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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84:031]

William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program; Correction

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: On July 6, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 36542-36546) announcing the annual update to the income percentage factors for 1999 which are used to calculate the borrower's monthly payment amount under the income contingent repayment plan in the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program. This information is revised annually to reflect changes in the consumer price index.

On page 36542, the last sentence in the summary paragraph, the notice incorrectly stated that "these updates are effective from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001." This notice corrects the sentence to read "These updates are effective from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Watson, U.S. Department of Education, Room 3045, ROB-3, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-5400. Telephone: (202) 708-8242. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you 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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(Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087 *et seq.*)

Dated: July 27, 1999.

Greg Woods,

Chief Operating Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Treatment and Management of Sodium-Bonded Spent Nuclear Fuel

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces the availability of the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Treatment and Management of Sodium-Bonded Spent Nuclear Fuel" (DOE/EIS-0306D) for public review and comment. This draft EIS, prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), assesses the potential environmental impacts associated with the treatment and management of the Department's sodium-bonded spent nuclear fuel in one or more spent nuclear fuel management facilities: Argonne National Laboratory-West at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (near Idaho Falls, Idaho) and either the F-Canyon or Building 105-L at the Savannah River Site (near Aiken, South Carolina). The Department is considering ways to prepare the sodium-bonded spent nuclear fuel for disposal in a geologic repository. Such treatment would remove or stabilize the chemically reactive sodium in the fuel. The EIS

evaluates reasonable alternatives for treatment of the Department's sodium-bonded spent nuclear fuel and a no-action alternative. The Department has no preferred alternative at this time.

DATES: The Department invites the general public, other Federal agencies, Tribal, State and local Governments to provide comments on this draft EIS. The 45-day comment period extends through September 13, 1999. To ensure consideration in the preparation of the final EIS, comments should be transmitted or postmarked by September 13, 1999. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. The information obtained during the comment period will assist the Department in preparing the final EIS, which is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 1999.

During the review period, the Department will hold public hearings to discuss the proposed action and to receive oral and written comments on the draft EIS. The hearings are scheduled for the following dates, times, and locations.

August 17, 1999, (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.), North Augusta Community Center, 495 Brookside Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina 29842, (803) 441-4290

August 24, 1999, (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.), Owyhee Plaza Hotel, 1109 Main Street, Boise, Idaho 83702, (208) 343-4611

August 26, 1999, (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.), Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402, (208) 523-0088

August 31, 1999, (2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, (703) 418-1234

The format for the hearings will include an opportunity for informal discussions with project personnel before and after the formal presentation. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity to provide comments on the draft EIS to Departmental representatives. The Department encourages those providing oral comments at the hearings to also submit them in writing. Comment forms will be available at the hearings for those who prefer to submit their comments in writing.

The Department will make transcripts of the draft EIS hearings, copies of background documents, and other materials related to the proposed project and development of the EIS available for public review in the following reading rooms:

Washington, D.C.: U. S. Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Reading Room, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190,

1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20585-0117, 202-586-3142

Idaho Falls, Idaho: Idaho National
Engineering and Environmental
Laboratory, DOE-Idaho Operations Office
Public Reading Room, 1776 Science Center
Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415, 208-526-0271

Richland, Washington: DOE Public Reading
Room, 2770 University Drive, CIC, Room
101L, Richland, Washington 99352, 509-372-7443

Albuquerque, New Mexico: University of
New Mexico, Government Information
Department, Zimmerman Library,
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131, 505-277-0582

Aiken, South Carolina: University of South
Carolina-Gregg Graniteville Library, 471
University Parkway, Aiken, South Carolina
29803, 803-648-6851

Oak Ridge, Tennessee: DOE Public Reading
Room, 230 Warehouse Road, Building
1916-T-2, Suite 300, Oak Ridge,
Tennessee 37831, 423-241-4780 and the
DOE Information Resource Center, 105
Broadway Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
37830, 423-241-4582

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the
draft EIS, requests for special
arrangements to enable participation in
the hearings (e.g., an interpreter for the
hearing impaired), requests to be placed
on the EIS distribution list, and
questions concerning the project should
be sent to: Ms. Susan M. Lesica, EIS
Document Manager, Office of Nuclear
Facilities Management, Office of
Nuclear Energy, Science and
Technology, U.S. Department of Energy,
NE-40, 19901 Germantown Road,
Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290.

