

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Accomplishing Expanded Civilian Nuclear Energy Research and Development and Isotope Production Missions in the United States Including the Role of the Fast Flux Test Facility (DOE/EIS-0310)

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of change in scoping meeting location.

SUMMARY: DOE is changing the date and location of the public scoping meeting to be held in the Washington, DC area. In the **Federal Register** of September 15, 1999 (64 FR 50066), DOE announced that the meeting would take place on October 26, 1999, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel located at 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. DOE has changed the date and location of this meeting to October 27, 1999 at the Marriott Metro Center Hotel, located at 775 12th Street, NW Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. DOE will announce the dates and locations of all public scoping meetings in the local media at least 15 days prior to the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on this PEIS, please contact Ms. Colette Brown, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE-50), U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874. Telephone: (301) 903-6924, Facsimile: (301) 903-1510, Electronic Mail: *Nuclear.Infrastructure-PEIS@HQ.DOE.GOV*. For further information on DOE procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), please contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. 20582-0119, Telephone: (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE's civilian nuclear research and isotope production infrastructure has diminished significantly since the early 1990s. As a result, DOE is concerned that it may no longer be able to accommodate new and expanding missions such as: (1) The production of isotopes for medical and industrial uses; (2) the production of plutonium-238 for use in advanced radioisotope power systems for future National Aeronautics and Space Administration space missions; and, (3) the Nation's nuclear research and development needs.

Therefore, pursuant to NEPA, the Secretary of Energy recently announced DOE's intent to prepare a PEIS to evaluate potential enhancements to its infrastructure to meet its expanded mission needs, including the possible role of the Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) located at DOE's Hanford Site near Richland, Washington.

This PEIS will analyze the potential environmental impacts of alternative ways to meet the projected irradiation needs for the next 35 years by enhancing the existing infrastructure as follows: (1) Resuming FFTF operation; (2) Constructing and operating a research reactor at a generic DOE site; and (3) Constructing and operating one or more neutron accelerators at a generic DOE site. In addition, the PEIS will analyze the potential environmental impacts of meeting the projected mission needs to the extent possible using existing reactor and neutron accelerator facilities.

DOE published a notice in the **Federal Register** on September 15, 1999, (64 FR 50064), announcing its intent to prepare this PEIS and outlining the alternatives that it plans to analyze. DOE announced that it would conduct seven public scoping meetings to assist in defining the scope of this PEIS including the significant environmental issues to be addressed. Meetings will be held October 13-27, 1999, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Idaho Falls, Idaho; Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; Hood River, Oregon; Richland, Washington; and in the Washington DC area. The date and location of the meeting in the Washington, DC area has changed from October 26, 1999, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia to October 27, 1999 at the Marriott Metro Center Hotel, located at 775 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 28th day of September 1999, for the U.S. Department of Energy.

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Energy Information Administration**Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget**

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection(s) listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). The listing does not include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations, which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) Collection number and title; (2) Summary of the collection of information (includes the sponsor (*i.e.* DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement), response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) A description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) A description of the likely respondents; and (5) An estimate of the total annual reporting burden (estimated number of respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the estimated average hours per response.)

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before November 3, 1999. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3087. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Grace Sutherland, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Mrs. Sutherland may be telephoned at (202) 426-1068 FAX (202) 426-1083, or e-mail at Grace.Sutherland@eia.doe.gov.