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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project in the Fuel Conditioning Facility at Argonne National Laboratory-West Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project in the Fuel Conditioning Facility at Argonne National Laboratory-West. DOE also announces the dates, times, and locations for public meetings on the Draft EA. The proposed project would be conducted at the Fuel Conditioning Facility at Argonne National Laboratory-West (ANL-W) near Idaho Falls, Idaho, to demonstrate the feasibility of an advanced spent fuel treatment technology using a small quantity of spent nuclear fuel from the Experimental Breeder Reactor-II (EBR-II), which is also located at the ANL-W

site. The purpose of the proposed project would be to assess the reliability and performance of the facility and the process equipment and provide information on the characteristics of the waste forms resulting from the treatment of the fuel.

DATES: Written and oral comments on the Draft EA are invited from the public and other interested parties and organizations. DOE will consider the comments in preparing the final version of the EA. The public comment period will begin on February 5, 1996, and end on March 22, 1996. Written comments should be postmarked by March 22, 1996, to ensure consideration; comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Public meetings on the Draft EA will be held as follows:

Idaho Falls, Idaho—February 21, 1996, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Boulevard

Washington, D.C.—February 27, 1996, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Loew's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, Ballroom D, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW

The meetings will provide opportunities for the submittal of oral and written comments as well as for information exchange and discussion.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Draft EA, written comments on the Draft EA, or other matters regarding this environmental review should be addressed to: Mr. Greg Bass, NEPA Document Manager, Argonne Group-West, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 2528, Idaho Falls, ID 83403. Mr. Bass may be contacted by telephone at (208) 533-7184 and facsimile at (208) 533-7422.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756 or by calling (202) 586-4600. For general information on the Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project, contact: Mr. Robert G. Lange, Associate Director, Office of Facilities, NE-40, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874. Mr. Lange may be contacted by calling (301) 903-2915.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE is preparing an environmental assessment to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of a proposal to conduct research and demonstration at the

Argonne National Laboratory-West (ANL-W) of electrometallurgical technology for the treatment of sodium-bonded spent nuclear fuel. Without some form of treatment, sodium-bonded spent nuclear fuel is unlikely to be suitable for disposal in a geologic repository because the fuel is saturated with sodium, a reactive material. Electrometallurgical treatment of the fuel is expected to stabilize the reactive metallic sodium by converting it to common table salt (i.e., sodium chloride) and allow the fission products to be collected, concentrated, and stabilized together with the transuranic elements for disposal.

The proposed research and demonstration project would be conducted in the Fuel Conditioning Facility at the ANL-W site near Idaho Falls, Idaho. A small quantity of Experimental Breeder Reactor-II (EBR-II) spent nuclear fuel consisting of both driver fuel (highly-enriched uranium fuel that was located in the center of the reactor core to power the reactor) and blanket assemblies (depleted uranium fuel that was located around the periphery of the core to provide shielding for the reactor vessel) would be treated to determine whether electrometallurgical treatment is a feasible management option for sodium-bonded spent nuclear fuel. The proposed project would also assess the reliability and performance of the facility and the process equipment and provide needed information about the waste forms predicted to result from the treatment of the fuel. To achieve these objectives, up to 100 EBR-II spent fuel driver assemblies and 25 irradiated blanket assemblies may be treated.

DOE will distribute copies of the Draft EA to interested members of the public, Congressional members and committees, the State of Idaho, American Indian tribal governments, local county governments, other Federal agencies, and other interested organizations.

Signed in Washington, D.C., this 25th day of January, 1996, for the United States Department of Energy.

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Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Management of Spent Nuclear Fuel From the K Basins at the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of a Final EIS (FEIS) entitled "Management of Spent Nuclear Fuel from the K Basins at the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington." DOE/EIS-0245F. The FEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of managing spent nuclear fuel (SNF) located in the K-East (KE) and K-West (KW) SNF storage basins at the Hanford Site located in southeastern Washington State. The FEIS was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA in 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508; and DOE's NEPA implementing procedures in 10 CFR Part 1021. The FEIS consists of the Draft EIS (DEIS) and an Addendum containing (1) public comments on the DEIS and DOE's responses to the comments, and (2) a compilation of errata.

