

Energy by law. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, pursuant to 41 CFR subpart 101-6.10.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Energy and the Director of the Office of Science with advice, information, and recommendations on national research needs and priorities. The Committee will provide an organized forum for the scientific community to conduct an in-depth assessment of the Advanced Scientific Computing Research programs.

Committee members will be chosen to ensure an appropriately balanced membership to bring into account a diversity of viewpoints, including representatives from universities, industry, Department of Energy programs, Department of Energy operating contractors, affected Federal agencies, and others who may significantly contribute to the deliberations of the committee. All meetings of this Committee will be noticed ahead of time in the **Federal Register**.

Further information regarding this Advisory Committee may be obtained from Dr. Patricia Dehmer, Acting Associate Director of Science for Advanced Scientific Computing Research, SC-30, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874, phone (301) 903-7486.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Public Hearings.

SUMMARY: On August 13, 1999, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Availability (64 FR 44200) of its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada (DOE/EIS-0250-D) and announced a 180-day public

comment period ending February 9, 2000. The Draft EIS provides information on potential environmental impacts that could result from a proposed action to construct, operate and monitor, and eventually close a repository for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain in Nye County, Nevada.

The public is invited to submit written and oral comments at the 16 public hearings listed at the end of this notice.

DATES: DOE will consider all comments transmitted or postmarked by February 9, 2000. Comments submitted after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be directed to: Ms. Wendy R. Dixon, EIS Project Manager, M/S 010, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, NV 89036-0307.

Written comments may be transmitted by facsimile to 1-800-967-0739 and should include the following identifier: "Yucca Mountain Draft EIS."

Written comments may be submitted over the Internet via the Yucca Mountain Project website at <http://www.ymp.gov>, under the listing "Environmental Impact Statement."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy R. Dixon, EIS Project Manager, M/S 010, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, NV 89036-0307, Telephone 1-800-967-3477, Facsimile 1-800-967-0739.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the Draft EIS have been provided to federal, state, tribal, and local government agencies and interested parties. In addition, the Draft EIS is available on the internet via the DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) website at <http://www.tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa> under the listing DOE NEPA Analyses, the Yucca Mountain Project website at <http://www.ymp.gov> under the listing Environmental Impact Statement, and at 38 public reading rooms across the country. Copies of the Draft EIS may be requested by calling 1-800-967-3477.

A complete set of all hard copy references used in the preparation of the Draft EIS are available for review at four public reading rooms: University of Nevada—Las Vegas, Nevada; University of Nevada—Reno, Nevada; Yucca Mountain Science Center—Pahrump,

Nevada; and the DOE Headquarters Office in Washington, DC.

Noncopyrighted references are available in the Yucca Mountain Science Center in Beatty, Nevada, as well as on CD-ROMs in an additional 33 public reading rooms across the nation. Noncopyrighted references are also available on the Yucca Mountain Project website at <http://www.ymp.gov>.

The public is invited to submit written and oral comments at the 16 public hearings listed at the end of this notice. The first hour of each hearing will include a brief overview presentation on the Draft EIS and a question and answer session. The remainder of the hearing will be an opportunity to provide comments for the record. To schedule a time to provide oral comments during the hearings, please call 1-800-967-3477. Persons wishing to provide oral comments who have not registered in advance may register at each hearing.

Public hearings will be held on the following dates at the following locations:

1. September 27, 1999, 11:00 am–2:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Amargosa Valley Community Center, 821 East Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, Nevada 89020.
2. September 30, 1999, 11:00 am–2:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Bob Ruud Community Center, 150 North Highway 160, Pahrump, Nevada 89048.
3. October 4, 1999, 10:00 am–1:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Goldfield Community Center, 403 Crook Street, Goldfield, Nevada 89013.
4. October 5, 1999, 10:00 am–1:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Boise Centre on the Grove, 850 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702.
5. October 19, 1999, 10:00 am–1:00 pm, 4:00 pm–8:00 pm, Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 Sixth Street, Ely, Nevada 89301.
6. October 21, 1999, 12:00 pm–3:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Georgia International Convention Center, 1902 Sullivan Road, College Park, Georgia 30337.
7. October 26, 1999, 11:00 am–2:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Hall of States, 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001.
8. November 4, 1999, 12:00 pm–3:00 pm, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm, Statham Hall, 138 North Jackson Street, Lone Pine, California 93545.
9. November 9, 1999, 12:00 pm–3:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Caliente Youth Center, U.S. Highway 93 North, Caliente, Nevada 89008.
10. November 16, 1999, 11:00 am–2:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Denver

Convention Complex, 700 14th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.

11. December 1, 1999, 12:00 pm–3:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Lawlor Events Center, 1664 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89557.

12. December 7, 1999, 11:00 am–2:00 pm, 5:30 pm–9:30 pm, Austin Town Hall, 137 Court Street, Austin, Nevada 89310.

13. December 9, 1999, 10:00 am–1:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Crescent Valley Town Hall, 5045 Tenabo Avenue, Crescent Valley, Nevada 89821.

14. January 11, 2000, 11:00 am–2:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Grant Sawyer State Building, 555 East Washington, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

15. January 13, 2000, 10:00 am–1:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, Salt Lake City Hilton Inn, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

16. January 20, 2000, 11:00 am–2:00 pm, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm, America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science

High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, October 12, 1999; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, October 13, 1999; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Thursday, October 14, 1999; 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Holiday Inn, 2 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John E. Metzler, Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; U.S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, Maryland 20874–1290; Telephone: 301–903–2979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance on a continuing

basis with respect to the high energy physics research program.

Tentative Agenda:

Tuesday, October 12, 1999,
Wednesday, October 13, 1999, and
Thursday, October 14, 1999.

- Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Programs.
- Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program.
- Discussion of High Energy Physics University Programs.
- Reports on and Discussion of the Use of Networks and Computing in High Energy Physics.
- Reports on and Discussion of U.S. Large Hadron Collider Activities.
- Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics.
- Public Comment (10-minute rule).

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Panel, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact John E. Metzler at 301–903–5079 (fax) or john.e.metzler@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Panel will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; Room 1E–190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C., between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

September 3, 1999.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for Office of Management and Budget Emergency Processing of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104–13), and 5 CFR 1320.13 of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is providing notice of its request to OMB for emergency processing of a proposed collection of information request on the specific aspects of the information collection described below. OMB approval has been requested by September 8, 1999. A copy of this information collection request (ICR), with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Commission's Information Clearance Officer, Michael Miller at (202)208–1415. Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: FERC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202 NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Agency: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Title: Pilot Project for Electronic Filing of Documents.

OMB Number: 1902–new.

Frequency: Monthly.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 150.

Description: The challenges facing the Commission over the next few years are substantial, particularly in light of the changing and more competitive electric and gas industries. To ensure that the Commission's decisions are based on accurate, complete and timely information, an information technology initiative was developed to create a comprehensive information management system to minimize filing burdens, generate better information for use by industries and reduce the