

## ISSUED PATENTS—Continued

Number	Title
5,163,754	Isolated Thermocouple Amplifier System for Stirred Fixed-Bed Gasifier.
5,165,239	Water Augmented Indirectly-Fired Gas Turbine Systems and Method.
5,170,670	Three Axis Velocity Probe System.
5,177,294	Catalysts for Conversion of Methane to Higher Hydrocarbons.
5,198,002	Gas Stream Clean-Up Filter and Method for Forming Same.
5,217,510	Apparatus for Preventing Particle Deposition From Process Streams on Optical Access Windows.
5,227,351	Sorbent for Use in Hot Gas Desulfurization.
5,230,716	Grate Assembly for Fixed-Bed Coal Gasifier.
5,232,673	Shielded Fluid Stream Injector for Particle Bed Reactor.
5,325,797	Staged Fluidized-Bed Combustion and Filter System.
5,337,289	Phased-Array Ultrasonic Surface Contour Mapping System and Method For Solids Hoppers and the Like.
5,348,921	Method For Reducing Sulfate Formation During Regeneration of Hot-Gas Desulfurization Sorbents.
5,413,878	An Improved System and Method For Networking Electrochemical Devices.
5,449,568	Indirect-Fired Gas Turbine Bottomed With Fuel Cell.
5,456,066	Fuel Supply System and Method For Coal-Fired Prime Mover.
5,494,880	Durable Zinc Oxide-Containing Sorbents For Coal Gas Desulfurization.
5,541,014	Indirect-Fired Gas Turbine Dual Fuel Cell Power Cycle.

## Patent Applications Filed

Down-Flow Moving-Bed Gasifier With Catalyst Recycle and Method  
Durable Regenerable Sorbent Pellets For Removal of Hydrogen Sulfide From Coal Gas  
Removal of Oxides of Nitrogen From Gases In Multi-Stage Coal Combustion  
Combustor Oscillating Pressure Stabilization and Method  
Reduction of Spalling In Mixed Metal Oxide Desulfurization Sorbents By Addition of a Large Promoter Metal Oxide

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Thomas F. Bechtel,  
Director, METC.

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### Certification of the Radiological Condition of the Associate Aircraft Site in Fairfield, OH

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of certification.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed remedial actions to decontaminate a property in Fairfield, Ohio. Formerly, the property was found to contain quantities of residual radioactive material resulting from activities conducted by DOE's predecessors at the former Associate Aircraft Tool and Manufacturing Company. Radiological surveys show that the property now meets applicable requirements for radiologically unrestricted use.

**ADDRESSES:** The certification docket is available at the following locations:  
Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

Public Document Room, Oak Ridge Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 200 Administration Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831.  
Lane Public Library, Fairfield Branch, 701 Wessel Drive, Fairfield, Ohio 45014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John C. Lehr, Acting Director, Office of Eastern Area Programs, Office of Environmental Management (EM-42), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, (301) 903-2328 Fax: (301) 903-2385.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, has conducted remedial action at the Associate Aircraft site in Fairfield, Ohio, under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The objective of the program is to identify and remediate or otherwise control sites where residual radioactive contamination remains from activities carried out under contract to the Manhattan Engineer District/Atomic Energy Commission (MED/AEC) during the early years of the nation's atomic energy program. The Associate Aircraft site was designated for cleanup under FUSRAP in April 1993.

From February to September 1956, the Associate Aircraft Tool and Manufacturing Company, under subcontract to National Lead of Ohio (NLO), a primary contractor for the AEC, provided a variety of machine shop services on natural uranium metal (i.e., uranium metal that was neither enriched nor depleted in the U-235 isotope but that contained U-235 in natural abundance). Operations at the site consisted of hollow drilling and turning of uranium metal slugs. After production was discontinued in September 1956, Associate Aircraft

personnel decontaminated the building and equipment in accordance with the NLO Industrial Hygiene Department's specifications.

In June and September 1992, Oak Ridge National Laboratory conducted radiological surveys in and around the former Associate Aircraft building. Radioactive contamination exceeding current DOE health-based guidelines for release of properties for radiologically unrestricted use was identified inside the building and in two small isolated areas outside. The property was included in FUSRAP in April 1993 and was remediated from December 1994 to June 1995.

Post-remedial action surveys have demonstrated and DOE has certified that the subject property is in compliance with the Department's radiological decontamination criteria and standards. The standards are established to protect members of the general public and occupants of the properties and to ensure that future use of the properties will result in no radiological exposure above applicable health-based guidelines.

These findings are supported by the Department's Certification Docket for the Remedial Action Performed at the Associate Aircraft Tool and Manufacturing Company Site in Fairfield, Ohio, December 1995. Accordingly, this property is released from FUSRAP.

The certification docket will be available for review between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) in the Department's Public Reading Room, located in Room 1E-190 of the Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585. Copies of the certification docket will also be available in the DOE Public Document

Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831 and at the Lane Public Library, Fairfield Branch, 701 Wessel Drive, Fairfield, Ohio 45014.

DOE, through the Oak Ridge Operations Office, Former Sites Restoration Division, has issued the following statement:

Statement of Certification: Associate Aircraft Tool and Manufacturing Company Site, Fairfield, Ohio

DOE, Oak Ridge Operations Office, Former Sites Restoration Division, has reviewed and analyzed the radiological data obtained following remedial action at the Associate Aircraft site (3660 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio; Parcel No. 40 filed in Deed Book 1625, Page 139 in the land records of Butler County, Ohio). Based on analysis of all data collected, including post-remedial action surveys, DOE certifies that any residual contamination which remains onsite falls within current guidelines for use without radiological restrictions. This certification of compliance provides assurance that reasonably foreseeable future use of the property will result in no radiological exposure above current radiological guidelines established to protect members of the general public as well as occupants of the site.

Property owned by Lester J. Besl and James L. Besl Partnership: 3660 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio 45014.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on September 4, 1996.

James M. Owendoff,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration.*

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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP92-237-029]

### Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 10, 1996.

Take notice that September 5, 1996, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet with a proposed effective date of September 1, 1996:

Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 4

Alabama-Tennessee states that the purpose of the filing is to implement a 6% reduction in its transportation rates

in compliance with the letter order issued in Docket No. RP92-237-028 on August 29, 1996.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. TM97-1-1-000]

### Alabama/Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of ACA Filing

September 10, 1996.

Take notice that on September 5, 1996, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama/Tennessee), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet with a proposed effective date of October 1, 1996:

Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 4

Alabama/Tennessee states that the purpose of this filing is to reflect a \$0.0002 per dekatherm decrease in Alabama-Tennessee's rates under its Annual Charge Adjustment ("ACA") clause that results from a corresponding decrease in the annual charge asserted Alabama-Tennessee by the Commission.

Alabama-Tennessee requests any waiver that may be required in order to accept and approve this filing as submitted, including waiver of the notice requirement of Section 154.22.

Alabama-Tennessee states that copies of the tariff filing have been served upon the Company's affected customers and interested public bodies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 or Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in

Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. TM97-1-84-000]

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

September 10, 1996.

Take notice that on September 5, 1996, Caprock Pipeline Company (Caprock) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, to be effective October 1, 1996:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 4

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 5

Caprock states that these revised tariff sheets are filed to revise Caprock's tariff to reflect the Commission approved Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA) factor to be effective on October 1, 1996. The effect of this change is to reduce the applicable ACA surcharge to \$.0020.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rule of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211). All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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