

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Wednesday, September 14, 2005, Open Session.

Open Session (11 a.m. to 12 noon)

Discussion of Draft Report of NSB examination of the NSF Merit Review System.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Executive Officer and NSB Office Director, (703) 292-7000, <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>.

Michael P. Crosby,

Executive Officer and NSB Office Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act; Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Board; Programs and Plans Committee.

DATE AND TIME: September 13, 2005, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (e.t.).

PLACE: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Public Meeting Room 110.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Tuesday, September 13, 2005, Open Session.

Open Session (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

- Review of NSF Draft Cyberinfrastructure Document.
- Open Discussion and Comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Executive Officer and NSB Office Director, (703) 292-7000, <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>.

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Executive Officer and NSB Office Director.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 313, "Application for Material License"; and NRC Form 313A, "Training and Experience and Preceptor Statement."

3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 313 and NRC Form 313A.

4. *How often the collection is required:* There is a one-time submittal of information to receive a license. Once a specific license has been issued, there is a 10-year resubmittal of the information for renewal of the license.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* All applicants requesting a license for byproduct or source material.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 3074 new, amendment, and renewal applications to NRC; 12,840 new, amendment, and renewal applications to Agreement States, for a total of 15,914 responses.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 15,914 (3,074 NRC licensees + 12,840 Agreement State licensees).

8. *An estimate of the number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 70,022 (13,526 hours for NRC licensees and 56,496 hours for Agreement State licensees).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* Applicants must submit NRC Forms 313 and 313A to obtain a specific license to possess, use, or distribute byproduct or source material. The information is reviewed by the NRC to determine whether the applicant is qualified by training and experience, and has equipment, facilities, and procedures which are adequate to protect the public health and safety, and minimize danger to life or property.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F23, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC

Home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by October 11, 2005. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. John Asalone, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0120), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be e-mailed to John_A._Asalone@omb.eop.gov or submitted by telephone at (202) 395-4650.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of September, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Beth St. Mary,

Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-7004]

USEC Inc.'s Proposed American Centrifuge Plant; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the USEC Inc. (USEC) license application, dated August 23, 2004, for the possession and use of source, byproduct and special nuclear materials at its proposed American Centrifuge Plant (ACP) located near Piketon, Ohio.

The DEIS is being issued as part of the NRC's decision-making process on whether to issue a license to USEC, pursuant to Title 10 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Parts 30, 40, and 70. The scope of activities conducted under the license would include the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the ACP. Specifically, USEC proposes to use gas centrifuge technology to enrich the uranium-235 isotope found in natural uranium up to 10-weight percent. The enriched uranium would be used to

manufacture nuclear fuel for commercial nuclear power reactors.

The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the DEIS and to accept oral and written public comments. The meeting date, time and location are listed below:

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 29, 2005.

Meeting Location: Vern Riffe Career Technology Center, 175 Beaver Creek Road, Piketon, OH 45661.

Informal Open House: 6–7 p.m.

DEIS Comment Meeting: 7–9:45 p.m.

Prior to the public meeting, the NRC staff will be available to informally discuss the proposed USEC project and answer questions in an “open house” format. This “open house” format provides for one-on-one discussions with the NRC staff involved with the preparation of the DEIS. The DEIS meeting officially begins at 7 p.m. and will include: (1) A presentation summarizing the contents of the DEIS and (2) an opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the DEIS. This portion of the meeting will be transcribed by a court reporter. Persons wishing to provide oral comments will be asked to register at the meeting entrance. Individual oral comments may have to be limited by the time available, depending upon the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to the attention of Mr. Matthew Blevins no later than September 22, 2005, to provide NRC staff with adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated. Please note that comments do not have to be provided at the public meeting and may be submitted at any time throughout the comment period, through October 24, 2005, as described in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this notice.

DATES: The public comment period on the DEIS begins with publication of this notice and continues until October 24, 2005. Written comments should be submitted as described in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments submitted by mail should be postmarked by that date to ensure consideration. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practical. A public meeting to discuss the DEIS will be held on September 29 as described in the **SUMMARY** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit comments to the Chief, Rules Review

and Directives Branch, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Please note Docket No. 70–7004 when submitting comments. Comments will also be accepted by e-mail at NRCREP@nrc.gov or by facsimile to (301) 415–5397, Attention: Mr. Matthew Blevins.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to the safety review or overall licensing of the USEC facility, please contact Mr. Yawar Faraz at (301) 415–8113. For environmental review questions, please contact Mr. Matthew Blevins at (301) 415–7684.

The DEIS may be accessed on the Internet at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/> by selecting “NUREG–1834.” Additionally, the NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC’s public documents. The DEIS and its appendices may also be accessed through the NRC’s Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737 or by e-mail to PDR@nrc.gov.

The DEIS is also available for inspection at the Commission’s Public Document Room, U.S. NRC’s Headquarters Building, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Upon written request and to the extent supplies are available, a single copy of the DEIS can be obtained for a fee by writing to the Office of Information Services, Reproduction and Distribution Services Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; by electronic mail at DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov; or by fax at (301) 415–2289.

A selected group of documents associated with the USEC facility may also be obtained from the Internet on NRC’s USEC Web page: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/usecfacility.html>. In addition, all comments of Federal, State and local agencies, Indian tribes or other interested persons will be made available for public inspection when received.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This DEIS was prepared in response to an application submitted by USEC dated August 23, 2004, for the possession and use of source, byproduct and special nuclear materials at its proposed ACP

located near Piketon, Ohio. The DEIS for the proposed ACP was prepared by the NRC staff and its contractor, ICF Consulting, Inc., in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the NRC’s regulations for implementing NEPA (10 CFR Part 51).

