

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy****Meeting of the Board of Advisors to the Superintendent, Naval Postgraduate School**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this meeting is to elicit the advice of the board on the Naval Service's Postgraduate Education Program. The board examines the effectiveness with which the Naval Postgraduate School is accomplishing its mission. To this end, the board will inquire into the curricula, instruction, physical equipment, administration, state of morale of the student body, faculty, and staff; fiscal affairs; and any other matters relating to the operation of the Naval Postgraduate School, as the board considers pertinent. This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Defense University, Fort McNair, Hill Conference Room, Roosevelt Hall, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Jaye Panza, Naval Postgraduate School, 1 University Circle, Monterey, California 93943-5000, telephone number (831) 656-2514.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****National Nuclear Security Administration; Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the National Ignition Facility**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), a semi-autonomous agency within the Department of Energy (DOE), announces the availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the National Ignition Facility (NIF) Project-Specific Analysis Portion (Volume III, Appendix

I) of the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SSM PEIS) (DOE/EIS-0236-S1). The NIF, which is being designed as the world's most powerful laser, has been under construction at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in Livermore, California since 1997, in accordance with the SSM PEIS Record of Decision (ROD) (61 FR 68014, December 26, 1996).

In September 1997, buried capacitors containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were discovered during site excavation for the NIF. The capacitors and contaminated soil were cleaned up to levels protective of human health and the environment in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and its implementing regulations and in consultation with state and federal regulators. This SEIS analyzes how the results of characterization studies completed should affect the manner in which the NNSA proceeds with the construction and operation of NIF. The proposed action is the "No Action" alternative of continuing to construct and to operate NIF at LLNL. The SEIS also evaluates the No Action alternative of ceasing construction of the NIF. The preferred alternative is to construct and operate NIF.

**DATES:** A ROD for the SEIS will be issued no sooner than 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes a Notice of Availability of the Final SEIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** To request copies of the Final NIF SEIS, or for additional information, contact: Richard Scott, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, L-293, P.O. Box 808, Livermore, CA 94550. Mr. Scott may also be contacted by telephone (925) 423-3022, facsimile (925) 424-3755, or by e-mail at [richard.scott@oak.doe.gov](mailto:richard.scott@oak.doe.gov). Requests for copies of the Final NIF SEIS may also be addressed to the DOE Oakland Operations Office, Energy Information Center, 1st floor in the North Tower of the Federal Building at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, CA, (510) 637-1762. The Final NIF SEIS is available for public review at the Oakland Operations Office; LLNL, East Gate Visitors Center on Greenville Road in Livermore CA, (925) 424-4026, and DOE's Freedom of Information Reading Room, Rm. 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, (202) 586-3142. The Final NIF SEIS is available under the NEPA Analysis module of the DOE

NEPA Web Site at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the NNSA NEPA process, please contact: Mr. Henry Garson, NEPA Compliance Officer for Defense Programs, U.S. Department of Energy/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; or telephone 1-800-832-0885, ext. 30470. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final NIF SEIS was prepared pursuant to a Joint Stipulation and Order issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on October 27, 1997, in partial settlement of the lawsuit, *Natural Resources Defense Council [NRDC] v. Richardson*, Civ. No. 97-936 (SS) (D.D.C.). In that Joint Stipulation and Order, DOE agreed to prepare an SEIS evaluating the reasonably foreseeable significant adverse environmental impacts of continuing to construct and of operating NIF at LLNL with respect to any potential or confirmed contamination in the area by hazardous, toxic, and/or radioactive materials. On September 25, 1998, DOE announced its intent to prepare an SEIS for the NIF portion (Volume III, Appendix I) of the SSM PEIS (63 FR 51341). That Notice of Intent was amended on August 5, 1999 to announce a revised schedule for preparing the Draft SEIS (64 FR 42681).

The Joint Stipulation and Order required further investigations of potential buried wastes and of soil and groundwater contamination in seven site areas. The results of these investigations are as follows. Interviews and searches of historical information indicated a low probability of the existence of additional buried sources of contamination. Magnetometer, electromagnetic induction, and ground-penetrating radar surveys identified no additional potential areas of concern. In December 1998, soil sampling during routine maintenance operations identified residual PCBs in soils in the East Traffic Circle (ETC) Area from a previous landfill closure. This area is outside the NIF Construction Area. The cleanup of the buried capacitors, contaminated soils, and other, nonhazardous items found in 1997 and 1998 resulted in some minor dust emissions. The risks of cancer and