AMVEST) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which AMVEST will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. AMVEST also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, AMVEST requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by AMVEST.

On April 15, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by AMVEST should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, AMVEST is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public or private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of AMVEST's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is May 15, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,**  
*Secretary.*

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