

Improved Safety of Cylinders Containing Depleted Uranium, in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 1995 (60 FR 25893). Section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b) requires the Department of Energy to transmit a response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by June 29, 1995. The Secretary's response follows.

**DATES:** Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before August 17, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ray Hunter, Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. 20585.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on July 11, 1995.

**Mark B. Whitaker,**

*Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.*

June 29, 1995.

The Honorable John T. Conway,  
*Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004*

Dear Mr. Conway: On May 5, 1995, you provided Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 95-1 concerning improved safety of cylinders containing depleted uranium. Before receiving your recommendation, we were reviewing actions to be taken with respect to the safe storage of the inventory of depleted uranium hexafluoride. This material is stored at Portsmouth, Ohio; Paducah, Kentucky, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The elements of your recommendation that relate to renewing the protective coating of the depleted uranium hexafluoride cylinders and the exploration of additional measures to protect and handle these cylinders represent one part of the actions necessary for the program. The Department will focus on the following activities:

- Relocating cylinders from contact with the ground and keeping all cylinders from further ground contact;
- Relocating all cylinders into adequate inspection configuration, and maintaining them as such;
- Repainting cylinders as needed to avoid excessive corrosion;
- Updating handling and inspection procedures and site-specific Safety Analysis Reports; and
- Completion of an ongoing study that will include an analysis of alternative chemical forms for the material.

With respect to the last item, the Department began the long-term strategy

selection process in November 1994. This process includes engineering and cost analyses of various alternatives and appropriate documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act. As part of this effort, safety analyses of alternative chemical forms will be performed.

We have identified a plan for the cylinders containing the depleted uranium hexafluoride that will protect public health and safety and lead to an environmentally sound long-term strategy for managing the material. We also have a good understanding of the cost of this program. We accept Recommendation 95-1.

Mr. Ray Hunter, Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, is the responsible senior manager for the preparation of the implementation plan. He can be reached at (202) 586-2240.

Sincerely,  
Hazel R. O'Leary.

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### **Golden Field Office; Notice of Federal Assistance Award to DynaMetrix Corporation**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of financial assistance award in response to an unsolicited financial assistance application.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.14, is announcing its intention to enter into a cooperative agreement with DynaMetrix Corporation (DMX), to conduct research, design, and demonstration of a refiner GAP and WEAR measurement system that will be used in the pulp and paper industry. The DMX project represents an innovative, commercially viable technology that will result in increased paper quality and increased use of recycled paper in the manufacturing of paper.

**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 Lewis, Contract Specialist. The telephone number is 303-275-4739.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This award is a result of a DOE published Notice of Program Interest for the Pulp and Paper Industry. The DOE has evaluated the unsolicited application according to paragraphs 600.14 of the DOE Assistance Regulations, 10 CFR 600, and the criteria for selection in paragraph 600.14(e)(1). Based on this evaluation, it is recommended that the unsolicited application for Federal Assistance entitled, "Refiner Disc GAP

and WEAR Measurement Method," submitted by DMX, be accepted for support.

The DMX project is a four-phased program proposed to span 3.5 years. Phase I will be completed during the first year. Phase II will be completed during the first two years. Phases III and IV will be accomplished during the final two years. The work scope includes: Phase I—Measurement Technique Feasibility, Phase II—Design, Construct, and Write Software for the Measurement System, Phase III—Evaluate the First Prototype Measurement System, and Phase IV—Testing and Demonstration.

The objective of Phase I is to study the feasibility of the proposed measurement technique. DMX will work with the Oregon Graduate Institute (OGI) in selecting the possible materials to be examined for production of the measurement sensor. Accelerated wear tests on the selected materials will be performed by the OGI. Phase II of the project encompasses the building of three test systems. DMX will employ a contractor to develop the written specification, system design, and software program. This system will be connected to the Phase I refiner simulator and thoroughly tested in a lab environment. Phase III evaluates the prototype measurement system in a designed experiment using low consistency refining. After software modification from the first experiment, the improved system will undergo a designed experiment using a ThermoMechanical refinery at the Georgia Institute of Technology testing facility. The final Phase has two components. The first provides real world testing at Boise Cascade Corporation's West Tacoma Pulp and Paper Plant in Washington. In the second, DMX will join with J&L Fiber Services, Beloit Corporation, and Measurex Corporation to establish the manufacturing and marketing of the systems for commercial application.

