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Dated: January 12, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010799C]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a joint meeting of its Snapper Grouper Assessment Group and Wreckfish Advisory Panel to review wreckfish landings and the wreckfish assessment and develop recommendations to the Council for setting the 1999/2000 wreckfish framework actions including total allowable catch.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 2, 1999 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., on February 3, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on February 4, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2001 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 843-571-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: susan.buchanan@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Snapper Grouper Assessment Group will review and discuss the gag, greater amberjack and red porgy assessments and develop group recommendations to the Council; review and discuss the trends report and updated spawning potential ratio estimates for snapper grouper species and develop

recommendations; review, discuss and develop recommendations on the compliance and logbook reports and the snowy grouper, golden tilefish and greater amberjack quotas. The Assessment Group will also discuss and make recommendations on: the status of snapper grouper species as reflected in the most recent assessments and the projected status based upon Amendment 9 actions, special management zones, marine fishery reserves, oculina research, frequency of trends and compliance reports, the stock assessment and fishery evaluation (SAFE) report; and essential fish habitat (EFH) and EFH habitat areas of particular concern. The Assessment Group will then review and discuss the Council's Sustainable Fisheries Act Amendment before making recommendations for future action. The Assessment Group will discuss other business which may arise before adjourning.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

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Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Meeting; Sunshine Act

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

TIME AND DATE: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., February 8-9, 1999.

STATUS: Open—under "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

February 8, 1999

Place: Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Board of Regents

Conference Room (D3001), 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-4799.

8:30 a.m. Meeting—Board of Regents

- (1) Strategic Planning
- (2) Group I & Group II Meeting
- (3) Executive Committee

February 9, 1999

Place: National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD.

8:30 a.m. Meeting—Board of Regents

- (1) Approval of Minutes—October 26, 1998
- (2) Faculty Matters
- (3) Departmental Reports
- (4) Financial Report
- (5) Report—President, USUHS
- (6) Report—Dean, School of Medicine
- (7) Report—Dean, Graduate School of Nursing
- (8) Comments—Chairman, Board of Regents
- (9) New Business

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Bobby D. Anderson, Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents, (301) 295-3116.

Linda Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at Active Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of the acceptance of claims and the availability of funds for reimbursement in fiscal year 1999 and changes in reimbursement ceilings.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Department of Energy acceptance of claims for reimbursement.

Approximately \$30 million in funds for fiscal year 1999 are available for reimbursement of certain costs of remedial action at eligible active uranium and thorium processing sites pursuant to Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

After the payment of fiscal year 1999 funds against outstanding approved claims through fiscal year 1998, there will be remaining unpaid outstanding approved claims. Thus any approved claim amounts for fiscal year 1999 will be added to the outstanding balances and eligible for prorated payment in fiscal year 2000 based on the availability of funds from congressional appropriations.

Changes in Reimbursement Ceilings: Section 11 of the Energy Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Secs. 11(a) and (b), Pub. L. 105-388) amends the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to increase the ceiling for thorium reimbursements by \$75,000,000 to \$140,000,000.

The overall ceiling for Title X reimbursements is thus increased from \$415,000,000 to \$490,000,000. This increase is effective immediately and will be applied in calculating the remaining available ceiling for thorium claims.

Title X directs that reimbursements to each uranium licensee will not exceed \$5.50 per dry short ton of byproduct material. When Title X was enacted, the Department determined that the authorized amount of \$270,000,000 for the total reimbursements to uranium licensees would not be sufficient if the reimbursable costs for each of the uranium licensees were to equal or exceed \$5.50 per dry short ton of byproduct material. The Department has been utilizing a preliminary dry short ton ceiling that is less than the statutory ceiling of \$5.50 per dry short ton to assure that all licensees would receive their fair share of authorized funds.

The Department has determined that the preliminary dry short ton ceiling is no longer needed. Beginning with the fiscal year 1999 reimbursement, each uranium licensee's approved reimbursable costs will be limited to their actual cost per dry short ton or the statutory dry short ton ceiling, whichever is less. The statutory dry short ton ceiling, which when adjusted for inflation through calendar year 1997, is currently \$7.07 per dry short ton. This amount will be adjusted in early 1999 for inflation during calendar year 1998.

DATES: The Department will process payments of approximately \$30 million against outstanding approved claims through fiscal year 1998 by April 30, 1999. The closing date for the submission of claims in fiscal year 1999 is May 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Claims should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, or by express mail to the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, H and Pennsylvania Streets, Albuquerque, NM 87116. All claims should be addressed to the attention of Mr. James B. Coffey. Two copies of the claim should be included with each submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Messrs. James Coffey (505-845-4026) or Gil Maldonado (505-845-4035), U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy published a final rule under 10 CFR part 765 in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1994 (59 FR 26714) to carry out the requirements of Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Secs. 1001-1004, Pub. L. 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*) and to establish the procedures for eligible licensees to submit claims for reimbursement. Title X requires the Department of Energy to reimburse eligible uranium and thorium licensees for certain costs of decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action incurred by licensees at active uranium and thorium processing sites to remediate byproduct material generated as an incident of sales to the United States Government. To be reimbursable, costs of remedial action must be for work which is necessary to comply with applicable requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 *et seq.*) or, where appropriate, with requirements established by a state pursuant to a discontinuance agreement under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021). Claims for reimbursement must be supported by reasonable documentation as determined by the Department of Energy in accordance with 10 CFR part 765. Funds for reimbursement will be provided from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund established at the United States Department of Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

Authority: Secs. 1001-1004, Pub. L. 102-46, 106 Stat. 2776 (42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*), as amended by secs. 11 (a) and (b), Pub. L. 105-388.

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David E. Mathes,

Leader, UMTRA/Surface Ground Water Team, Office of Southwestern Area Programs, Environmental Restoration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-99ID13750—Steel Industries of the Future.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts of the steel industry. The research is to address research priorities identified by the steel industry in the Steel Industry Technology Roadmap.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of full applications is March 18, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to: Beth Dahl, Contract Specialist, Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Dahl, Contract Specialist at dahlee@id.doe.gov, or Linda Hallum, Contracting Officer at hallumla@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Steel Industry Technology Roadmap can be found at <http://www.steel.org/MandT/contents.htm>. Approximately \$5,000,000 in federal funds are expected to be available to fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making 1 to 5 cooperative agreement awards each with a duration of five years or less. A minimum 30% non-federal cost-share is required for research and development projects. Proposals for demonstration projects of existing technologies will require a minimum 50% cost share. Collaborations between industry, university, and National Laboratory participants are encouraged. The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-99ID13750 is on or about January 4, 1999. The solicitation is available in its full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doi/PSD/proc-div.html>. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.