

g. Availability of Funds: The actual amount of funds to be obligated in each fiscal year will be subject to availability of funds appropriated by Congress.

h. Assurances and Certifications: DOE requires the submission of preaward assurances of compliance and certifications which are mandated by law. Prospective applicants intending to submit an application in response to this solicitation should request a DOE Application Instruction package, which includes standard forms, assurances and certifications, by notifying the DOE Contract Specialist. It is advised that prospective applicants submit their requests in writing no later than February 21, 1995.

i. Questions & Answers: Questions regarding this solicitation should be submitted in writing to the DOE Contract Specialist no later than February 15, 1995. Questions and answers will be issued in writing as an amendment to this solicitation.

j. Preaward Costs: The government is not liable for any costs incurred in preparation of an application. Awardees may incur preaward costs up to ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of award. Should the awardee take such action, it is done so at the awardee's risk and does not impose any obligation on the DOE to issue an award (10 CFR 600.103).

k. Patents, Data, and Copyrights: Applicants are advised that patents, data, and copyrights will be treated in accordance with 10 CFR 600.33.

l. Environmental impact: An applicant environmental checklist will be provided in the DOE Application Instruction package. Award will not be made until all environmental requirements are completed.

m. EPACT: Applicants shall be required to comply with Section 2306 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT) [42 U.S.C. 13525], in the event EPACT applies to financial assistance instruments issued as a result of this solicitation. A copy of Section 2306 will be included in the DOE Application Instruction package.

Dated: February 12, 1995.

Brad Bauer,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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Certification of the Radiological Condition of the Seymour Specialty Wire Site, Seymour, Connecticut, 1992-1993

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of certification.

SUMMARY: DOE has completed remedial action to decontaminate the process building at the Seymour Specialty Wire Site in Seymour, Connecticut. The property was found to contain quantities of radioactive material from work performed for the Atomic Energy Commission. Post-remedial action radiological surveys show that the site now meets current guidelines for use without radiological restrictions. This notice announces the availability of the certification docket for remedial action taken at the site.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the docket may be inspected at:

Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190,
Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of
Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue
SW., Washington, D.C. 20585;
Public Document Room, Oak Ridge
Operations Office, U.S. Department of
Energy, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge,
Tennessee 37831.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James W. Wagoner II, Director, Off-Site/
Savannah River Program Division,
Office of Eastern Area Programs (EM-
421), Office of Environmental
Restoration, U.S. Department of Energy,
Washington, D.C. 20585, (301) 427-1721
Fax: (301) 427-1907.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE (Office of Environmental Restoration, Office of Eastern Area Programs, Off-Site/Savannah River Program Division) has implemented remedial action at the Seymour Specialty Wire Site in Seymour, Connecticut, (Town of Seymour, Volume 135, pages 430-437) as part of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The objective of the program is to identify and clean up or otherwise control sites where residual radioactive contamination remains from activities carried out under contract to the Manhattan Engineer District and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) during the early years of the nation's atomic energy program. In December 1985, the Seymour site was formally designated by DOE for cleanup under FUSRAP.

The Bridgeport Brass Company, later known as the Seymour Specialty Wire Company, performed operations under contract to AEC from 1962 to 1964. The contract was for the development of a process for the extrusion of natural uranium metal. The portion of the Seymour Facility where the AEC work was conducted, the Rufert Building, is currently leased by the Electric Cable Company as an industrial manufacturing plant.

In 1964, AEC conducted a radiological survey of the 1.9-ha (4.8-acre) parcel of the Seymour site that included the Rufert Building. The survey was conducted after the Bridgeport Brass Company terminated all of the AEC-related work at the Seymour site to consolidate the AEC contract work at the Bridgeport Brass facility in Ashtabula, Ohio. Although there were no AEC standards for surface contamination with which to compare the survey data at that time, the survey report completed at the time states that the radionuclide concentrations observed were " * * * quite low and certainly are insignificant with respect to any mode of exposure that can be hypothesized."

After FUSRAP was established, review of former AEC records indicated that the Seymour site should be resurveyed because of the lack of satisfactory release criteria at the time of the first survey. At the request of DOE, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Health and Safety Research Division conducted a preliminary radiological survey of the facility on January 26, 1977. This survey consisted of gamma exposure measurements at 1 m (3.3 ft) from the floor surface, beta-gamma exposure rate measurements at 1 cm (0.4 in.) above the floor surface, and direct alpha radiation measurements taken on contact with the floor.

