

a gross electric power output of 66 megawatts (the alfalfa gas was to be supplemented with natural gas as needed). Another 37 megawatts were to be generated from the super-heated, high-pressure steam recovered from the hot combustion gases leaving the combustion turbine. Since the biomass gasification technology proposed for MAPP has yet to be successfully demonstrated at full commercial scale, DOE was proposing to fund \$44 million (up to 30%) of the cost of construction of the plant and associated facilities (approximately \$140 to \$200 million) as part of the Department's mission to support biomass technology commercialization. Other key participants in the MAPP project have included the University of Minnesota, Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, Kvaerner/Carbona Corporation, Enron Capital and Trade Resources Corporation, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Enron Capital and Trade Resources Corporation, however, terminated its co-development participation in the MAPP project in early 1999.

In the event that MnVAP elects to proceed with the MAPP project without funding from DOE, an analysis of the relative impact of the proposed project on the environment would still be required under applicable Minnesota laws and regulations. In such an event, the MEQB, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, would be the lead agency for the environmental analysis. While DOE may be asked by the MEQB to assist by providing relevant information to any Minnesota led environmental analysis, DOE would no longer participate as a lead agency or as a co-preparer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of solicitation number DE-PS07-00ID13860—Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) Program.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, is

soliciting applications for special research grant awards that will support nuclear engineering research. It is anticipated that on September 16, 1999, the full text for Solicitation Number DE-PS07-00ID13860 for the 2000 NEER Program will be made available on the Internet under, "current solicitation", at the following URL address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/PSD/proc-div.html>, under current solicitation.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of applications will be November 22, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be submitted to: Dallas L. Hoffer, Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dallas Hoffer, Contract Specialist at [hofferdl@id.doe.gov](mailto:hofferdl@id.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The solicitation will be issued in accordance with 10 CFR 600.6(b). Eligibility for awards under this program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities with nuclear engineering degree programs or options or an operating research reactor. The purpose of the Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) program is to (1) support basic research in nuclear engineering; (2) assist in developing nuclear engineering students; and (3) contribute to strengthening the academic community's nuclear engineering infrastructure.

The statutory authority for this program is Public Law 95-91.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### International Energy Agency Meetings

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will meet during the week of September 27, 1999 at the headquarters of the IEA in Paris, France in connection with a Seminar on IEA Oil Stock Strategy, a Disruption Simulation Exercise, and a meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Samuel M. Bradley, Assistant General Counsel for International and National

Security Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, 202-586-6738.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 252(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(i)), the following notice of meetings is provided:

A meeting of the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will be held at the headquarters of the IEA, 9, rue de la Fédération, Paris, France, commencing on September 27, 1999, at approximately 10 a.m.. The purpose of this notice is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at:

(1) A Seminar on IEA Oil Stock Strategy ("Stock Seminar") commencing on September 27 at approximately 10 a.m. and ending on September 28 at approximately 12:45 p.m.;

(2) A brief meeting of the IAB, on September 28 from approximately 1:45 p.m. to 2 p.m., in preparation of the Simulation Exercise;

(3) A Disruption Simulation Exercise (the "Simulation Exercise"), commencing on September 28 at approximately 2 p.m. and ending on September 30 at approximately 12:30 p.m.;

(4) A meeting of the IEA Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) on September 30 from approximately 2:30 p.m. to approximately 5 p.m. and on October 1 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

(5) A meeting of the IAB on September 30 from approximately 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Agendas for the Stock Seminar (item 1 above), the Simulation Exercise (item 3), and the SEQ (item 4) are under the control of the IEA Secretariat and the SEQ. It is expected that the following Agendas will be followed:

#### I. Seminar on IEA Oil Stock Strategy (September 27 and 28 (a.m.))

- Welcome by SEQ Chairman, and IEA Executive Director
- Presentation by Secretariat of Background Note on Global Oil Stock Situation and Synopsis of Replies to SEQ Questionnaire on Stockholding and Stockdraw
- Session 1—Stocks as a Means of Rapid Response, and Demand Restraint Operations

How the Administrations and the industry would ensure quick and effective response to a major disruption: presentations and discussion