

solid waste at distances greater than 25 NM from the coast.

Analysis of alternatives will include, at a minimum, the following components:

a. Cause/effect relationship of discharge (by alternative type) within the marine and nearshore environs of all designated special areas and world-wide oceans through direct use and/or extrapolation of available data/information or compiled from review of pertinent scientific literature.

b. Impact on health and morale of ship crews.

c. Impact on operational readiness.

Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested individuals are encouraged to participate in the scoping process for the EIS to determine the range of issues and alternatives to be addressed. Two public scoping meetings to receive oral and written comments will be held: (1) At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 1995, at Old Colony Inn, 625 First Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; and (2) at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 1995, at Clift Hotel, 495 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five (5) minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public meeting or mailed to the address listed at the end of this announcement.

All written comments should be submitted no later than 30 November 1995 to Mr. Robert Ostermueller, Planner In Charge (PIC), Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 10 Industrial Highway, Mail Stop #82, Lester, PA 19113-2090, telephone (610) 595-0759, fax (610) 595-0778.

Dated: October 6, 1995.

M.D. Schetzslsle,

*Lt, JAGS, USN, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Disposal of The S1C Prototype Reactor Plant

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Naval Reactors (Naval Reactors) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42

U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021), and to conduct a public scoping meeting. This Environmental Impact Statement will address final disposal of the S1C Prototype reactor plant, located in Windsor, Connecticut. Naval Reactors is preparing this Environmental Impact Statement to focus on the potential for significant environmental impacts and to consider reasonable alternatives.

The preferred alternative is prompt dismantlement of the S1C Prototype reactor plant and disposal of the resulting radioactive waste at a DOE radioactive waste disposal site. Naval Reactors also will evaluate a deferred dismantlement alternative, where the reactor plant would be maintained in protective storage for 30 years to allow most of the radioactivity in the reactor plant to decay before it is dismantled, and the "no action" alternative, where the reactor plant would be maintained in protective storage indefinitely.

Naval Reactors also will examine several other alternatives. These alternatives include permanent on-site entombment or burial, and removal and offsite disposal as a single large reactor compartment package.

Naval Reactors invites interested agencies, organizations, and the general public to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the scope of the issues to be addressed, alternatives to be analyzed, and the environmental impacts to be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The public also is invited to attend a scoping meeting in which oral comments and suggestions will be received. Oral and written comments will be considered equally in preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement. Those not desiring to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but who would like to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for review when it is issued, should write to Mr. C.G. Overton at the address below. When the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is complete, its availability will be announced in the Federal Register and in the local news media. A public hearing will be held, and comments will be solicited on this document.

**DATES:** Written comments postmarked by November 6, 1995 will be considered in preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Oral and written comments

will be received at a public scoping meeting to be held at the following location and time: Ramada Inn—Bradley, October 18, 1995, 7 p.m.—10 p.m., 5 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, CT.

The meeting will be chaired by a presiding officer but will not be conducted as an evidentiary hearing; speakers will not be cross examined although the presiding officer and Naval Reactors representatives present may ask clarifying questions. To ensure that everyone has an adequate opportunity to speak, five minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Depending on the number of persons requesting to speak, the presiding officer may allow more time for elected officials, or speakers representing multiple parties, or organizations. Persons wishing to speak on behalf of organizations should identify the organization. Persons wishing to speak may either notify Mr. Overton in writing at the address below or register at the meeting. As time permits, individuals who have spoken subject to the five minute rule will be afforded additional speaking time. Written comments also will be accepted at the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments, suggestions on the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, or requests to speak at the public scoping meeting should be submitted to Mr. C.G. Overton, Chief, Windsor Field Office, Office of Naval Reactors, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 393, Windsor, CT 06095; telephone (860) 687-5610.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The S1C Prototype reactor plant is located on the 10.8 acre Windsor Site in Windsor, Connecticut, approximately 5 miles north of Hartford. The S1C Prototype reactor plant first started operation in 1959 and served for more than 30 years as both a facility for testing reactor plant components and equipment and for training Naval personnel. As a result of the end of the Cold War and the downsizing of the Navy, the S1C Prototype reactor plant was shut down in 1993. Since then, the S1C Prototype reactor plant has been defueled, drained, and placed in a stable protective storage condition.

