

Compliance Agreement to allow Washington Aqueduct to continue to produce drinking water while developing and implementing a new residuals management process. The Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement contains deadlines for various compliance milestones including the following NEPA documents (deadline in parentheses):

- Description of Proposed Actions and Alternatives submitted to Environmental Protection Agency Region III (May 28, 2004)
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement submitted to Environmental Protection Agency Region III (December 20, 2004)
- Final Record of Decision submitted to Environmental Protection Agency Region III (June 3, 2005)

3. Objectives of Proposed Action

The objectives of the proposed residuals management process are as follows, not necessarily in order of precedence (measurement indicators in parentheses):

- To allow Washington Aqueduct to achieve complete compliance with NPDES Permit DC00000019 and all other federal and local regulations.
- To design a process that will not impact current or future production of safe drinking water reliably for the Washington Aqueduct customers. (Peak design flow of drinking water)
- To reduce, if possible, the quantity of solids generated by the water treatment process through optimized coagulation or other means. (Mass or volume of solids generated)
- To minimize, if possible, impacts on various local or regional stakeholders and minimize impacts on the environment. (Traffic, noise, pollutants, etc.)
- To design a process that is cost-effective in design, implementation, and operation. (Capital, operations, and maintenance expenses)

4. Alternatives

Various alternatives will be considered that include, but are not limited to, different methods of collection, processing, conveyance, and disposal of the residuals as well as the no action alternative. Processing will be evaluated at both onsite and offsite facilities. Conveyance and disposal options are anticipated to include discharging to the sewer, barging to a remote processing or disposal site, trucking to a remote disposal site, pumping to a remote processing facility, and dewatering onsite and disposing in a dedicated monofill.

The alternatives evaluated in the DEIS will be analyzed in depth in areas to include, but not limited to, predicted changes to air quality, aquatic resources, terrestrial and wetland resources, cultural resources, traffic, solid and toxic waste, and infrastructure as well as any environmental justice concerns. Cumulative, secondary, indirect and other associated impacts will be evaluated.

5. Scoping Process

The participation of all affected and interested federal, state, and local agencies, environmental and neighborhood groups, Indian tribes, and individuals is welcome and encouraged. Anyone wishing to contribute ideas or information may submit a comment to the contact above during the 30 day scoping period that immediately follows the publication of this notice. Alternatively, comments will be collected online at <http://washingtonaqueduct.nab.ussace.army.mil>. Comments and other information can also be presented at the public scoping meeting (see DATES).

6. Availability of the DEIS

The Washington Aqueduct anticipates the DEIS will be made available to the public in October 2004.

Dated: January 5, 2004.

Thomas P. Jacobus,
Chief, Washington Aqueduct.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions 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. The Board will also conduct a series of public hearings pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286b and invites any interested persons or groups to present any comments, technical information, or data concerning safety issues related to the matters to be considered.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9 a.m., February 3, 2004.

PLACE: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004-2001. Additionally, as a part of the Board's E-Government initiative, the meeting will be presented live through Internet video

streaming. A link to the presentation will be available on the Board's Web site (<http://www.dnfsb.gov>).

STATUS: Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require that the scheduled discussion be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that an open meeting in this specific case furthers the public interests underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board's enabling legislation.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board has been reviewing the Department of Energy's (DOE) current oversight and management of the contracts and contractors it relies upon to accomplish the mission assigned to DOE under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. We will focus on what impact, if any, DOE's new initiatives may have or might have had upon assuring adequate protection of the health and safety of the public and workers at DOE's defense nuclear facilities. The seventh public meeting will collect information needed to understand and address any health or safety concerns that may require Board action. This will include, but is not limited to, presentations by the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to explain their contract management and oversight initiatives.

The Board has identified several key areas that will be examined in public meetings. In the February 3rd meeting, the Board will hear from DOE's Office of Environment, Safety, and Health concerning its roles and responsibilities in the oversight process, and from NNSA regarding its review of applicable lessons learned from the Columbia Accident Investigation Board Report. The Board will continue to explore in more depth Federal management and oversight policies being developed by DOE and NNSA for defense nuclear facilities. The information gathered will explore Federal contract management and oversight experience and will provide relevant reference experience. The public hearing portion is independently authorized by 42 U.S.C. 2286b.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth M. Pusateri, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2901, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to speak at the hearing may be submitted in writing or by telephone. The Board asks that commentators describe the nature and scope of their oral presentation. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on February 2, 2004, will be scheduled for

time slots, beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m. The Board will post a schedule for those speakers who have contacted the Board before the hearing. The posting will be made at the entrance to the Public Hearing Room at the start of the 9 a.m. meeting.

