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L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Extension to the Public Comment Period From April 3, 2000 to April 24, 2000 for the Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal and Reuse of MCAS El Toro

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to a request from the El Toro Reuse Planning Authority (ETRPA), the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), has decided to extend the public review comment period for the former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro Disposal and Reuse Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), from April 3, 2000 to April 24, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Montana, NEPA Project Manager, Commander, Southwest Division, BRAC Program Office, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 1100, San Diego, CA 92101-8517, phone (619) 532-0942.

Dated: April 12, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Analysis of Environmental Impacts Associated With the Conveyance of the Naval Ammunition Support Detachment, Vieques, Puerto Rico

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of intent to prepare analysis of the environmental impacts associated with the conveyance of the Navy property as contemplated by the President's Directive to the Secretary of Defense and the Director, Office of Management and Budget, dated January 31, 2000, entitled "Resolution Regarding Use of Range Facilities on Vieques, Puerto Rico;" and notice of scoping period.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (Navy) will prepare an analysis of the environmental impacts associated with implementation of the President's Directive of January 31, 2000. The analysis will address conveyance of the property comprising the Naval Ammunition Support Detachment (NASD), Vieques, Puerto Rico, except approximately 100 acres of land on which the Relocatable Over-The-Horizon Radar (ROTHR) facility and Mount Pirata telecommunications site are located. It is anticipated that Navy will also retain such easements and other property interests as are necessary to support access to and continued operation of these two sites.

The environmental analysis will address endangered and threatened species, other natural resources, cultural resources, hazardous materials, and other issues brought forth through the scoping process. The environmental analysis will also address potential mitigation measures. The Department of the Interior will act as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental analysis.

On February 25, 2000, Navy submitted legislation to the Congress proposing conveyance of the NASD property to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Federal, state, and local agencies, and individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the conveyance of the property or the management of the conservation areas are invited to provide oral or written comments, in Spanish or English, accepted until May 17, 2000. Comments should be as specific as possible. Scoping comments may be sent to: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces South, Building 1685, U.S. Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico 00742, FPO 8A34099-6004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, write to the above address or call Mr. Jose Negron at (757) 865-4078.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President directed the Navy to submit legislation authorizing the conveyance of the property comprising the NASD, Vieques, except approximately 100 acres of land on which the ROTHR facility and Mount Pirata Telecommunications site are located, to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Dated: April 12, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 00-14; Experimental Program To Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR); Building EPSCoR-State/National Laboratory Partnerships

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting research grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Basic Energy Sciences (BES) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in keeping with its energy-related mission to assist in strengthening the Nation's scientific research enterprise through the support of basic science, engineering, and mathematics, announces its interest in receiving grant applications for collaborative partnerships between academic or industrial researchers from states eligible for the DOE/EPSCoR program and researchers at DOE's National Laboratories, facilities, and centers. The purpose of the DOE/EPSCoR program is to enhance the capability of designated states to conduct nationally-competitive energy-related research, and to develop science and engineering manpower in energy-related areas to meet current and future needs. The purpose of this program notice is to initiate and promote partnering and collaborative relationships that build beneficial energy-related research programs with strong participation by students, postdoctoral fellows and young faculty from EPSCoR states.

DATES: Potential applicants are required to submit a brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 00-14, should be received by DOE by 4:30 P.M., E.D.T., October 3, 2000. A response to the preapplications encouraging or discouraging a formal application will be communicated to the applicant within approximately thirty days of receipt. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 P.M., E.S.T., January 16, 2001, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2001.

ADDRESSES: All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 00-14, should be sent to Dr. Matesh N. Varma, Division of Materials Sciences and Engineering, SC-132, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

After receiving notification from DOE encouraging submission of a formal application, applicants may prepare formal applications and send them to:

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 00-14. This above address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express, any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Matesh N. Varma, DOE/EPSCoR Program Manager, Division of Materials Sciences and Engineering, SC-132, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, Telephone: (301) 903-3209, Facsimile: (301) 903-9513 or Internet E-mail address: matesh.varma@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To continue to enhance the competitiveness of states and territories identified for participation in the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), DOE encourages the formation of partnerships between academic and industrial researchers in EPSCoR states and the researchers at DOE's National Laboratories, facilities and centers in scientific areas supported by DOE's Office of Science. These collaborations should address areas of research of current interest to the Department. Undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and young faculty *must* be active members of the research team, and it is required that these investigators spend a summer or significant time during the academic year at a National Laboratory, facility or center. Subcontracting arrangements with DOE National Laboratories will not be permitted. DOE eligible states and territories for the EPSCoR program are: Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Program Funding

It is anticipated that approximately \$3,000,000 will be available in FY 2001 for research that encourages and facilitates collaborative efforts between researchers from EPSCoR states and researchers at DOE's National Laboratories, facilities, and centers. Multiple-year funding of grant awards is expected subject to satisfactory progress of the research, the availability of funds, and evidence of substantial interactions between the EPSCoR researchers and

the National Laboratory partner. Awards are expected to range up to a maximum of \$150,000 annually with terms from one to three years. The number of awards and range of funding will depend on the number of applications received and selected for award. Cost sharing is strongly encouraged. All DOE/EPSCoR award funds will be provided to the recipient organization within the EPSCoR state for the purpose of supporting activities in the EPSCoR state and may include travel and lodging, faculty or student stipends, materials, services and equipment.

