

as a consequence of these long-term discharges.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer, Office of Environment and Projects, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, (505) 667-8690.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS PROPOSED ACTION, CONTACT: Ken

Zamora, Project Manager, Office of Environment and Projects, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, (505) 665-5047.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Project Description

DOE proposes to implement measures to reduce or eliminate the discharge of industrial and sanitary wastewater from 29 outfalls at various facilities at LANL, Los Alamos County, New Mexico. These measures are being taken as an integral part of an overall program of corrective action to insure that wastewater discharges are environmentally safe. Action is needed to comply with federal and state water quality standards and directives issued by EPA. Corrective measures would consist of both rerouting and connecting discharges to the existing sanitary wastewater treatment system and installing recirculation systems at the source of the wastewater. Only one of the corrective actions would involve construction work outside of a building. This action would consist of the excavation of a 82-foot-long trench in a non-wetland area. No construction would occur within a wetland. Remaining discharges would come primarily from stormwater runoff.

2. Wetlands

The long-term discharge of wastewater has likely contributed to the development of small wetlands at several facilities. These wetlands have developed below outfalls and at various downstream locations in the receiving stream channel. Other facilities discharging wastewater have outfalls that are not thought to be associated with wetlands, and others have had

outfalls associated with wetlands but no longer discharge wastewater to support them because of program changes. Currently, 33 wetlands supported by wastewater discharges remain at various locations at LANL. A small number of naturally occurring wetlands are also present. These wastewater and natural wetlands provide habitat for a diversity of wildlife on both a local and area-wide scale.

Reduction or cessation of wastewater flows at 29 outfalls would likely result in the gradual reversion of wetland plant communities at 25 wetlands to plant communities adapted to drier conditions, with a resulting change in animal use. Some wetland communities could persist. Wetlands associated with the wastewater treatment facility receiving rerouted wastewater may experience a modest increase in size.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR 1022), DOE will prepare a wetlands assessment for this proposed action. The wetlands assessment will be included as an integral part of the EA that will be prepared for this proposal in complying with NEPA.

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Elizabeth Withers,

NEPA Compliance Officer, Los Alamos Area Office, Department of Energy.

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

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: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation.

DATES: Wednesday, July 10, 1996: 6 pm-9 pm.

ADDRESSES: Oak Ridge Inn (formerly Holiday Inn), 420 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Perkins, Site-Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-1590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

July Meeting Topics

This meeting will involve a panel discussion among representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and the U.S. Department of Energy on the implications of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and its implementation in the Environmental Management Program at the Oak Ridge Reservation.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Sandy Perkins at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 8:30 am and 5 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 am and 7 pm on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 am and 1 pm on Saturday, or by writing to Sandy Perkins, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or by calling her at (423) 576-1590.

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Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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