

people and supplies across Cold Bay. This action would involve the placement of fill material in both wetlands and waters of the US for the construction of the road and the hovercraft terminal and ramps. Funds for the proposed project were allocated by Congress in the Fiscal Year 1999 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

2. The proposed road and hovercraft terminal is located on lands owned by the King Cove Village Corporation. A section of the road and the terminal are sited within the boundaries of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge on Section 22(g) Native owned lands.

3. Additional alternatives to the applicant's proposal include the following: alternate hovercraft terminal sites; two ferryboat alternatives with various harbor locations within Cold Bay; a ferry or smaller heavy weather capable boat out of Lenard Harbor or King Cove; upgrading the existing King Cove airport; development of a new jet or general aviation airport and the use of a helicopter service. In addition, there are three variations of an overland route: the Native Lands road which would be located on King Cove Corporation lands and would use an elevated road and bridges to cross the mouth of Kinzarof Lagoon; a road and railroad combination using the Native Lands route; and the Isthmus road which would follow the same route as the Native Lands road until it reached the head of the bay, then would go behind Kinzarof Lagoon through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness to connect with existing roads and trails. All overland alternatives must cross AK Peninsula Refuge lands at the northwest corner of Cold Bay. This list of alternatives is preliminary and contains suggestions from many individuals and organizations. Some may be dropped and others added through the scoping process. Certain alternative proposals conflict with existing laws. The selected alternatives will be further analyzed as part of the EIS process.

4. Scoping: a. The Corps invites full public participation to promote open communication on the issues surrounding the proposal. All Federal, State, local agencies, and other persons or organizations that have an interest are urged to participate in the NEPA scoping process. Public meetings will be held to receive public input on the purpose and need of the project, to identify significant issues and to discuss proposed alternatives. The scoping process will help to further explain the purpose and need plus the alternatives to be reviewed in the DEIS.

b. The DEIS will analyze the potential social, economic, and environmental

impacts to the local area and the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge resulting from the proposed project. The following major issues will be analyzed in depth in the DEIS: transportation systems; essential fish habitat and other marine mammal habitat; threatened and endangered species including their critical habitat; migratory birds including the threatened Steller's eider, Emperor goose and Pacific brant; resident and migratory mammals; impacts to the wilderness area; cultural resources; alternatives; secondary and cumulative impacts; and socioeconomic.

c. The Corps will serve as the lead Federal agency in the preparation of the DEIS. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is participating as a cooperating agency.

d. Some of these alternatives may require additional federal approvals such as a compatibility determination from the FWS.

5. The scoping meetings are tentatively planned for the following dates and locations. Specific dates will be further announced by local media. Further information about these public meetings will be published locally and can be obtained by contacting the Corps office.

Anchorage, Alaska—April 2, 2001

Sand Point, Alaska—April 3, 2001

Cold Bay, Alaska—April 4, 2001

King Cove, Alaska—April 5, 2001

6. It is anticipated that the DEIS will be made available for public review in fall 2001.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Meeting; Sunshine Act

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. § 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9 a.m., February 22, 2001.

PLACE: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board ("Board") will reconvene and continue

the fourteenth quarterly open meeting conducted on February 13, 2001, regarding the status of progress of the activities associated with the Department of Energy's Implementation Plans for the Board's Recommendation 95-2, Integrated Safety Management ("ISM"), Recommendation 98-1, Integrated Safety Management (Response to Issues Identified by the Office of Internal Oversight), and Recommendation 2000-2, Configuration Management, Vital Safety Systems. Topics will include the roles of line management in executing these Implementation Plans and the budgetary resources required to satisfy the Department's commitments.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: February 13, 2001.

John T. Conway,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 01-23; Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Program

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for experimental and theoretical studies of radiation and clouds in conjunction with the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Program as part of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). This notice requests new applications and renewal applications of grants currently funded by DOE under previous ARM Program notices that are relevant to the terms of reference for this announcement and