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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Scoping Meetings for Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator Relocation Environmental Assessment (EA)**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of Energy (DOE, the Department) is announcing its intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to assess the environmental impacts related to determining the future location of the Department's Heat Source/Radioisotope Power System

(HS/RPS) assembly and test operations. The HS/RPS operations include those identified as HS/Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator (HS/RTG) operations in prior NEPA documents. These activities are currently conducted at the Mound site near Miamisburg, Ohio. The EA will evaluate continuation of the HS/RPS operations in the currently used facilities (the No Action alternative) or alternative facilities at the Mound site. Alternative sites to be evaluated in the EA include the Pantex Plant (Pantex), near Amarillo, Texas, and the Argonne National Laboratory-West located on the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory site, near Idaho Falls, Idaho. Any other reasonable site(s) identified during the scoping will also be evaluated in the EA. This EA will be prepared in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, and 1508, and the Department's NEPA Implementing Procedures at 10 CFR part 1021.

The potential relocation of the HS/RTG assembly and test operations was previously evaluated in 1998. The Department issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the **Federal Register** on October 2, 1998. While the draft EIS was under preparation, the Department determined that no benefit would result from relocation of the HS/RPS mission and consolidated operations in an optimum configuration at the Mound site. The potential environmental impacts of these consolidation activities at the Mound site were assessed in the *Environmental Assessment for the Consolidation of Heat Source/Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator (HS/RTG) Assembly and Testing Operations at Mound* (DOE/EA-1343, April 2000). As explained in the supplementary information below, in consideration of the events of September 11, 2001, the Department now considers it appropriate to review the location of the HS/RPS operations in the context of

new requirements. The information gathered during preparation of the aforementioned EA revealed the absence of any significant impacts due to the HS/RPS activities. Therefore, the Department believes that initially an EA should be prepared to evaluate future location for the HS/RPS operations. Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts in the EA, the Department will issue either a Finding of No Significant Impact or a NOI to prepare an EIS. The Department is inviting comments from the public and the Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies on the consideration of future locations for these operations and scope of the EA. A preferred alternative would be identified in the draft EA after analysis of alternatives and consideration of the comments received during the scoping period.

DATES: The public scoping period begins with the publication of this Notice and will continue for 21 days. Comments received or postmarked by that date will be considered in the preparation of the EA. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: The Department will conduct public meetings to solicit comments on the consideration of future locations for these operations and the scope of the EA as follows:

June 18, 2002—Washington, DC
Metropolitan Area, 7:00pm to 9:00pm,
Monroe/Arlington Rooms, Days Inn
Crystal City, 2000 Jefferson Davis
Highway, Arlington, VA.

June 20, 2002—Miamisburg, OH,
7:00pm to 9:00pm, Carnegie Center,
Lower Level Room, 426 East Central
Avenue, Miamisburg, OH.

June 24, 2002—Amarillo, TX, 7:00pm to
9:00pm, Oak Room, College Union
Building, Washington Street Campus,
Amarillo College, 24th and Jackson
Streets, Amarillo, TX.

June 26, 2002—Idaho Falls, ID, 7:00pm
to 9:00pm, Grand Teton Room, Shilo
Inn, 780 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho
Falls, ID.

These meetings will also be
 advertised in the local media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please direct comments on the proposed
 relocation and scope of the EA, requests
 for copies of the EA, and questions
 concerning the project to: Mr. Timothy
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 general information on DOE's NEPA
 process, please contact Ms. Carol
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 Compliance, U.S. Department of Energy,
 1000 Independence Avenue, SW,
 Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202)
 586-4600 or leave message at 1-(800)
 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

