

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 6 p.m.**ADDRESSES:** DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Halsey, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 576-4025; Fax (865) 576-2347 or e-mail: halseypj@oro.doe.gov or check the Web site at <http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda: The main meeting presentation will be on the DOE Transuranic (TRU) Waste Processing Center.

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Pat Halsey at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to the agenda item should contact Pat Halsey at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will

be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Pat Halsey at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab/minutes.htm>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 16, 2009.

LaTanya Butler,*Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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BILLING CODE 6450-01-P**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Request for Expressions of Interest in Hosting a Facility or Facilities for the Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of request for expressions of interest.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking Expressions of Interest from Federal agencies and from the private sector regarding potential locations for a facility or facilities where DOE can store and manage elemental mercury pursuant to the Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 (the Act). The Act directs DOE to designate by January 1, 2010, a facility or facilities of DOE for the long-term management and storage of elemental mercury. At least one such facility must be operational by January 1, 2013.

DOE intends to initiate an Environmental Impact Statement in early 2009 and seeks to identify facilities to consider as potential alternatives. Accordingly, respondents to this Request for Expressions of Interest may have the facilities they identify considered during the environmental review scoping process. This is a request for expressions of interest. No proposals are allowed.

DATES: Federal agencies and commercial entities wishing to make an Expression of Interest should do so in writing no later than 30 days from the date this notice is published. Questions may be submitted in writing by letter or e-mail. DOE may ask vendors to clarify information provided in their Expressions of Interest or submit additional information.

ADDRESSES: Please submit hard copies of Expressions of Interest to Mr. David Levenstein, Mail Stop: EM-11/ Cloverleaf 2128, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue,

SW., Washington, DC 20585-2040. Electronic versions of Expressions of Interest may be submitted in portable document format (pdf) by e-mail to david.levenstein@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 prohibits the export of elemental mercury from the United States effective January 1, 2013. To ensure that elemental mercury is managed and stored safely, the Act directs DOE to take a number of actions. By October 1, 2009, DOE must issue guidance establishing standards and procedures for the receipt, management and long-term storage of elemental mercury generated within the United States at a facility or facilities of DOE. DOE must designate such facilities by January 1, 2010, but is prohibited by the Act from locating such a facility at DOE's Oak Ridge Reservation. At least one such facility must be operational by January 1, 2013. In addition to the standards and procedures referenced above, elemental mercury managed and stored at a designated facility will be subject to the requirements of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)), 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.* A designated facility in existence on or before January 1, 2013, is authorized to operate under interim status pursuant to RCRA section 3005(e), 42 U.S.C. 6925(e), until a final decision on a permit application is made pursuant to RCRA section 3005(c), 42 U.S.C. 6925(c). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or an authorized State, shall issue a final decision on the permit application by January 1, 2015.

Currently elemental mercury in the United States comes from several sources, including mercury used in the chlorine and caustic soda manufacturing process, mercury reclaimed from recycling and waste recovery activities, and mercury generated as a byproduct of the gold mining process. In a November 2007 "Mercury Storage Costs Estimates" report, EPA assumed the total amount of excess mercury supply from commercial sources that would require storage to be between 7,500 and 10,000 metric tons over 40 years. The 7,500 metric ton scenario assumes that approximately 1,200 metric tons would come from mercury cell chlor-alkali plants, approximately 2,050 metric tons would come from product recycling and waste recovery, and approximately 4,250 metric tons would be a byproduct of

gold mining. The 10,000 metric ton scenario assumes that an additional 2,500 metric tons would result from imports. There are uncertainties associated with these estimates, and DOE anticipates updating these estimates in conjunction with its activities to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

In addition, DOE currently stores approximately 1,200 metric tons of elemental mercury at its Oak Ridge Reservation in Tennessee. Also, the Department of Defense (DOD) stores approximately 4,400 metric tons at various locations. At this time, no decision has been made as to how much elemental mercury from DOE or DOD would be stored in the DOE-designated facilities required by the Act.

As required by Council on Environmental Quality and DOE NEPA regulations, DOE's designation of facilities for the purpose of long-term management and storage of elemental mercury generated in the United States must include consideration of the range of reasonable management and storage alternatives and the environmental impacts of those alternatives. The purpose of this Request is to determine if there is interest on the part of Federal agencies or commercial entities in proposing locations for long-term DOE management and storage facilities. Identification of such facilities will enable DOE to consider them for potential inclusion in its NEPA review.

Consideration of a facility in the environmental review process is not a guarantee of its selection. Proposed sites and facilities will be reviewed against a series of technical screening criteria to consider their suitability for a long-term elemental mercury management and storage mission. In addition, in accordance with NEPA implementing regulations, DOE will conduct public outreach, such as a scoping meeting or meetings, for those sites and facilities considered to be reasonable alternatives, to allow the public to comment.

Request for Expressions of Interest: This is a request for expressions of interest. No proposals are allowed.

DOE intends to consider a range of reasonable alternatives, including existing and new DOE facilities, in its selection process. DOE is in the process of conducting an inventory of its national complex to determine potential alternative facilities. Likewise, DOE is also seeking by this action expressions of interest from Federal agencies and from commercial entities on locations and facilities for the long-term management and storage of elemental mercury. Because the Act states that this mercury would be stored at a "facility

or facilities of [DOE]", DOE would work, as necessary, with the Federal agency or commercial entity on acquiring an appropriate interest in the facility prior to site designation.

