

potential benefits while preserving the effective and efficient administration of the program.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this notice in Room 3322, Switzer Building, 330 C Street SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

On request, we will supply an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for the proposed language. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, you may call (202) 205-8113 or (202) 260-9895. If you use a TDD, you may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

This proposed language supports the National Education Goal that calls for every American to possess the skills necessary to compete in a global economy.

Proposed Additional Selection Criterion

The Assistant Secretary will use the selection criteria in 34 CFR 385.31, 386.20 and 389.30 to evaluate applications under this program. The maximum score for all the criteria is 100 points; however, the Assistant Secretary will also use the following criterion so that up to an additional ten points may be earned by an applicant for a total possible score of 110 points.

Within the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training, and Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program, we will give the following competitive preference under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) to applications that are otherwise eligible for funding under this competition.

Up to ten (10) points based on the extent to which an application includes effective strategies for employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities in projects awarded under this competition. In determining the effectiveness of those strategies, we will consider the applicant's prior success, as described in the application, in employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

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APPLICABLE PROGRAM REGULATIONS: 34 CFR Part 385, 386 and 389.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 774.
 (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 84.129 and 84.264, the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training, and Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program.)

Dated: June 23, 2000.
Judith E. Heumann,
Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed JEA Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustor Project at Jacksonville, FL

AGENCY: Department of Energy.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the JEA Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustor Project (DOE/EIS-0289), at Jacksonville, Florida. The Final JEA EIS analyzes the environmental impacts that could result from construction and operation of a 297.5 megawatt-electric, coal- and petroleum coke-fired, circulating fluidized bed combustor and boiler to repower an existing steam turbine at JEA's Northside Generating Station. The proposed Federal action is cost-shared funding of approximately \$73.1 million (about 24 percent of the total estimated cost of \$309 million) for construction of the combustor and boiler and for a 24-month period of

demonstration testing of the technology. The proposed project is expected to demonstrate technology for the cost-effective reduction of nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, and particulate emissions, while producing power more efficiently and at less cost than conventional coal combustion technologies. Information and experience developed from this project would provide the basis for demonstrating the potential of utility scale, atmospheric pressure, circulating fluidized bed technology as a viable alternative to conventional coal-fired power plant technologies. DOE may issue a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability of the Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Final EIS or other information about the proposed action should be addressed to: Ms. Lisa Hollingsworth, JEA NEPA Document Manager, National Energy Technology Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880; by telephone at 304-285-4992; by fax at 304-285-4403; by leaving a message at 1-800-276-9851; or by electronic mail at lisa.hollingsworth@netl.doe.gov. The Final JEA EIS will be available under the DOE NEPA Analyses link from the DOE NEPA Web at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the DOE NEPA process, 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, D.C. 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by calling 202-586-4600 or by leaving a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The JEA EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021).

A Notice of Intent (Notice) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed JEA Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustor Project and hold a public scoping meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, November 13, 1997 (62 FR 60889). The Notice invited oral and written comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the environmental impact statement, including

environmental issues and alternatives, and invited public participation in the National Environmental Policy Act process. A public scoping meeting was announced and held on December 3, 1997, at Jacksonville, FL. Comments and feedback received during the public scoping process were used to guide development of the environmental analyses included in this final JEA EIS. The availability of the draft environmental impact statement for the Proposed JEA Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustor Project was announced in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, August 25, 1999 (64 FR 46363). The Notice invited oral and written comments and provided details on the public hearing. A public hearing was held at the North Campus of the Florida Community College in Jacksonville, Florida, on September 30, 1999. Comments received during the comment period and at the public hearing have been addressed in the Final JEA EIS.

DOE proposes to provide funding to JEA for supporting the construction and operation of a combustor and boiler to repower a steam turbine and generator that have been out of service since 1983 at JEA's Northside Generating Station. As part of this proposed action (the preferred alternative identified in the EIS), the Final JEA EIS evaluates plans by JEA to repower a second, currently operating, steam turbine without cost-shared funding from DOE. In addition to analyzing the environmental impacts of the proposed action, the Final JEA EIS analyzes the potential impacts of the No-Action Alternative. Under the No-Action Alternative, three scenarios that reasonably could be expected to be pursued by JEA in the absence of DOE funding are analyzed. The Final JEA EIS compares the environmental impacts that could be expected to occur from repowering the two steam turbines with new circulating fluidized bed combustors with the impacts that would be likely from each of the three scenarios under the No-Action Alternative.

The principal focus of the JEA EIS is on evaluating impacts from construction and operation of the proposed project on the primary areas of concern: human health, air quality, surface water, groundwater, ecological resources, socioeconomic resources (including environmental justice), noise, and traffic. In addition, impacts on land use, floodplains, wetlands, waste management, and cultural resources are also considered.

DOE has distributed copies of the Final JEA EIS to appropriate Members of Congress, State and local agencies and government officials in Florida, Federal

agencies, and other interested parties. Copies of the document may be obtained by contacting DOE as provided in the section of this notice entitled **ADDRESSES**. Copies of the Final JEA EIS are also available for inspection at the locations identified below:

- (1) U.S. Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.
- (2) U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880.
- (3) Highlands Branch Library, 1826 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218.

DOE may issue a Record of Decision (ROD) on whether to provide cost-shared funding for the proposed JEA Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustor Project no sooner than 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability of the Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 26th day of June 2000.

Robert S. Kripowicz,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, July 25, 2000: 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Wellington Room, I-40 & Georgia, Amarillo, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to advise the Department of Energy and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

- 1:30 Agenda Review/Approval of Minutes
- 1:45 Co-Chair Comments
- 2:00 Task Force/Subcommittee Reports
- 2:30 Ex-Officio Reports
- 3:00 Updates—Concurrence Reports—DOE
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 Presentation (To Be Decided)
- 4:45 Public Comments
- 5:00 Closing Comments
- 5:30 Adjourn

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 Jerry Johnson's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and every reasonable provision will be made to accommodate the request in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer 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 Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 am to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 am to 12 noon on Saturday; and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9 am to 7 pm on Monday; 9 am to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry S. Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on June 26, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,
Deputy Advisory Committee Management
Officer.

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