DOE and its predecessor agencies
 have been developing HS/RPSs and
 supplying them to user agencies for
 more than 35 years. The radioisotope
 used in these systems is plutonium-238
 (Pu-238), a non-fissile, non-weapons-
 usable form. A HS/RPS converts thermal
 energy that is generated by the
 spontaneous radioactive decay of Pu-
 238 to electrical energy. These systems
 have demonstrated their value as key
 technologies in various harsh, remote,
 and inaccessible environments, such as
 space, where it is impractical to provide
 the fuel and maintenance that
 conventional electrical power sources
 would need. The HS/RPS assembly and
 test operations have been conducted at
 the Department's Mound site for over 15
 years. The HS/RPS assembly and test
 operations are contained in one building
 at the Mound site. The HSs are
 assembled in glove boxes (large
 enclosures that separate workers from
 equipment used to process hazardous
 and nuclear materials while allowing

the workers to be in physical contact
 with the equipment) using parts
 manufactured or procured by the
 Mound site and encapsulated Pu-238
 shipped from the Los Alamos National
 Laboratory in New Mexico. The RPSs
 are assembled in a large inert
 atmosphere chamber and then tested.

The Mound site was established in
 1946 as the first permanent installation
 associated with the Atomic Energy
 Commission. Until the early 1990s, the
 Mound site manufactured critical
 nuclear weapons components. The site
 is currently being environmentally
 restored under a Comprehensive
 Environmental Response, Compensation
 and Liability Act Section 120
 agreement. DOE plans to complete the
 environmental restoration and release
 the site for public use by February 2006.
 It is anticipated that the future use of
 the site will involve establishment of an
 industrial park.

Purpose and Need

It is DOE's responsibility to maintain
 the availability of HS/RPS for other
 Federal agencies, as needed. The
 radioisotope Pu-238 used in the
 assembly of HS/RPS is a special nuclear
 material requiring security and
 safeguards. As long as other programs
 requiring security and safeguards were
 also conducted the security costs at the
 site were spread among all such
 programs. However, once the site is
 cleaned up and released for public use,
 HS/RPS operations would be the only
 such DOE program remaining at the site,
 and all of the security costs would then
 have to be borne by that program. In
 1999, the Department consolidated HS/
 RPS operations in a single building to
 minimize the security and safeguards
 costs. However, due to additional
 security measures for the special
 nuclear materials necessitated by the
 terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,
 those costs have increased considerably.
 These security costs could render
 continuation of the program, as
 currently configured at the Mound site,
 impractical. Hence the Department
 proposes to evaluate modifications to its
 HS/RPS operations at the Mound site as
 well as alternative DOE sites which
 already have the added security/
 safeguards infrastructure in place for
 other ongoing programs and which
 would also have facilities suitable for
 the transfer of assembly and test
 operations for HS/RPSs.

The EA will analyze the potential
 environmental impacts associated with
 the HS/RPS operations at Mound and
 each of the alternative sites, including
 any other reasonable site(s) identified

during scoping, as well as the
 transportation routes associated with
 alternative sites. The following issues
 have been tentatively identified for
 analysis in the EA: health and safety,
 waste management, pollution
 prevention, hazardous materials,
 radiation materials, water resources, air
 quality, earth resources, land use,
 infrastructure, transportation, noise,
 ecological resources, cultural resources,
 socioeconomics, and environmental
 justice. This list is neither intended to
 be all-inclusive nor is it a
 predetermination of potential
 environmental impacts. The list is
 presented to facilitate comment on the
 scope of the EA.

The purpose of this Notice is to
 encourage public involvement in the
 NEPA process and to solicit comments
 on the proposed scope of the EA and the
 potential environmental impacts of the
 alternatives. Comments will be
 considered in preparation of the EA,
 which is expected to be issued for
 public and agency comments in July
 2002. The Department will finalize the
 EA and decide whether to issue a
 Finding of No Significant Impact or
 prepare an EIS.

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 and Technology.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Environmental Management Site-
 Specific Advisory Board, Paducah**

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a
 meeting of the Environmental
 Management Site-Specific Advisory
 Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. The
 Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public
 Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that
 public notice of these meetings be
 announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, June 20, 2002, 5:30
 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 111 Memorial Drive,
 Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of
 the Board is to make recommendations