Anyone who wishes to comment or provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent deemed appropriate. Documents will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington, DC office. The Board will hold the record open until March 3, 2004, for the receipt of additional materials. A transcript of the meeting will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington office and at DOE's public reading room at the DOE Federal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

The Board specifically reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the meeting and hearing, to recess, reconvene, postpone, or adjourn the meeting and hearing, conduct further reviews, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: January 8, 2004.

John T. Conway,

Chairman.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold an informal conference followed by a public hearing on Wednesday, January 21, 2004. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting. Both the conference session and business meeting are open to the public and will be held at the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

The conference among the commissioners and staff will begin at 9:30 a.m. Topics of discussion will include: An update on development of the Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin; an update on activities of the TMDL Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC); a report on PCB minimization planning efforts; a

report on the effect of the Endangered Species Act and the presence of the dwarf wedge mussel on the fisheries enhancement program for the New York City Delaware Basin Reservoirs; a presentation on the proposed fisheries enhancement program for the New York City Delaware Basin Reservoirs; a discussion on DRBC's Fiscal Year 2005 proposed budget and decrement plan; and a discussion on a proposed Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Cost Share Agreement.

The subjects of the public hearing to be held during the 1:30 p.m. business meeting include the dockets listed below:

1. *Nestle Waters North America, Inc. D-98-27 RENEWAL.* A spring water renewal project to continue to supply up to 9.0 million gallons (mg)/30 days of water to the applicant's bottled water operations from Hoffman Springs Nos. 1, 2, and 3 in the Ontelaunee Creek Watershed. The project is located in Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

2. *New Lisbon Development Center D-2003-08 CP.* An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 8.0 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's institutional facility from new Wells Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the Cohansey Formation. The project wells are located in the South Branch Rancocas Creek Watershed in Woodland Township, Burlington County, New Jersey.

3. *Limerick Township Municipal Authority D-2003-16 CP.* An application to expand an existing 1.0 million gallons per day (mgd) secondary sewage treatment plant (STP) to process 1.7 mgd via an extended aeration treatment operation. The STP is located off King Road in Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. It will continue to serve only Limerick Township, and effluent will continue to be discharged to an unnamed tributary of the Schuylkill River, approximately 43 river miles upstream from its confluence with the Delaware River.

4. *Ockels Farms, Inc. D-2003-18.* An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 135 mg/30 days of water from Wells Nos. 1 through 5 screened in the Manokin and Columbia Formations, for supplemental irrigation of the applicant's 650 acre farm. The applicant has 14 wells in total, nine of which (Wells Nos. 6 through 14) are located outside of the Delaware River Basin. The project is located in the Cedar Creek and Broadkill River Watersheds in Sussex County, Delaware.

5. *Artesian Water Company, Inc. D-2003-22 CP.* An application for

approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply the applicant's public water supply distribution system from new Well No. 3 in the Willow Grove Wellfield, replacement Well No. 2R in the Townsend Wellfield, and replacement Well No. 2R in the Bayview Wellfield; and to retain the combined withdrawal of 150 mg/30 days from all wells in the Southern Distribution system. Willow Grove Well No. 3 and Townsend Well No. 2R are located in the Appoquinimink River Watershed, and Bayview Well No. 2R is located in the C&D Canal East Watershed in New Castle County, Delaware.

6. *Schwenksville Borough Authority D-2003-29 CP.* An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 3 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's public water supply distribution system from new Well No. 9, and to increase the combined withdrawal from all wells to 14.8 mg/30 days. The project is located in the Swamp Creek Watershed in the Borough of Schwenksville and Lower Frederick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Ground Water Protected Area.

7. *Anthony E. Argiros/Family School D-2003-35.* An application to reroute to a proposed on-site subsurface discharge system a 19,500 gallon per day (gpd) STP discharge that currently flows to Abe Lord Creek, a tributary of the Delaware River in the Special Protection Waters Area. The existing plant will continue to provide advanced secondary treatment. The proposed subsurface discharge system is designed to further improve effluent quality. The modified project will continue to serve the Family School in the Town of Hancock, Delaware County, New York.

The Commission's 1:30 p.m. business meeting also will include a hearing on the DRBC's Fiscal Year 2005 proposed budget. In addition, the meeting will include: Adoption of the Minutes of the December 3, 2003 business meeting; announcements; a report on Basin hydrologic conditions; a report by the executive director; and a report by the Commission's general counsel.

Draft dockets scheduled for public hearing on January 21, 2004 are posted on the Commission's Web site, <http://www.drbc.net>, where they can be accessed through the Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing. Additional documents relating to the dockets and other items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Please contact Robert Tudor at 609-883-9500 ext. 208 with any docket-related questions.