##### Preliminary Description of Alternatives

###### 1. Preferred Alternative—Prompt Dismantlement

Because the S1C Prototype reactor plant is the only activity at this small site and there is no further need for this plant, the preferred alternative is to

proceed with prompt dismantlement of the S1C Prototype reactor plant. All structures would be removed from the Windsor Site, and the Site would be released for unrestricted use. To the extent practicable, the resulting low-level radioactive metals would be recycled at existing commercial facilities that recycle radioactive metals. The remaining low-level radioactive waste would be disposed of at the DOE Savannah River Site in South Carolina. The Savannah River Site currently receives low-level radioactive waste from Naval Reactors sites in the eastern United States. Both the volume and radioactive content of the S1C Prototype reactor plant waste would be within the range of impacts of low-level radioactive waste that is currently received at Savannah River from Naval Reactors sites. The DOE Hanford Site in Washington State also will be evaluated as an alternate disposal site for the low-level radioactive waste.

## 2. Deferred Dismantlement

This alternative would involve keeping the defueled S1C Prototype reactor plant in protective storage for 30 years before dismantling it. Deferring dismantlement for 30 years would allow nearly all of the cobalt-60 radioactivity to decay away. Nearly all of the gamma radiation within the reactor plant comes from cobalt-60.

## 3. No Action

This alternative would involve keeping the defueled S1C Prototype reactor plant in protective storage indefinitely. Since there is some residual radioactivity with very long half lives such as nickel-59 in the defueled reactor plant, this alternative would leave this radioactivity at the Windsor Site indefinitely.

## 4. Other Alternatives

These alternatives include permanent on-site disposal. Such onsite disposal could involve building an entombment structure over the S1C Prototype reactor plant or developing a below ground disposal area at the Windsor Site. Another alternative would be to remove the S1C Prototype reactor plant as a single large reactor compartment package for offsite disposal.

## Preliminary Identification of Environmental Issues

The following issues, subject to consideration of comments received in response to public scoping, have been tentatively identified for analysis in the Environmental Impact Statement. This list is presented to facilitate public comment on the scope of the

Environmental Impact Statement. It is not intended to be all inclusive nor is it intended to be a predetermination of impacts.

1. Potential impacts to the public and on-site workers from radiological and non radiological releases caused by activities to be conducted within the context of the proposed action and alternatives.

2. Potential environmental impacts, including air and water quality impacts, caused by the proposed action and alternatives.

3. Potential transportation impacts as a result of the proposed action and alternatives.

4. Potential effect on endangered species, floodplain/wetlands, and archeological/historical sites as a result of the proposed action and alternatives.

5. Potential impacts from postulated accidents as a result of the proposed action and alternatives.

6. Potential socioeconomic impacts to the surrounding communities as a result of implementing the proposed actions and alternatives.

7. Potential cumulative impacts from the proposed action and other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions.

8. Potential irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources.

Issued at Arlington, VA this 29th day of September 1995.

B. DeMars,

Admiral, U.S. Navy, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

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## Environmental Management 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 Advisory Committee meeting:

*Name:* Environmental Management Advisory Board, Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Committee.

*Date and Times:* Monday, October 30, 1995 from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, October 31, 1995 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Place:* Meadowlands Hilton, 2 Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, NJ 07094, (201) 348-6900.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James T. Melillo, Executive Director, Environmental Management Advisory Board, EM-5, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4400. The Internet address is: James.Melillo@em.doe.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Board. The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management program and the Programmatic Environmental Management Impact Statement, from the perspectives of affected groups and State and local Governments. The Board will help to improve the Environmental Management Program by assisting in the process of securing consensus recommendations, and providing the Department's numerous publics with opportunities to express their opinions regarding the Environmental Management Program including the Formerly Utilized Site Remedial Action Program.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, October 30, 1995

11:30 a.m. Chairman Opens Public Meeting  
Overview of Activities and Findings from the St. Louis and Tonowanda, NY Committee Meetings  
Results from the September 1995 Environmental Management Advisory Board Meeting (EMAB)  
Perceptions/Lessons Learned Contributing to and Leading Up to Development of Guiding Principles  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Recap/ Discussion of New Jersey Tour  
2:00 p.m. EPA Briefing  
3:00 p.m. NRC Briefing  
4:00 p.m. Potential Risk Impacts of FUSRAP Materials  
4:30 p.m. Community Involvement Issues  
5:00 p.m. Break for Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Public Comment Session  
8:30 p.m. Meeting Adjourns

Tuesday, October 31, 1995

8:30 a.m. Chairman Reconvenes Public Meeting  
8:35 a.m. Discussion/Review of FUSRAP Principles Report Outline  
11:30 a.m. Discussion/Development of Guiding Principles  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Continued Discussion/ Development of Guiding Principles  
3:30 p.m. Committee Business  
4:30 p.m. Meeting Adjourns

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 Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact James T. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above. Individuals wishing to orally address the Committee during the public comment session should call (800) 736-3282 and leave a message. Individuals may also register on October 30, 1995 at the meeting site. Every effort will be made to hear all those wishing