

vitrification would produce a form of material least likely to be used in manufacturing a nuclear weapon. However, a proliferator could recover the plutonium from the vitrified (glass) matrix if the necessary resources and proper technology were available. The processing to metal alternative would result in a form of plutonium that closely resembles materials used in weapons production. DOE does not believe that processing these solutions to metal and storing the metal in vaults in protected areas of the SRS, adding appreciably less than one percent to the U.S. inventory of many metric tons, would constitute a proliferation risk. DOE has committed to not using plutonium-239 and weapons-usable highly enriched uranium separated or stabilized during the phaseout, shutdown, and cleanout of weapons complex facilities for nuclear explosive purposes. This prohibition would apply to the plutonium metal produced as a result of the decision to process the F-Canyon plutonium solutions to metal. DOE believes that the processing to metal alternative is fully consistent with the Presidential Nonproliferation and Export Control Policy, under which the United States “* * * will seek to eliminate where possible the accumulation of stockpiles of highly-enriched uranium or plutonium, and to ensure that where these materials already exist they are subject to the highest standards of safety, security, and international accountability.” Furthermore, in accordance with the provision in this Policy to submit U.S. fissile material surplus to national security requirements to inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Department intends to offer this material along with other material at the SRS for IAEA inspection when the material is in a form and consolidated in a storage facility suitable for safe and effective monitoring by the IAEA.

V. Environmentally Preferable Alternative

As shown in the Final F-Canyon Plutonium Solutions EIS, the potential environmental impacts of implementing any of the alternatives are generally small and within the same range. DOE believes that any of the action alternatives would be preferable to the no action alternative because the inherent risk of storing plutonium in liquid form would be eliminated. DOE considers the processing to metal alternative the environmentally preferable alternative because it would eliminate the inherent risk of maintaining plutonium in solution in

the shortest period of time. While the plutonium remains in solution, there is a risk of releases and subsequent radiation exposure to workers, the public, and the environment from accidental criticality incidents, leaks, and disruptions to engineered systems from earthquakes.

VI. Decision

DOE has decided to implement the preferred alternative, processing the F-Canyon plutonium solutions to metal, as discussed in the Final F-Canyon Plutonium Solutions EIS. Concurrent with the processing, packaging and storage of the metal, which is expected to take about 20 months, DOE will undertake activities to modify part of the FB-Line facility to provide the capability to repackage the plutonium metal into a configuration that meets the DOE standard for long-term storage of plutonium. The plutonium metal resulting from this action will not be used for nuclear explosive purposes.

VII. Mitigation

The F-Canyon and FB-Line facilities that will be used to process the plutonium solutions to metal incorporate engineered features to limit the potential impacts of facility operations to workers, the public and the environment. All of the engineered systems and administrative controls are subject to the startup requirements of DOE Order 5480.31, which will assure, prior to startup, the safe operation of the facilities. No other mitigation measures have been identified; therefore, DOE need not prepare a Mitigation Action Plan.

VIII. Conclusion

DOE has determined that the F-Canyon and FB-Line facilities should be operated to process to metal approximately 303,000 liters (80,000) gallons of plutonium solutions currently stored in F-Canyon. In reaching this decision, DOE considered the analysis of the potential environmental impacts of alternatives for stabilizing this material in the Final F-Canyon Plutonium Solutions EIS. This action will produce a solid form of plutonium that will be safer and easier to store than a liquid solution. It will take less time than other alternatives and will therefore eliminate more quickly the risk inherent in storing plutonium in liquid form. The plutonium metal resulting from this action will be stored at the Savannah River Site pending decisions on its disposition and will not be used for nuclear explosive purposes.

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Thomas P. Grumbly,

Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Golden Field Office; Notice of Federal Assistance Award to WalMart Stores, Incorporated

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Financial Assistance Award in Response to an Unsolicited Financial Assistance Application; DE-FG36-95G010057.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.14, is announcing its intention to grant funding to WalMart Stores, Incorporated to implement photovoltaics in the City of Industry Environmental Demonstration Store's vestibule to power battery-operated shopping carts, store equipment and an electric demonstration vehicle.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding this announcement may be addressed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Blvd., Golden, Colorado 80401, Attention: John P. Motz, Contract Specialist. The telephone number is 303-275-4737. The Contracting Officer for this action is John W. Meeker.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE has evaluated, in accordance with the DOE Federal Assistance Regulations, 10 CFR section 600.14, the unsolicited proposal entitled “Building Integrated Photovoltaic System” and recommends that the unsolicited proposal be accepted for support without further competition in accordance with section 600.14 of the Federal Assistance Regulations.