Applications

To minimize undue effort on the part of applicants and reviewers, interested parties are invited to submit preapplications. The preapplications will be reviewed relative to the scope and research needs of the Department of Energy. The brief preapplication must consist of (1) one to two pages of narrative describing the research objectives and methods of accomplishment, (2) a letter from the appropriate state EPSCoR coordinator endorsing the preapplication, and (3) a letter of intent from the DOE National Laboratory confirming collaboration on the project. The preapplications will be grouped according to programmatic areas of interest to the Office of Science and will be reviewed by DOE laboratory scientists to determine the priority of the proposed research. The preapplication will also be reviewed by the relevant programmatic research area program manager, to determine the priority of research and possible cofunding by that program office. Based on this review, DOE/EPSCoR management will recommend formal submission of applications to the Department. A telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address are required parts of the preapplication. Instructions regarding the contents of a preapplication and other preapplication guidelines can be found on the SC Grants and Contracts web site at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/preapp.html>.

In addition to the project description, all preapplications and formal applications must include the following information:

(1) Applications should explain the relevance of the proposed research to the agency's programmatic needs. On the cover page, applicants should specify the relevant DOE technical program office, and if known, the name of the program manager, and telephone number. DOE program descriptions and the contact person information may be

accessed via the web at: <http://www.doe.gov>.

(2) Applications must demonstrate clear evidence of collaborative intent, including a delineation of each partner's role and contribution to the research effort as well as a "Letter-of-Intent" from the participating DOE National Laboratory, facility, or center.

(3) Applications will explain the individual value to both the EPSCoR and the National Laboratory partners. There should be clear objectives, not necessarily the same, for each partner.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria, listed in descending order of importance as codified at 10 CFR part 605.10(d).

1. Scientific and/or Technical Merit of the Project,
2. Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach,
3. Competency of Applicant's Personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources,
4. Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and an agency's programmatic needs and priority. Note, external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers will often be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

Applications received by SC under its current competitive application mechanisms that meet the criteria outlined in this Notice may also be deemed appropriate for consideration under this announcement and may be funded under this program.

General information about the development and submission of preapplications, applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR part 605. Electronic access to the latest version of SC's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the Internet at the following web site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

Additional information regarding format, preparation and specific requirements may be found at web site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/bes/EPSCoR/APPLI1.HTM>.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

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John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that public notice of the meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, May 23, 2000, 10:30 am to 5:30 pm and Wednesday, May 24, 2000, 8 am to 12:30 pm.

ADDRESS: Hyatt Arlington at Washington Key Bridge, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Norton Haberman, Designated Federal Officer, Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, NE-1, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone Number 202.586.0136, E-mail: Norton.Haberman@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE) of the Department of Energy on the many complex planning, scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Nuclear Energy research program.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Welcome remarks

Status of Nuclear Energy's FY 2000

Budget

Report on Long-term Isotope Research and Production Plan

Long-term Planning for nuclear Energy

Research Subcommittee Report

Nuclear Science and Technology

Infrastructure Roadmap

Subcommittee report

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Report of other NERAC Subcommittees and panels

Public comment period.

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis because of limited seating. Written statements may be filed with the committee before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Norton Haberman at the address or telephone listed above. Requests to make oral statements must be made and received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chair of the committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 12, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2261-014]

Constellation Power Source, Inc.; Notice of Filing

April 11, 2000.

Take notice that on March 31, 2000, Constellation Power Source, Inc. submitted for filing an updated market analysis as required by the Commission's condition granting it authorization to sell wholesale power at market-based rates.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before April 21, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to

intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-168-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 11, 2000.

Take notice that on April 3, 2000, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP00-168-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate delivery point facilities for service to Tyson Foods, Inc. (Tyson), an industrial end-user, in Hinds County, Mississippi, under Koch's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www/ferc/fed.us/online/htm> (call 202-208-222 for assistance).

Koch requests authorization to construct and operate delivery point facilities to serve Tyson's industrial plant. It is stated that Koch will use the facilities to transport up to 850 dekatherms per day on a firm basis pursuant to the terms of Koch's FTS rate schedule for delivery to Tyson. Koch estimates the cost of the facilities at under \$50,000. It is asserted that Koch has sufficient capacity to render the proposed service without disadvantage to its other existing customers and that Koch's tariff does not prohibit the addition of delivery point facilities. It is stated that the proposed service will not have an impact on Koch's annual deliveries or peak day operations even though the proposed service is firm in nature. It is explained that Tyson is currently being served by Reliant