

Dated: November 5, 1997.

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*Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of the Under Secretary**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Observational Study of Even Start Family Literacy Projects.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 15.

Burden Hours: 510.

*Abstract:* This study will include 15 in-depth case studies of local family literacy projects that have fully implemented the Even Start program model and that have produced at least two years of positive outcomes for participants. The case studies will focus on how and why these projects have been successful. The case studies will also examine how the projects adjust to changes in client needs, their strategies for integrating program services and activities, their use of evaluation results for improving the quality of services, and their strategies for building a solid base of support to sustain the activities and services after federal funding ends. Data collection will include interviews with project staff, their partners, and project participants. Data collection will also include observation of activities and services and review of project documents.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Department of Energy (DOE)  
Notification of a 45-Day Extension in  
Providing the Defense Nuclear  
Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) an  
Implementation Plan for  
Recommendation 97-2**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 97-2, concerning Criticality Safety at Defense Nuclear Facilities in the DOE Complex, on May 29, 1997 (62 FR 2918). Section 315(e) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e), requires the Department of Energy to transmit an implementation plan to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by October 28, 1997, or submit a

notification of extension for an additional 45 days. The Secretary's notification of extension for an additional 45 days follows.

**DATES:** Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before December 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, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Robin Staffin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Development, Office of Defense Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20585

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**Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.,**

*Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.*

The Secretary of Energy  
Washington, DC 20585  
October 28, 1997.

The Honorable John T. Conway,  
*Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004*

Dear Mr. Chairman: This is to notify you, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e), that the Department of Energy requires an additional 45 days to transmit the Implementation Plan for addressing the issues described in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Recommendation 97-2 concerning criticality safety. A Department response team developed a draft Implementation Plan which outlines specific actions to improve the effectiveness of criticality safety practices and programs. Technical issues raised by your staff concerning the draft Implementation Plan have been resolved. However, the Department requires more time to develop an equitable, lasting funding arrangement that takes into account the crosscutting nature of the criticality safety program.

We will continue to work closely with your staff to develop a fully funded, mutually acceptable Implementation Plan. The Department will make every effort to provide the Implementation Plan to the Board within the next two weeks, but no later than December 12, 1997.

Sincerely,

Federico Peña

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL).

**DATES:** Tuesday, November 18, 1997 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST); Wednesday, November 19, 1997 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. MST. There will be public comment sessions on Tuesday, November 18, 1997 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. MST and Wednesday, November 19, 1997 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. MST.

**ADDRESSES:** Holiday Inn Westbank, 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** INEEL Information (1-800-708-2680) or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp. (208-522-1662).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

*Tentative Agenda:* The EM SSAB, INEEL will finalize recommendations on Siting the pits-to-powder and mixed oxide fuel fabrication mission at INEEL, the High Level Waste Environmental Impact Statement, continuing education opportunities for K-12 teachers in Idaho, and public use of INEEL Technical Library. The board will also learn about the proposed plan for the soil repository at Waste Area Group 3 and receive presentations on plutonium contamination at INEEL and the results from Pit 9 and Subsurface Disposal Area studies, and what these studies imply for cleanup of the pits and trenches. For a most current copy of the agenda, contact Woody Russell, DOE-Idaho, (208) 526-0561, or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp., (208) 522-1662. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

*Public Comment Availability:* The two-day meeting is open to the public, with public comment sessions scheduled for Tuesday, November 18,