

Dated: December 23, 1997.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 122397F]

**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting to discuss stock assessment plans for 1998. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin on January 12, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time), and continue at 8 a.m. on January 13 until business is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council office, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to plan the stock assessment process for groundfish species in 1998. The meeting will consider revisions to the terms of reference used for 1997 stock assessments, revise the goals and objectives for the annual stock assessment cycle, develop a calendar for 1998 stock assessment activities, confirm the list of species to be assessed in 1998, designate the resources and personnel for the assessments and the reviews, and discuss ways of improving coordination of the process.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Army Science Board; Notice of Open Meeting**

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB).

*Date of Meeting:* 13 & 14 January 1998.

*Time of Meeting:* 0830-1630, 13 Jan 98. 0830-1300, 14 Jan 98.

*Place:* CECOM HQ—Ft. Monmouth, NJ

*Agenda:* The Army Science Board's (ASB) Issue Group Study on "Army Avionics Modernization Methodologies" will meet for briefings and discussions on Army avionics modernization methodologies, Army avionics Science and Technology programs, and open systems architecture. These meetings will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please call our office at (703) 695-0781.

**Wayne Joyner,**

*Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive Patent License; U.S. Drug Testing, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant exclusive license.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to U.S. Drug Testing, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States and certain foreign countries to practice the Government owned invention described in U.S. Patent No. 5,183,740, entitled "Flow Immunosensor Method and Apparatus," issued February 2, 1993, in the field of saliva based human diagnostics.

**DATES:** Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections, along with any supporting evidence, not later than March 3, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. R. J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

**Authority:** 35 U. S. C. 207; 37 CFR Part 404; 32 CFR Part 746.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

**Michael I. Quinn,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U. S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Department of Energy (DOE) Implementation Plan for Recommendation 97-2 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB), Criticality Safety**

**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). Under section 315(e) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e), the Department of Energy must transmit an implementation plan on Recommendation 97-2 to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board after acceptance by the Secretary. The Department's implementation plan was sent to the DNFSB on December 12, 1997, and is available for review in the Department of Energy Public Reading Rooms and on the internet site, <http://dr.tis.doe.gov/>.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the implementation plan to: Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

**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 D.C. 20585.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 23, 1997.

**Joseph Arango,**

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

December 12, 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: We are pleased to forward the Department's Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Recommendation 97-2, Criticality Safety. This Plan addresses the need for improved criticality safety practices and coherent programs to alleviate the potential adverse impacts on safety and productivity of Department of Energy operations. It builds upon the successful actions taken in response to Board Recommendation 93-2, The Need for Critical Experiment Capability, which is being implemented through the Nuclear Criticality Predictability Program. Because the Implementation Plan for Recommendation 97-2 incorporates ongoing Nuclear Criticality Predictability Program activities, I propose closure of Recommendation 93-2.

To continue successful implementation of Recommendation 93-2 and implement Recommendation 97-2 in an integrated fashion, the Department is taking steps to ensure stable funding for these important crosscutting safety activities now and in the outyears. We have established a responsible line manager and identified necessary funding for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

The Implementation Plan was prepared by a cross-organizational response team reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs in coordination with other affected Headquarters and Field offices. Dr. Robin Staffin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Development, Office of Defense Programs, will be the responsible manager for implementing this plan. He can be reached at (202) 586-7590.

Sincerely,

Federico Peña.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Advisory Board

**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:

*Name:* Environmental Management Advisory Board.

*Date and Times:* Wednesday, January 21, 1998, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

*Place:* U.S. Department of Energy/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence

Avenue, S.W.; Room 1E-245, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-4400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James T. Melillo, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management; Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB), EM-22, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4400. The Internet address is: James.Melillo@em.doe.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Board. The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management program, from the perspectives of affected groups and state, local, and tribal governments. The Board will help to improve the Environmental Management Program by assisting in the process of securing consensus recommendations, and providing the Department's numerous publics with opportunities to express their opinions regarding the Environmental Management Program.

### Tentative Agenda

*Wednesday, January 21, 1998*

- 8:30 a.m. Co-Chairmen Open Public Meeting
- 8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
- 9:00 a.m. Technology Development and Transfer Committee Report
- 9:30 a.m. Privatization Committee Report
- 10:00 a.m. Science Committee Report
- 10:45 a.m. 2006 Strategic Planning Committee Report
- 11:15 a.m. Long-Term Stewardship Committee Report
- 11:45 a.m. Worker Health and Safety Committee Report
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Board Business
- 2:15 p.m. Public Comment Session
- 3:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourns

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should either contact James T. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above, or call 1-(800) 736-3282, the Center for Environmental Management Information and register to speak during

the public comment session of the meeting. Individuals may also register on January 21, 1998 at the meeting site. Every effort will be made to hear all those wishing to speak to the Board, on a first come, first serve basis. Those who call in and reserve time will be given the opportunity to speak first. The Board Co-Chairs are empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

### Transcripts and Minutes

A meeting transcript and minutes will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 23, 1997.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-149-000]

### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

December 24, 1997.

Take notice that on December 19, 1997, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP98-149-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Bondad Expansion Project to alleviate a capacity constraint on El Paso's system north of the Blanco plant in San Juan County, New Mexico, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso states that it proposes to construct and operate additional compression facilities, with appurtenances, at the existing Bondad compressor station located on the Ignacio to Blanco Line and Loop Line (Line Nos. 1205 and 1218, respectively) (Ignacio Lines), in La Plata County, Colorado, in order to restage the three existing Solar Centaur centrifugal compressor units and to replace each of the three gas turbine engines comprising