

recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive, including making recommendations on performance awards.

The PRB is also responsible for providing recertification recommendations for career SES appointees in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 3393 (a) and 5 CFR 317.504 (f). Recommendations on SES pay level adjustments are also made by the PRB.

Membership

The following executives of the Department of Education have been selected to serve on the Performance Review Board of the Department of Education: Steven Schatken, Chair, Judith Heumann, Co-Chair, Mary Ellen Dix, Philip Link, Susan Craig, Steven Winnick, Jeanette Lim, Carol Cichowski, Thomas Skelly, Larry Oxendine, Linda Paulsen, John Higgins, Steven McNamara, Mary Jean LeTendre, William Modzeleski, Patricia Guard, Joseph Conaty, Edward Fuentes, Dennis Berry, William Smith, Hazel Fiers, Diane Rossi, Linda Roberts, Raymond Pierce, Thomas Hehir, D. Jean Veta, Claudio Prieto. The following executives have been selected to serve as alternate members of the PRB: Jeanne Van Vlandren, Ricky Takai, Arthur Coleman, Curtis Richards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Althea Watson, Director, Executive Resources Team, Human Resources Group, Office of Management, Department of Education, Room 1135, FOB-10B, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202, Telephone: (202) 401-0546. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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Richard W. Riley,
Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Production of Tritium in a Commercial Light Water Reactor

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Public Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Production of Tritium in a Commercial Light Water Reactor (hereafter referred to as the CLWR Draft EIS), and the dates and locations for public meetings to receive comments on the CLWR Draft EIS. The purpose of the CLWR Draft EIS is to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with producing tritium at one or more commercial light water reactors. Tritium, a radioactive gas, is a necessary component of every weapon in the Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile.

ADDRESSES AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the CLWR Draft EIS and/or its Summary may be obtained upon request by mail (U.S. Department of Energy, Commercial Light Water Reactor Project Office, Attn: Mr. Jay Rose, P.O. Box 44539, Washington, D.C. 20026-4539), by fax (1-800-631-0612), by phone (1-800-332-0801), or electronically (CLWR web site: <http://www.dp.doe.gov/dp-62>).

Specific information regarding the public meetings can be obtained by calling 1-800-332-0801, writing to the address above, or electronically via the CLWR web site: <http://www.dp.doe.gov/dp-62>.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Carol M.

Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy is responsible for supplying nuclear materials for strategic defense needs and for ensuring that the nuclear weapons stockpile remains safe and reliable. Tritium, a radioactive isotope of hydrogen, is an essential component of every nuclear weapon in the current and projected U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile. Unlike other materials used in nuclear weapons, tritium decays rapidly, at a rate of 5.5 percent per year. Accordingly, as long as the Nation relies on a nuclear deterrent, the tritium in each nuclear weapon must be replenished periodically. Currently, the U.S. nuclear weapons complex does not have the capability to produce the amounts of tritium that will be required to support the Nation's stockpile.

The CLWR Draft EIS evaluates the environmental impacts associated with producing tritium at one or more of the following five CLWRs: (1) Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (Spring City, Tennessee); (2) Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (Soddy Daisy, Tennessee); (3) Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 2 (Soddy Daisy, Tennessee); (4) Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (Hollywood, Alabama); and (5) Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Unit 2 (Hollywood, Alabama). More specifically, the CLWR Draft EIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with fabricating tritium-producing burnable absorber rods (TPBARs), transporting non-irradiated TPBARs from the fabrication facility to the reactor sites, irradiating TPBARs in the reactors, and transporting irradiated TPBARs from the reactors to a tritium extraction facility that would be established at the Savannah River Site. The CLWR Draft EIS also evaluates the No Action alternative. Under this alternative, the stockpile requirements for tritium would have to be met by the construction and operation of an accelerator at DOE's Savannah River Site.

The Department does not have a preferred alternative at this time for the CLWR Draft EIS. The CLWR Final EIS will include any preferred alternative. However, the Department may choose to identify a preferred alternative prior to issuing the CLWR Final EIS.

The Department is inviting members of Congress, American Indian Tribal Governments, state and local

governments, other Federal agencies, and the general public to provide comments on the CLWR Draft EIS. The 60-day comment period starts on August 28, 1998, and will end on October 27, 1998. As part of the review period, the Department has scheduled three public meetings for the following dates, times, and locations.

October 1, 1998, 7 p.m.

North Augusta Community Center,
495 Brookside Avenue, North
Augusta, SC 29842, (803) 441-4290

October 6, 1998, 7 p.m.

Northeast Alabama Community
College, Tom Bevill Lyceum, 138
Alabama Highway 35 West,
Rainsville, AL 35986, (205) 638-
7044

October 8, 1998, 7 p.m.

Rhea County High School,
Auditorium, 405 Pierce Road,
Evansville, TN 37332, (423) 775-
7821

Registration will begin 45 minutes before the beginning of each meeting.

Comments may also be submitted by mail (U.S. Department of Energy, Commercial Light Water Reactor Project Office, Attn: Mr. Jay Rose, P.O. Box 44539, Washington, D.C. 20026-4539), by fax (1-800-631-0612), by phone (1-800-332-0801), or electronically (CLWR web site: <http://www.dp.doe.gov/dp-62>). The Department will consider all comments postmarked by October 27, 1998, in preparing the CLWR Final EIS. Later comments will be considered to the extent practicable. The CLWR Final EIS is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 1998. A Record of Decision would be issued no sooner than 30 days after the CLWR Final EIS is issued.

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 21st day of August, 1998.

Thomas F. Gioconda,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Laboratory Operations Board

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 9, 1998, 8:30 A.M.–3:30 P.M.

Place: Westin Hotel at City Center, Vista Ballroom A, 1400 M Street, NE, Washington D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Laboratory Operations Board is to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the strategic direction of the Department's laboratories, the coordination of budget and policy issues affecting laboratory operations, and the reduction of unnecessary and counterproductive management burdens on the laboratories. The Laboratory Operations Board's goal is to facilitate the productive and cost-effective utilization of the Department's laboratory system and the application of best business practices.

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, September 9, 1998

8:30–9:00 A.M. Co-Chairs' Opening Remarks
9:00–10:30 A.M. Status Report on Outstanding Action
10:30–10:45 A.M. Break
10:45–11:30 A.M. Continuation of Status Reports
11:30–1:00 P.M. Lunch Break
1:00–2:30 P.M. Discussion of Work Plan
2:30–3:15 P.M. Discussion of Other Activities
3:15–3:30 P.M. Public Comment Period
3:30 P.M. Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The Chairman of the Laboratory Operations Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a way which will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington D.C., the Laboratory Operations Board welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Laboratory Operations Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department

of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Minutes: Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Laboratory Operations Board may also be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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Althea T. Vanzego,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket Nos. 98-39-NG et al]

CCGM, L.P. et al; Orders Granting and Vacating Authorizations to Import and/or Export Natural Gas, Including Liquefied Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders granting and vacating various natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, import and export authorizations. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853.

They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on August 20, 1998.

John W. Glynn,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum, Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.