

postponed to Wednesday, September 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The location of the September 9 meeting will be announced in a separate **Federal Register** notice. Updates about the location of the meeting will also be available on the Advisory Committee's website at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm or you may call Karen Edwards at 202-482-8056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Edwards, Designated Federal Officer and Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4720, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: 202-482-8056; Fax: 202-482-8058; E-mail: piac@ntia.doc.gov.

MEDIA INQUIRIES: Please contact NTIA's Office of Public Affairs at 202-482-7002.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

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National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC).

AGENCY: Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of recruitment for additional members for NMTNEC.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, Technology Administration (TA), requests nominations of individuals for appointment to the National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC). The Committee provides advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Public Law 96-480 (15 U.S.C. 3711) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. The terms of several current members have expired and the period of nominations will identify their replacement.

DATE: Please submit nominations before August 15, 1998 or within ten days of the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to the National Medal of Technology Program Office, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street

and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 4226, Washington, D.C. 20230. Materials may be faxed to 202-501-8153.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allison A. Rosenberg, Director, 202-482-5572.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Medal of Technology was rechartered on December 8, 1997, for a period of two years to provide advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Public Law 96-480 (15 U.S.C. 3711) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC) serves as an advisory body to the Under Secretary of Technology in his capacity as Chair of the Steering Committee, which reports directly to the Secretary of Commerce. Members are responsible for reviewing nominations and making recommendations for the nation's highest honor for technological innovation, awarded annually by the President of the United States. Members of the NMTNEC have an understanding of, and experience in, developing and utilizing technological innovation and/or they are familiar with the education, training, employment and management of technological human resources.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, membership in a committee constituted under the Act must be balanced. To achieve balance, the Department is seeking additional nominations of candidates from small, medium-sized, and large businesses from the following subsectors of the technology industry:

- (1) Manufacturing and Process Quality Technologies;
- (2) Infrastructure and Transportation Technologies, Structural Materials;
- (3) Microelectronics, Functional Materials and Instrumentation; and
- (4) Quality of Life Related Technologies.

Typically, committee members are present or former Chief Executive Officers or other senior leaders of corporations; presidents or distinguished faculty of universities; or senior executives of non-profit organizations. They offer stature by virtue of their positions and also possess first-hand knowledge of the forces driving future directions for their industries or fields of expertise. The Committee as a whole is balanced in representing geographical, professional, ethnic, and gender groups. Nominees must be U.S. citizens, must be able to fully participate in meetings pertaining to the review and selection of finalists for the National Medal of Technology, and must uphold the confidential nature

of an independent peer review and competitive selection process.

Those wishing to nominate qualified parties should send a professional biographical fact sheet and a brief description of current corporate or organizational affiliation(s) that detail activity in the technology subsectors listed above.

The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse NMTNEC membership.

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Under Secretary (Acting), Technology Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Pilot Testing of Neutralization/Biotreatment of Mustard Agent at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) which assesses the potential environmental impacts of the design, construction, systemization and operation of a facility to pilot test the neutralization/biotreatment process of mustard agent using water at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Maryland. The proposed facility will be used to demonstrate, as part of a research and development program, the feasibility of adopting the neutralization process using water, followed by biotreatment, to destroy mustard agent currently stored in ton containers at APG.

DATES: Written comments received within 30 days of the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability for this action will be considered by the Army during final decision making.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the FEIS, write to Ms. Nancy Hoffman, Edgewood Community Outreach Office, Woodbridge Station, 1011 Woodbridge Center Way, Edgewood, Maryland 21040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Catherine Herlinger, Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, ATTN: SFAE-CD-P Building E4585, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, 21010-5401;

telephone: (800) 488-0648 or (410) 463-2583; e-mail: cherling@cdra.apgea.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The alternatives considered in this DEIS are no action (i.e., continued storage of mustard agent at APG) and locating the pilot facility at one of two potential sites within APG. Although the no action alternative is not viable under Pub. L. 99-145, the Department of Defense Authorization Act of 1986, it was analyzed to provide a comparison with the proposed action. In addition, the no action alternative is considered to be deferral of research and development of the neutralization process as an alternative technology.

