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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3828]

Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy Notice of Postponement and Rescheduling of Public Meeting

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) public meeting described in Public Notice No. 3804 that had been scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2001, in Room 1107, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520 has been postponed. It will now be held on December 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Loy Henderson Auditorium at the State Department. The meeting will be hosted by Committee Chairman R. Michael Gadbaw and Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs E. Anthony Wayne.

The ACIEP serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity concerning issues and problems in international economic policy. The objective of the ACIEP is to provide expertise and insight on these issues that are not available within the U.S. Government.

Topics for the December 12 meeting will be:

- China's Accession to the WTO
- Results of the Doha WTO Ministerial

• The Campaign Against International Terrorism

The public may attend these meetings as seating capacity allows. The media is welcome but discussions are off the record. Admittance to the Department of State building is by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on this list, please provide your name, title, company or other affiliation if appropriate, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to the ACIEP Executive Secretariat by fax (202) 647-5936 (Attention: Raynell Bowling); Tel: (202) 647-0847; or e-mail: (bowlingra@state.gov) by December 10th. On the date of the meeting, persons who have pre-registered should come to the 23rd Street entrance. One of the following valid means of identification will be required for admittance: a U.S. driver's license with

photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government ID.

For further information about the meeting, contact

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Blending of Surplus Highly Enriched Uranium From the Department of Energy, to Low Enriched Uranium for Subsequent use as Reactor Fuel at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.

ACTION: Issuance of record of decision.

SUMMARY: This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 to 1508) and the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) procedures implementing the National Environmental Policy Act. On February 14, 2001, TVA published a notice of adoption of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), "Disposition of Surplus Highly Enriched Uranium," prepared by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Fissile Materials. This FEIS was released by DOE in June 1996. TVA was not a cooperating agency on that FEIS. In February 2001, TVA re-circulated the FEIS to agencies and persons who had provided comments on the original DOE FEIS. EPA's Notice of Availability for the re-circulation of the FEIS appeared in the **Federal Register** on February 16, 2001. Subsequent to TVA's adoption of the DOE FEIS and consideration of public comments received on TVA's adoption of the FEIS, TVA has decided to implement the actions related to the preferred alternative identified by DOE. The preferred alternative in DOE's FEIS, as adopted by TVA, is Alternative 5, Maximum Commercial Use.

TVA's actions related to the preferred alternative include entering into an interagency agreement with DOE to obtain approximately 33 metric tons of highly enriched uranium (HEU) for blend down and subsequently to use the low enriched uranium (LEU) in the form of nuclear reactor fuel at TVA's Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFNP). Interagency

agreements are a common method for federal agencies to frame roles, responsibilities, and conditions for arrangements between agencies. TVA actions related to the preferred alternative also include entering into contracts with a consortium composed of Framatome ANP of Lynchburg, Virginia and Richland, Washington and Nuclear Fuel Services of Erwin, Tennessee, to process and blend the uranium and to fabricate the fuel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Synopsis of Decision

After analysis of the adequacy and applicability of the DOE's Final Environmental Impact Statement for Disposition of Surplus Highly Enriched Uranium, TVA's adoption of the DOE FEIS (**Federal Register**, February 14, 2001), re-circulation of the DOE FEIS, and the consideration of public comments received on TVA's adoption of the FEIS, TVA decided to implement the actions (as described below) related to the preferred alternative identified in the DOE FEIS. These actions include entering into an interagency agreement with the DOE and into contracts with a private consortium for the procurement and processing of the HEU and for the fabrication of LEU into nuclear fuel. TVA will obtain approximately 33 metric tons of HEU from the DOE for blending down and subsequently use the LEU as nuclear reactor fuel at TVA's BFNP. Framatome ANP will process and blend the uranium at the Nuclear Fuel Services facility in Erwin, Tennessee, and fabricate fuel at its facilities in Richland, Washington. The first fuel covered by the contracts is expected to be loaded during the spring of 2005 and the last reload is expected to occur in 2015.

Basis for Decision

TVA has decided to implement the actions described under the DOE preferred alternative (Maximum Commercial Use) because it would result in substantial savings to TVA ratepayers in nuclear fuel costs in the years 2005-2015, thereby aiding TVA in its mission of providing low cost, reliable power for the Tennessee Valley region without significantly impacting the environment. Implementation of