Because of gamma radiation measurements observed during the preliminary survey, ORNL conducted a follow-up survey at the site on August 26, 1980. The purpose of the follow-up survey was to determine whether the site exceeded current DOE guidelines for residual contamination on structural surfaces. Therefore, this survey was limited to those areas of the building where the former AEC contract work was known to have been carried out. In addition to the same types of measurements that were taken during the 1977 survey, smear samples were taken to determine the extent of transferable contamination. Smear samples taken from the bowls and traps of several floor drains yielded transferable contamination concentrations of 70 to 150 dpm/cm². Because of these readings and visual inspection of the drains, samples of the residue from the three drains were also collected for analysis. These samples contained uranium concentrations ranging from 2,860 to 15,600 pCi/g (the 1980 report does not indicate whether this was total uranium or uranium-238).

Both the 1977 and 1980 surveys indicated that radioactive contamination was present in the Rufert Building, primarily in the Dynapack

(extrusion) area, which exceeded current DOE guidelines for residual contamination on structural surfaces. As a result of these surveys, the site was designated for remediation under FUSRAP in December 1985.

ORNL conducted more extensive characterization surveys in May and June 1992 to more precisely define the locations and delineate the boundaries of the radioactive contamination identified during the initial designation surveys. The characterization surveys confirmed that the primary contaminants in the areas of the Rufert Building used to perform AEC work were uranium-238 and its decay products. The contamination extended throughout a much greater portion of the first floor of the building than originally thought. In addition, near-surface walkover gamma radiation surveys were conducted on exterior areas. Two small isolated areas were contaminated with radioactive material.

Based on data collected and evaluated during the characterization activities, an expedited removal action was conducted at the Seymour site in 1992 and 1993. Post-remedial action surveys have demonstrated that the site now meets applicable requirements for use without radiological restrictions. DOE has certified that any residual contamination which remains on site falls within guidelines for use without radiological restrictions and that reasonably foreseeable future use of the property will result in no radiological exposure above these radiological guidelines established to protect members of the general public as well as site occupants. These findings are supported by the *DOE Certification Docket for the Remedial Action Performed at the Seymour Site in Seymour, Connecticut, 1992–1993*. Accordingly, this property is released from FUSRAP.

The certification docket will be available for review between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) in the U.S. Department of Energy Public Reading Room located in Room 1E-190 of the Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. Copies of the certification docket will also be available in the DOE Public Document Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. DOE, through the Oak Ridge Operations Office, Former Sites Restoration Division, has issued the following statement:

Statement of Certification: Seymour Specialty Wire Site, Former AEC Operations

DOE, Oak Ridge Operations Office, Former Sites Restoration Division, has reviewed and analyzed the radiological data obtained following remedial action at the Seymour Specialty Wire site (Town of Seymour, Volume 135, pages 430–437). Post-remedial action radiological surveys show that the site now meets current guidelines for use without radiological restrictions. Based on analysis of all data collected, DOE certifies that any residual contamination which remains on site falls within current guidelines for use without radiological restrictions. This certification of compliance also provides assurance that reasonably foreseeable future use of the property will result in no radiological exposure above current radiological guidelines established to protect members of the general public as well as occupants of the site.

Property owned by Seymour Specialty Wire Company: 15 Franklin Street, Seymour, Connecticut 06482.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 19, 1995.

John E. Baublitz,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration.

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Energy Information Administration

Forms EIA-871A-F, "1995 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey"

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Revision of Forms EIA-871A-F, "1995 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS)," and Solicitation of Comments.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980), conducts a presurvey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden is minimized, reporting forms are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, EIA is

soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision to the Forms EIA-871A-F, "1995 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey."

DATES: Written comments must be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Martha Johnson, Project Manager, EI-631, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1135, Facsimile (202) 586-0018. Internet: mjohnsoneia.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Martha Johnson at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), the Energy Information Administration is obliged to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. As part of this program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs.

The CBECS is a triennial survey that provides basic statistical information on consumption of and expenditures for energy in commercial buildings, and on the energy-related characteristics of these buildings. (Previous surveys were conducted in 1979, 1983, and 1986 under the name of the Nonresidential Buildings Energy Consumption Survey. The 1989 and 1992 surveys were collected using the new title, CBECS. To obtain this information, personal interviews are conducted for a sample of commercial buildings in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. For buildings in the survey, data are collected on structural characteristics, activities conducted inside the buildings, building ownership and