DOE plans to review each submission to determine if it should be included as a reasonable alternative in DOE's NEPA analysis, which will assess the environmental impacts of each alternative, including existing and new DOE facilities, as they relate to the long-term storage and management of elemental mercury.

The size requirements for long-term storage and management facilities will depend on a number of factors, including the amount of elemental mercury ultimately received and the storage configuration of the elemental mercury containers. Based on currently available information, for planning purposes DOE is looking for locations with one or more existing facilities with a total of approximately 20,000 to 100,000 square feet of storage space, or locations where such facilities could be constructed. DOE anticipates refining the estimate of required storage space during the environmental review process. DOE also requires that the facilities be in compliance with all current building codes and construction standards, be located in a geologically stable area (e.g., not in a flood plain or seismically-active zone), and be operated and maintained with appropriate security measures in place. In addition, the Act requires that the facilities obtain and operate in accordance with a RCRA hazardous waste facility permit.

Content of Expressions of Interest: DOE requires the following information for each potential storage location and facility:

1. Name of the Federal agency or private company making the Expression of Interest, including a contact person's name, telephone number, and e-mail address;
2. Agency or company address;
3. If a private company, company size (please specify as either Large, Small, Small Disadvantaged, Woman Owned Small Business, Veteran Owned Small Business, Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business, 8(a), Hubzone Small Business or other);
4. Name of the city and state in which each potential facility is or would be located;
5. A site map showing the location of the potential storage building or buildings on the site, as well as nearby (within 10 miles) political (e.g., city, county) boundaries, communities (especially minority, low income or Native American), roads, railroads,

airports, and water bodies, wetlands, floodplains, parkland, known fault lines, or other environmentally sensitive areas;

6. A description of the potential site, including ownership, current activities, access control system, hazardous materials handling experience, mercury handling experience, current tenants, existing permits, previous regulatory compliance problems, and existing environmental contamination; and

7. A description of the potential storage building, if pre-existing, including date and type of construction, floor condition, any special features that provide protection against leaks and external environmental hazards, fire suppression system, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system, access control system, current activities and materials in storage, current tenants, and existing environmental contamination.

If available, Expressions of Interest should also identify equipment, materials, and labor required to upgrade or construct the potential facility to accept elemental mercury for long-term management and storage, as well as any environmental, health and safety approvals that will be required by Federal, State or local law.

Expression of Interest Format: The length of the Expression of Interest should be no more than 20 pages using 12-point font. Although each respondent may determine how best to organize the Expression of Interest, DOE recommends the following format: Section 1—Summary; and Section 2—Description of Location with specific reference to the items requested by DOE above.

DOE reserves the right to use any and all information submitted by, or obtained from, an interested party in any manner DOE determines is appropriate. An interested party should avoid including any business confidential and/or proprietary information in its Expression of Interest. However, if an interested party must submit such information, the information must be clearly marked accordingly, and the interested party must provide sufficient justification as to why such information is business confidential and/or proprietary. DOE will review said information and handle it in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and all applicable Federal law.

This Request for Expressions of Interest is not a formal solicitation requesting proposals and does not represent a commitment by DOE to award a contract. This Request for Expressions of Interest does not confer

any commitment or obligation from DOE. Under no circumstances does this Request for Expressions of Interest seek to award a contract for services under the Federal Acquisition Regulations or a financial assistance agreement under Part 600 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

DOE does not intend to formally respond to information submitted in response to this Request for Expressions of Interest.

The cost for the preparation and submittal of a response to the Request for Expressions of Interest is the sole responsibility of the interested party.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 11, 2009.

Inos R. Triay,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13-023]

Green Island Power Authority; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

March 12, 2009.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New major license.

b. *Project No.:* 13-023.

c. *Date Filed:* March 2, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* Green Island Power Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Green Island Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Hudson River in Albany County, New York. The project would occupy Federal land managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Agent Contact:* James A. Besha, President, Albany Engineering Corporation, 5 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12205; (518) 456-7712.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, (202) 502-6041.

j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *Project Description:* The existing Green Island Project utilizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Green Island-Troy lock and dam that consists of: (1) A dam with a main spillway with a fixed crest elevation of 14.33 feet mean sea level (msl); and (2) an auxiliary spillway with a crest elevation of 16.33 feet msl.

The Green Island Project consists of: (1) 2-foot-high pneumatic flashboards along the top of the main spillway with a crest elevation of 16.33 feet msl; (2) a 700-acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 16.33 feet msl; (3) a bulkhead and forebay structure located downstream and at the west end of the Corps dam; (4) a powerhouse containing four 1.5 megawatt (MW) generating units with a total installed capacity of 6.0 MW; (5) a 34.5 kilovolt underground transmission cable; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

Green Island Power Authority proposes to: (1) Lower the existing main

spillway to a crest elevation of 12.5 feet msl, and install new hydraulically operated crest gates with a maximum crest gate elevation of 18.5 feet msl; (2) install a new trash boom extending across and upstream of the forebay; (3) construct a new bulkhead structure equipped with a new 300-foot-wide, 300-foot-long fish protection system screen; and (4) expand the existing powerhouse to the east and west and install four new 6.0 MW generating units, and replace the four existing generating units with four new 6.0 MW generating units with a total installed capacity of 48 MW.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Notice of Acceptance and Ready for Environmental Analysis	May 1, 2009.
Filing interventions, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions	June 30, 2009.
Notice of availability of the EA	October 28, 2009.
Filing comments on EA	November 27, 2009.
Filing modified terms and conditions	January 26, 2010.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from

the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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