The FEIS concludes that mustard agent stored in bulk containers can be pilot tested at APG in a safe and environmental acceptable manner using the water neutralization (hydrolysis) process, followed by biotreatment. At one time, the option of sending the hydrolysate to an off-site biotreatment facility was considered by the Army. However, the Army has been unable to identify a suitable off-site biotreatment facility that would accept the neutralization hydrolysate and also conform to the safety and environmental protection requirements of the proposed action. Accordingly, off-site biotreatment is not addressed further in this EIS.

The Department of the Army prepared a Draft EIS (DEIS) which assessed the potential site-specific health and environmental impacts of the construction, systemization and operation of an on-site facility to pilot test the neutralization/biotreatment process of mustard agent using water at APG, Maryland. A Notice of Availability was published on March 27, 1998 (63 FR 14922), which provided notice that the Draft EIS was available for comment. Comments from the DEIS have been considered and responses are included in this Final EIS. After a 30-day waiting period the Army will publish a Record of Decision.

Dated: July 29, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability; Draft DOE Order and Manual on Radioactive Waste Management

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of a revised draft DOE Order and Manual on radioactive waste management. These draft documents set forth the requirements that DOE programs and contractors would follow in managing DOE radioactive waste to provide for radiological protection from DOE facilities, operations, and activities in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*) and other authorities. As part of its mission, DOE generates, stores, treats, and disposes of high-level waste, transuranic waste, low-level waste, and mixed low-level radioactive waste.

DATES: Any comments on the draft Order or Manual (designated draft DOE O 435.1, Radioactive Waste Management, and draft DOE M 435.1, Radioactive Waste Management Manual, respectively) must be received by September 8, 1998 to ensure consideration. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Any written comments should be directed to: Martin Letourneau, Office of Waste Management, EM-35, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

Persons wanting to provide oral comments should call 1-800-356-7954. Electronic copies of the draft Order and Manual are available on the Internet at: <<http://www.explorer.doe.gov:1776/htmls/draft.html>> under the title "Series 400 Work Process." Paper copies also may be obtained from the Center for Environmental Management Information, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, North, SW, Suite 8200, Washington, DC, 20024, 1-800-736-3282, in DC 202-863-5084; and DOE Reading Rooms. For locations of the DOE Reading Rooms or other public information repositories containing these documents, please contact the Center for Environmental Management Information at the above address and telephone.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on draft DOE O 435.1, Radioactive Waste Management, and draft DOE M 435.1, Radioactive Waste Management Manual, or the Order revision process, please contact: Martin Letourneau, at the above address, by

telephone at 301-903-7656, or by e-mail at: martin.letourneau@em.doe.gov.

For general information on the DOE Directives System process, please contact: Howard Landon, United States Department of Energy, Office of Human Resources and Administration, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585-0701, or call 202-586-4716.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft Order and Manual on radioactive waste management would revise the existing DOE Order on radioactive waste management, DOE 5820.2A. DOE is revising the existing DOE Order to reflect advances in radioactive waste management practices, and changes within DOE since the existing DOE Order was issued in 1988.

The draft Order and Manual would revise the procedural and managerial requirements for the management of radioactive waste in the existing DOE Order. The scope of the draft Order and Manual include:

- (1) High-level waste management, including closure of high-level waste tank systems and management of associated incidental wastes;
- (2) Transuranic waste management, including safe treatment, storage, and characterization/certification to support disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant;
- (3) Low-level waste management, with attention to disposal and assessment of potential long-term impacts of the disposal on projected public dose; and
- (4) The management of the radioactive component of mixed wastes to comply with external regulatory requirements, including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, which regulates the management of the hazardous component of mixed wastes.

DOE is also preparing an Implementation Guide, which will accompany the final Order and Manual.

The current radioactive waste management Order, DOE 5820.2A, provides that low-level and mixed low-level waste shall be disposed of at a DOE facility, but authorizes the granting of exemptions to allow disposal at a non-DOE facility when such disposal meets certain criteria. DOE is currently conducting a policy analysis of the use of non-DOE facilities for the disposal of DOE's low-level and mixed low-level waste to determine, among other things, whether this practice should be expanded or further restricted. DOE issued a notice of intent and request for public comment regarding this policy analysis on March 19, 1998 (63 FR 13396). Pending completion of that analysis, the section of the draft Manual