

Notice of availability of the final EA—
May 2003
Ready for Commission's decision on the
application—May 2003

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 02-23866 Filed 9-19-02; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD02-22-000]

Conference on Energy Infrastructure; Notice of Conference

September 13, 2002.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a conference on energy infrastructure issues in the midwestern states on Wednesday, November 13, 2002 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 East North Water Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The conference is for the purpose of discussing the adequacy of the electric, gas, and other energy infrastructure in the Midwest.

In addition to specialized panelists, the Governors and state utility commissioners of the midwestern states are being invited to participate. The goal is to identify the current state of infrastructure in the Midwest, present and future infrastructure needs, and the means and barriers to fulfilling those needs. We look forward to an informative discussion of the issues to clarify how we can facilitate and enhance a comprehensive collaborative approach to energy infrastructure development and reliability of the midwestern states. It is our firm belief that an adequate, well-functioning energy infrastructure is necessary to realize workable, competitive markets.

The one-day meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 6 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. Hotel rooms have been blocked at the Sheraton under the code NAK07 for any attending guests to reserve a one-or two-night stay but will be released by October 13. You can still reserve a room after that date, but on a room and rate availability basis. Reservations can be made by calling 312-329-7000, or their toll free number, 877-242-2558.

To attend, please register online on the Commission Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/calendar/courses-outreach/coursesoutreach.htm>. Scroll down and click on "Midwest Energy Infrastructure Conference". There is no

registration fee. We will issue further details on the conference, including the agenda and a list of participants, as plans evolve. For additional information, please contact Carol Connors in the Office of External Affairs at carol.connors@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 02-23860 Filed 9-19-02; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration

Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Relocation of Technical Area 18 Capabilities and Materials

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Relocation of Technical Area 18 Capabilities and Materials (hereafter referred to as the TA-18 Relocation Final EIS). The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS evaluates the environmental impacts associated with relocating a portion of the TA-18 capabilities and materials to the following alternative locations: (1) A different site at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) at Los Alamos, New Mexico; (2) the Nevada Test Site (NTS) near Las Vegas, Nevada (the preferred alternative); (3) the Sandia National Laboratory (SNL) at Albuquerque, New Mexico; and (4) the Argonne National Laboratory—West (ANL-W) near Idaho Falls, Idaho. The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS also evaluates the alternative of upgrading the existing facilities at TA-18, and the no-action alternative of maintaining the missions at the current TA-18 location.

DATES: The NNSA intends to issue a Record of Decision on the TA-18 Final EIS no sooner than 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of filing of the TA-18 Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the TA-18 Relocation Final EIS or its Summary may be obtained upon request in writing (DOE/NNSA, TA-18 Relocation Final EIS, Attn: Mr. Jay Rose, NA-53, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585); by fax (202-586-5324); by phone (1-800-832-0885,

ext. 65484), or by E-mail (James.Rose@ns.doe.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the NNSA NEPA process, please contact: Mr. James J. Mangeno, NNSA NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; or telephone 1-800-832-0885, ext. 68395. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), DOE, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NNSA is responsible for providing the Nation with nuclear weapons, ensuring the safety and reliability of those nuclear weapons, and supporting programs that reduce global nuclear proliferation. These missions are accomplished through the use of a core team of highly trained nuclear experts. The TA-18 facilities at LANL are the Nation's only facilities capable of performing general-purpose nuclear materials handling and criticality experiments. These experiments provide unique training to a variety of federal agencies, including DOE, NNSA, and Nuclear Regulatory Commission personnel in areas such as nuclear materials safety, emergency response in support of counterterrorism activities, and safeguards and arms control in support of programs aimed at controlling excess nuclear materials.

The TA-18 buildings and infrastructure are near the end of their useful life, and action is required to assess alternatives for continuing these activities for the next 25 years. The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS identifies siting options to assist the NNSA in determining a long-range strategy for maintaining nuclear criticality missions, infrastructure, and expertise currently residing at TA-18.

The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS evaluates the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts associated with relocating the TA-18 mission to the the following DOE sites: (1) A different site at LANL; (2) NTS (the preferred alternative); (3) SNL; and (4) ANL-W. The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS also analyzes upgrading the TA-18 facilities at LANL and the no-action alternative of maintaining the operations at the current TA-18 location.

In the Final EIS, the acting Administrator of the NNSA designated the NTS alternative as the preferred