The proposal has been found to be meritorious, and it is recommended that the unsolicited application be accepted for support. The DMX program represents a new technology that could result in reduced cost and improved efficiencies for the pulp and paper industry. DMX has demonstrated capabilities in the technologies directly related to the proposed project and personnel that should provide a basis for a successful project.

The proposed project is not eligible for financial assistance under a recent, current, or planned solicitation. This award will not be made for at least 14 days, to allow for public comment.

The project cost over 3.5 years (including four phases) is estimated to be \$1,770,926 total, with the DOE share being \$1,343,497.

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

**John W. Meeker,**

*Chief, Procurement, GO.*

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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-305-001]

### Canyon Creek Compression Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 12, 1995.

Take notice that on July 7, 1995, Canyon Creek Compression Company (Canyon Creek) tendered for filing to be a part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 142, to be effective July 10, 1995.

Canyon Creek states that the purpose of the filing is to conform with the Commission's Order No. 577-A, which changed the Commission's Rules and Regulations so that prearranged releases of up to thirty-one (31) days (the current limit is one calendar month or less) are no longer required to have open seasons.

Canyon Creek requested waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit the tariff sheet to become effective July 10, 1995, effective date of the Commission's Order No. 577.

Canyon Creek states that a copy of the filing was mailed to Canyon Creek's jurisdictional transportation customers, interested state regulatory agencies and all parties set out on the official service list at Docket No. RP95-305.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests should be filed on or before July 19, 1995. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the public reference room.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP95-26-000; Docket No. CP94-762-000]

### MIGC, Inc. Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Technical Conference

July 12, 1995.

Take notice that a technical conference has been scheduled in the above proceeding for 10 a.m. on August 15, 1995, at the office of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 810 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. The purpose of the conference is to discuss matters of concern relating to Colorado Interstate Gas Company's proposal to lease capacity to MIGC, Inc. and MIGC Inc.'s corresponding proposal to provide this capacity to shippers on a 4.4-mile segment of the Powder River Basin Lateral. All interested parties are invited to attend. For additional information, call Ron Giusti at (202) 208-1036.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. RP95-307-001]

### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 12, 1995.

Take notice that on July 7, 1995, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing to be a part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 289, to be effective July 10, 1995.

Natural states that the purpose of the filing is to conform with the Commission's Order No. 577-A, which changed the Commission's Rules and Regulations so that prearranged releases of up to thirty-one days (currently the limit in one calendar month or less) are no longer required to have open seasons.

Natural requested waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit the tariff sheet to become effective July 10, 1995, the effective date of the Commission's Order No. 577-A.

Natural states that a copy of the filing was mailed to Natural's jurisdictional transportation customers, interested state regulatory agencies and all parties set out on the official service list at Docket No. RP95-307.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 925 North Capitol Street, N.E.,

Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests should be filed on or before July 19, 1995. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the public reference room.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. RP95-383-000]

### Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 12, 1995.

Take notice that on July 7, 1995, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing. The proposed effective date of these revised tariff sheets is August 7, 1995.

Panhandle states that the revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing reflect certain limited technical changes to its tariff which Panhandle believes are desirable and appropriate for more efficient and effective operations. Panhandle states that several of the changes are proposed due to customers' requests, one is in response to a Commission order and others are those that Panhandle believes are required in light of its operating experience under Order No. 636.

Panhandle states that copies of this filing have been served on all customers subject to the tariff sheets and applicable state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before July 19, 1995. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. 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