Comments and requests may also be
submitted by toll free facsimile to (877)
621-8288 or telephone (877) 450-6904.
Comments and requests may also be
submitted by electronic mail to
emtEIS@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For
general information on the Department's
National Environmental Policy Act
(NEPA) process, please contact: Ms.
Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of
NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42),
Office of Environment, Safety and
Health, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000
Independence Avenue, SW Washington,
DC 20585-0119; or telephone (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Department is responsible for the safe
and efficient management of several
types of spent nuclear fuel including its
ultimate disposition (that is expected to
be disposal in a geologic repository).
Some Departmental spent fuels may be
suitable for disposal with little or no
stabilizing treatment. Other spent fuel
types may not be suitable for disposal

without significant treatment or
stabilization.

One type of spent nuclear fuel that
may not be suitable for disposal without
treatment is sodium-bonded spent
nuclear fuel. Sodium-bonded spent
nuclear fuel contains metallic sodium, a
highly chemically reactive material.
Metallic sodium reacts vigorously with
water or moist air producing heat,
potentially explosive hydrogen gas, and
sodium hydroxide, a corrosive
substance. Sodium metal was used as a
heat transfer medium within the
stainless steel cladding of sodium-
bonded fuel and as coolant in the
nuclear reactors in which these fuels
were used. To the extent possible, the
highly reactive sodium has been
removed from external surfaces of these
fuels after their use, but a portion
remains bonded to the uranium metal
alloy fuel within the cladding and
cannot be removed without further
treatment. The presence of reactive or
pyrophoric material such as metallic
sodium, could complicate the process of
qualifying and licensing such spent fuel
for disposal, which would require data
and predictive analyses sufficient to
demonstrate that emplacement of the
spent fuel would not adversely affect a
repository's ability to protect the
environment and public health.

The Department believes that
treatment to remove metallic sodium
and convert this spent nuclear fuel into
a compact waste form would facilitate
disposal qualification of this fuel.
Technologies for spent nuclear fuel
treatment that might facilitate such
qualification should, therefore, be
considered in deciding how to manage
Department-owned sodium-bonded
fuels. The EIS analyzes, under the
proposed action, six reasonable
alternatives that employ one or more of
the following technology options:
electrometallurgical treatment; the
plutonium-uranium extraction process;
packaging in high-integrity cans; and
the melt and dilute treatment process.
The EIS also evaluates a no action
alternative, under which the sodium-
bonded spent nuclear fuel would
continue to be stored indefinitely; The
Department would pursue research and
development of a new treatment
technology or would directly dispose of
the sodium-bonded spent nuclear fuel
in high-integrity cans without treatment.

The Department has not identified a
preferred alternative in the draft EIS.
Environmental analysis in this EIS,
public comments, the findings of an
independent cost study and a
nonproliferation report that are being
prepared concurrently with the EIS, as
well as other program policy factors,

will be considered in determining a
preferred alternative in the final EIS. A
Record of Decision will be issued no
sooner than 30 days after the final EIS
has been distributed.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 22, day of
July 1999.

William D. Magwood, IV,
*Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science
and Technology.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Energy Information
Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review;
comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information
Administration (EIA) has submitted the
energy information collection(s) listed at
the end of this notice to the Office of
Management and Budget (OMB) for
review under section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.
L. 104-13). The listing does not include
collections of information contained in
new or revised regulations, which are to
be submitted under section
3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork
Reduction Act, nor management and
procurement assistance requirements
collected by the Department of Energy
(DOE). Each entry contains the
following information: (1) Collection
number and title; (2) summary of the
collection of information (includes
sponsor (the DOE component)), current
OMB document number (if applicable),
type of request (new, revision,
extension, or reinstatement); response
obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or
required to obtain or retain benefits); (3)
a description of the need and proposed
use of the information; (4) description of
the likely respondents; and (5) estimate
of total annual reporting burden
(average hours per response \times proposed
frequency of response per year \times
estimated number of likely
respondents.)

DATES: Comments must be filed on or
before August 30, 1999. If you anticipate
that you will be submitting comments
but find it difficult to do so within the
time allowed by this notice, you should
advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed
below of your intention to do so as soon
as possible. The Desk Officer may be
telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also,