

Chartered on September 15, 1989. The Board is composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce who are eminent in such fields as information resources management, information technology, and library and information services. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policies and operations of NTIS, including policies in connection with fees and charges for its services. The agenda will include a progress report on NTIS activities, an update on the progress of FedWorld, and a discussion of NTIS' long range plans. The closed session discussion is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on June 7, 1995. The session will be closed because premature disclosure of the information to be discussed would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of NTIS' business plan.

DATES: The meeting will convene on June 6, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. and convene again on June 7, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 2029, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation on June 6, 1995 and closed on June 7, 1995. Approximately thirty minutes will be set aside on June 6, 1994 for comments or questions as indicated in the agenda. Seats will be available for the public and for the media on a first-come, first-served basis. Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the Board's affairs at any time. Copies of the minutes, of the open session meeting, will be available within thirty days of the meeting from the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Pickering, NTIS Advisory Board Secretary, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161. Telephone: (703) 487-4612; Fax (703) 487-4093.

Dated: May 8, 1995.

Donald R. Johnson,

Director.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Applications of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange as a Contract Market in Fluid Milk Futures and Options Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in futures and futures options on fluid milk. The Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2033 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20581. Reference should be made to the CME contract markets on fluid milk.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Fred Linse of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2033 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20581, telephone 202-254-7303.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2033 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 254-6314.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the

Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2033 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 8, 1995.

Blake Imel,

Acting Director.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

[Recommendation 95-1]

Improved Safety of Cylinders Containing Depleted Uranium

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

ACTION: Notice; recommendation.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board has made a recommendation to the Secretary of Energy pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286a concerning improved safety of cylinders containing depleted uranium. The Board requests public comments on this recommendation.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning this recommendation are due on or before June 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning this recommendation to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth M. Pusateri or Carol C. Morgan at the address above or telephone (202) 208-6400.

John T. Conway,
Chairman.

The three large gaseous diffusion plants that were operated by the Department of Energy (DOE) and its predecessors produced enriched uranium, some for defense use and some for incorporation into nuclear fuel for civilian reactors in the United States and other countries. In the course of isotope separation, most of the uranium ended up as the part depleted in U-235, designated as "tails" or "tailings". Enriched uranium at all desired assays was simultaneously extracted from the

plants, for all purposes, and so no amount of tails can be identified as related to enrichment solely for either defense or civilian purposes. Most of all uranium ever mined in the United States or imported into the United States remains in tails at the gaseous diffusion plants. These tails are stored onsite at the three plants in large steel containers, normally termed "cylinders", as the chemical compound UF₆.

Members of the staff of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board recently had an opportunity to visit the gaseous diffusion plants, to follow up on information that had been obtained on safety of storage of the tails. A short report documenting the results of their review is attached. It was found that DOE has approximately 50,000 cylinders in outdoor storage at the three diffusion plants, containing more than 500,000 metric tons of UF₆. Poor maintenance and storage conditions, combined with mechanical damage suffered during handling, have led to corrosion and subsequent breaching of several of these carbon steel cylinders.

Cylinders have surface coatings (paint) of varying quality and integrity, which in a large number of cases is severely degraded. Cylinders are kept outdoors, some stacked on pads and some directly on the ground. Some older cylinders have been in storage in excess of forty years. Although general external corrosion seems to increase with time, handling damage and localized corrosion attributable to electrolytic attack appear to be more important factors in deterioration.

The corrosion-resistant coatings have not been maintained, leaving the vast majority of cylinders vulnerable to localized corrosion. Visual inspections have shown abundant pitting and crevice corrosion of the cylinders, as well as galvanic attack near bronze valves and plugs. Since neither localized corrosion rates nor the extent of existing defects in the cylinders are well known or well understood, it is uncertain how many cylinders may be expected to fail in the near future. DOE and MMES (Martin-Marietta Energy Systems) are attempting to evaluate the extent of the erosion rates and their consequences; results are very preliminary, but they indicate that more than 1,000 cylinders have a potential to breach before the year 2020 if no remedial actions are taken, with the result that their components of more than 10,000 tons of uranium could become accessible to release to the environment.

In section 1016 of Public Law 102-486 (October 24, 1992), Congress directed the Department of Energy to

provide within one year a uranium inventory study that would include among other matters recommendations for the future use and disposition of inventories of all Government-owned uranium or uranium equivalents, including depleted tailings. The Department has not yet complied with this requirement, presumably at least in part because the matters addressed by Congressional action are very comprehensive and require extensive decisions on future courses of action.

It is clear to the Board that directions developed in response to section 1016 of Public Law 102-486 will affect the long-term future of the vast inventory of depleted uranium tails. However, the very size of that inventory means that no matter what actions may be taken, they will require a long time to consummate, with deterioration of the cylinders continuing all the while.

To protect against the dispersal of large amounts of uranium to soil and ground water in years to come, an early start to remedial action should be planned and then instituted. The alternative could be a massive problem with extraordinary financial costs.

Therefore, the Board recommends that:

1. An early program be started to renew the protective coating of cylinders containing the tails from the historic production of enriched uranium.
2. The possibility of additional measures be explored, to protect these cylinders from the damaging effects of exposure to the elements, as well as any additional handling that may be called for.
3. A study be instituted to determine whether a more suitable chemical form should be selected for long-term storage of the depleted uranium.

The Board designated Mr. Steven Krahn as its principal staff member for discussions with those in DOE whom you may designate to act on this recommendation and matters that may arise concerning it.

John T. Conway,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok: Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-9915. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3517 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director of the Information Resources Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Frequency of collection; (4) The affected public; (5) Reporting burden; and/or (6) Recordkeeping burden; and (7) Abstract. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.