The FEIS has been filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and has also been distributed to interested members of the public and federal and state agencies. The FEIS will also be available for viewing by the public in the DOE public reading rooms and information repositories identified in this notice. DOE plans to issue a record of decision on the FEIS no sooner than 30 days after the publication of the notice of availability of the FEIS in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES AND FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for copies of the FEIS and further information on the FEIS should be directed to: Dr. Phillip G. Loscoe, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 550, M/S S7-41, Richland, Washington 99352. Dr. Loscoe may be contacted by telephone at (509) 376-7434 or at (800) 321-2008. General information on the DOE NEPA process may be obtained from Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be reached by telephone at (202) 586-4600 or by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

DOE issued a notice of availability and public hearing for the DEIS and the EPA published a notice of availability in the Federal Register on November 9, 1995 (60 FR 56581, 56590). The public

comment period on the DEIS ended on December 29, 1995. One public hearing on the DEIS was held in Pasco, Washington on December 12, 1995. All written and oral public comments on the DEIS were assessed and considered by DOE both individually and collectively.

Because there were no additional alternatives identified from the public and agency review process, DOE determined that an Addendum to the DEIS could be prepared in lieu of rewriting the DEIS. Comment letters, public hearing transcripts, the DOE responses to comments, and a compilation of errata are printed in the Addendum. The DEIS and the Addendum constitute the FEIS under the CEQ regulation at 40 CFR 1503.4(c).

Responses to some comments resulted in errata. Responses to other comments included answers to questions, explanations of technical issues, references to information in DOE's Programmatic SNF EIS (DOE/EIS-0203-F), references to the Draft EIS, explanations of the relationship of this EIS to other related DOE NEPA documents, statements of government policy, or indications that the comment was beyond the scope of this EIS.

Alternatives Considered

The FEIS, like the DEIS, addresses the potential environmental impacts of alternative ways to provide for the safe management and storage of SNF currently stored in the Hanford K Basins. DOE's preferred alternative in the FEIS is the same as in the DEIS, i.e., drying/passivation (conditioning) of the SNF followed by dry vault storage. This alternative would provide for drying the SNF, placing it in multi-canister overpacks in an inert atmosphere, and storing it in a vault for up to 40 years. The FEIS compares the environmental impacts that would be expected to occur from continuing storage in the KE and KW basins (the no action alternative) with the consequences that would be expected to occur if DOE implemented the preferred alternative or one of five other alternatives. The five other alternatives are (1) an enhanced K Basin storage alternative under which SNF would be consolidated in the KW Basin; (2) removal of the SNF and subsequent storage in a new wet storage facility at Hanford; (3) removal of the SNF followed by calcination and dry storage at Hanford; (4) removal of the SNF followed by processing at Hanford and dry storage of the recovered uranium and plutonium at Hanford; and (5) removal of the SNF followed by foreign processing and dry storage of the

recovered uranium and plutonium at Hanford.

Availability of Copies of the FEIS

Copies of the FEIS have been distributed to federal, state, and local officials and agencies, organizations and individuals known to be interested in the EIS, and to persons and agencies that commented on the DEIS. Copies of the FEIS may be obtained by contacting Dr. Loscoe at the above address or telephone numbers.

Copies of the FEIS, including reference materials, comment letters, public hearing transcripts, and the DOE responses to comments, will be available for public review at the DOE public reading rooms and information repositories listed below.

(1) U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-6020, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(2) U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, Public Reading Room, 100 Sprout Road, Room 130W, Richland, WA 99352, (509) 376-8583, Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(3) University of Washington, Suzzallo Library, Government Publications Room, Seattle, WA 98185, (206) 685-9855, Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(4) Gonzaga University, Foley Center, East 502 Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA 99258, (509) 328-4220 ext. 3829, Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to midnight, Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m. to midnight.

(5) Portland State University, Branford Price Millar Library, SW Harrison and Park, Portland, OR 97207, (503) 725-3690, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

(6) Nuclear and Mixed Waste Library, Washington State Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Dr. S.E., Lacey, WA 98504, (360) 407-7097, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Potential users should call ahead to verify the open hours at the reading room of interest.

Signed in Richland, WA this 25th day of January, 1996, for the United States Department of Energy.

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