The proposed WalMart Store for City of Industry, California, has been selected by WalMart as one of the “Environmental Demonstration Stores”. WalMart's Environmental Demonstration Store program was established to investigate the feasibility of various environmentally sensitive options for building design and development. The City of Industry store has been designated to test energy efficiency concepts such as the proposed implementation of photovoltaics.

The proposed photovoltaic system will be used as roofing of the entrance vestibule canopy. The energy produced

by the system is intended to power battery-operated handicap shopping carts, store equipment, and an electric demonstration vehicle. Energy in excess of those needs would be converted to AC and directed into the electric utility grid. The schematic design includes kiosks on both sides of the entry vestibule. One kiosk would house the recharging station for the DC-powered equipment and the other would contain an educational display.

The objectives of this project are to educate the public on global energy sustainability, promote alternative energy sources, and assist in making innovative technology feasible and accessible to mainstream America. Furthermore, the effort may serve as an effective example of corporate response to the Clinton Administration's goal of public-private cooperation to reduce greenhouse gases.

The total program cost is estimated to be \$234,400, with the DOE share being \$100,000 or 43%. This notice is published for public comment at least fourteen calendar days prior to making an award.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on February 10, 1995.

John W. Meeker,

Chief, Procurement, GO.

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Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the first meeting of the Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety.

DATE AND TIMES: Thursday, March 9, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Friday, March 10, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: United States Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-245, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Volk, Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety, 1726 M Street, NW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 254-3826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Energy, the White House Counsel on

Environmental Quality, and the Office of Management and Budget with advice, information, and recommendations on how new and existing Department of Energy (DOE) facilities and operations, except those operations covered under Executive Order 12344 (Naval Propulsion Program), might best be regulated with regard to nuclear safety. The Department currently self-regulates many aspects of nuclear safety, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. The Committee consists of 24 members drawn from Federal and State government and the private sector, and is co-chaired by John F. Ahearne, Executive Director of Sigma Xi and Gerard F. Scannell, President of the National Safety Council. Members were chosen with environment, safety, and health backgrounds, balanced to represent different public, Federal, state, Tribal, and industry interests and experience.

Purpose of the Meeting: This is the first meeting of the Committee. The Committee will receive information from DOE officials and begin to organize its future work.

Tentative Agenda:

The meeting will address administrative and organizational issues for the Committee. The Committee will receive presentations on the mission and operations of the Department, the legal framework for current regulation of DOE activities, and DOE practices for oversight of environment, safety and health. The agenda for both days will provide opportunities for public comment. A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public are welcome to make oral statements. Those who wish to do so should contact Tom Isaacs at the address or telephone number listed above. Individuals may also register on March 9 and 10, 1995 at the meeting site. Every effort will be made to hear all those wishing to speak. Written comments will be received up to five days after the meeting, and should be mailed to Catherine Volk, 1726 M St. NW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20036. The Committee Co-Chairs are empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Transcripts and Minutes: A meeting transcript and minutes will be available for public review and copying four to six weeks after the meeting at the DOE Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW,

Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The transcript also will be made available at the Department's Field Office Reading Room locations.

Issued at Washington, DC on February 16, 1995.

Gail Cephas,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463; 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting: State Energy Advisory Board.

Date and Time: March 22-23, 1995 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Place: The Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets, Washington, DC, 20005.

Contact: William J. Raup, Office of Technical and Financial Assistance (EE-50), Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone 202/586-2214.

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives and programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Briefings on, and discussions of:

- The report "Alternative Futures for the Department of Energy National Laboratories," prepared by the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (Galvin Task Force).
- The FY 1996 Federal budget request for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs.
- Review and approval of current Board Annual Report.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact William J. Raup at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral presentations must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statements in the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying