

Tentative Agenda: The meeting will include a presentation by Mr. Earl Dixon, technical advisor for the EM SSAB, Nevada.

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 9:00 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 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 am and 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9:00 am and 1:00 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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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Response to Recommendation 97-1 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Safe Storage of Uranium-233

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 97-1, concerning the safe storage of uranium-233, on March 11, 1997 (62 FR 11160). Section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b) required the Department of Energy to transmit a response to the Defense Nuclear

Facilities Safety Board by April 25, 1997. The Secretary's response follows.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before June 12, 1997.

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. Robert Stallman, Deputy Assistant Manager for Facility Operations, Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401-1563.

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Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

April 25, 1997

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

Dear Mr. Chairman: This letter acknowledges receipt of your Recommendation 97-1 issued on March 3, 1997, concerning the safe storage of uranium-233 material. As you noted in your recommendation, the Department has recently completed a safety review of issues associated with highly enriched uranium. The Department's Highly Enriched Uranium Vulnerability Study identifies many of the concerns expressed in your recommendation. A management plan to address the issues in the Highly Enriched Uranium Vulnerability Study is currently being developed under the leadership of Defense Programs.

The Department accepts Recommendation 97-1. The process of assigning organizational responsibility for this effort will require further review. I am reserving our response to this issue until I have the opportunity to review the results of ongoing Department studies related to this matter.

The Department will use a systems engineering approach to manage the implementation of this recommendation. Needed actions identified as a result of a systems engineering study will be incorporated into the Department's budget formulation process and will be worked in conjunction with other related activities in progress. These activities include applicable elements of the Department's 94-1 Implementation Plan, the Environmental Management ten-year planning process, and the Highly Enriched Uranium Vulnerability Management Plan, currently under development.

It is the Department's understanding that spent nuclear fuel containing uranium-233 is not within the scope of Recommendation 97-1. In addition, I understand that uranium-233

safety concerns related to the Molten Salt Reactor Experiment at Oak Ridge are being addressed in the Recommendation 94-1 Implementation Plan on improving schedules for remediation and stabilization of nuclear materials.

Mr. Robert Stallman, Deputy Assistant Manager for Facility Operations, Idaho Operations Office, is the responsible manager for the preparation of the Implementation Plan. He will work with you and your staff to develop an acceptable Implementation Plan meeting our mutual expectations. He can be reached at (208) 526-1995.

Sincerely,

Federico F. Peña

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

National Electric and Magnetic Field Advisory Committee; Rechartering

Pursuant to Section 9 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of the Federal Regulations, Section 101-6.1015, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee has been rechartered until December 31, 1997. The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary of Energy and the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee charter has been determined to be essential to the conduct of the Department's business and to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Committee will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), and the rules and regulations issued in implementations of those Acts.

Further information regarding this Advisory Committee can be obtained from Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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