The DEIS is being issued as part of the NRC’s decision-making process on whether to issue a license to USEC, pursuant to Title 10 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Parts 30, 40, and 70. The scope of activities conducted under the license would include the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the ACP. Specifically, USEC proposes to use gas centrifuge technology to enrich the uranium-235 isotope found in natural uranium up to 10-weight percent. The enriched uranium would be used to manufacture nuclear fuel for commercial nuclear power reactors. USEC proposes to locate the ACP in leased portions of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) reservation in Piketon, OH. This is the same site as DOE’s Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The ACP would consist of refurbished existing facilities and newly constructed facilities, primarily located in the southwestern portion of the central DOE reservation.

The NRC staff published a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the proposed ACP and to conduct a scoping process, in the **Federal Register** on October 15, 2004 (69 FR 61268). The NRC staff accepted comments through February 1, 2005, and subsequently issued a Scoping Summary Report in April 2005 (ADAMS Accession Number: ML050820008). The DEIS describes the proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action, including the no-action alternative. The NRC staff assesses the impacts of the proposed action and its alternatives on public and occupational health, air quality, water resources, waste management, geology and soils, noise, ecology resources, land use, transportation, historical and cultural resources, visual and scenic resources, socioeconomic, accidents and environmental justice. Additionally, the DEIS analyzes and compares the costs and benefits of the proposed action.

Based on the preliminary evaluation in the DEIS, the NRC environmental review staff has concluded that the proposed action would have small effects on the physical environment and human communities with the exception of: (1) Short-term moderate impacts associated with increases in particulate matter released to the air during the construction phase, (2) short-term moderate impacts related to increased

traffic congestion during the construction phase, (3) potential moderate impacts due to transportation accidents, (4) potential moderate impacts from facility operation accidents, (5) moderate impacts associated with a potential operating extension of the DOE depleted uranium tails conversion facility, and (6) moderate employment impacts on the local communities associated with the construction and operation phases.

After weighing the impacts, costs, and benefits of the proposed action and comparing alternatives, the NRC staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.71(e), set forth their preliminary recommendation regarding the proposed action. The NRC staff recommend that, unless safety issues mandate otherwise, the action called for is the approval of the proposed action (*i.e.*, issue a license). The DEIS is a preliminary analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed action and its alternatives. The Final EIS and any decision documentation regarding the proposed action will not be issued until public comments on the DEIS have been received and evaluated. Notice of the availability of the Final EIS will be published in the **Federal Register**.

The NRC staff in the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards are currently completing the safety review for USEC's license application and is currently scheduled for completion in the Spring of 2006.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of August, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Scott C. Flanders,

Deputy Director, Environmental and Performance Assessment Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Acquisition Advisory Panel; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget announces a meeting of the Acquisition Advisory Panel (AAP or "Panel") established in accordance with

the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

DATES: The public meeting of the Panel will be held on September 27, 2005, beginning at 9 a.m. Eastern Time and ending no later than 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Basement auditorium, 801 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20434. The public is asked to pre-register one week in advance of the meeting due to security and/or seating limitations (see below for information on pre-registration).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or the Acquisition Advisory Panel itself, or to pre-register for the meeting, should contact Ms. Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: laura.auletta@gsa.gov, phone/voice mail (202) 208-7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F. Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time should refer to the instructions in paragraph (c) below, *Oral Public Comments*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) *Background:* The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The Panel's statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meetings. Opportunity for oral public comments will be provided at this meeting. See paragraph (c) below for instructions on presenting oral public comments. Time for oral public comments is expected at future public meetings as well and will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

September 27, 2005 Meeting—The working groups, established at previous public meetings of the AAP (see <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap> for a list of working groups), will report on their first drafts of background statements. The Panel also expects to hear from additional invited speakers from the public and private sectors who will address issues related to the Panel's statutory charter, including commercial practices and performance-based

contracting as well as interagency contracting.

(b) *Availability of Materials for the Meetings:* Please see the Acquisition Advisory Panel Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas, for these meetings (<http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>). Questions/issues of particular interest to the Panel are also available to the public on this Web site on its front page, including "Questions for Government Buying Agencies," "Questions for Contractors that Sell Commercial Goods or Services to the Government," "Questions for Commercial Organizations," and an issue raised by one Panel member regarding the rules of interpretation and performance of contracts and liabilities of the parties entitled "Proposal for Public Comment." The Panel encourages the public to address any of these questions/issues when presenting either oral public comments or written statements to the Panel. The public may also obtain copies of Initial Working Group Reports presented at the March 30, 2005 public meeting and the follow-up scope reports presented at the June 14, 2005 public meeting at the Panel's Web site under "Meeting Materials" at this Web site. Minutes for each meeting are also posted.

(c) *Procedures for Providing Public Comments:* It is the policy of the Acquisition Advisory Panel to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. To facilitate Panel discussions at its meetings, the Panel may not accept oral comments at all meetings. The Panel Staff expects that public statements presented at Panel meetings will be focused on the Panel's statutory charter and working group topics, and not be repetitive of previously presented oral comments, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion.

Oral Public Comments: One hour has been reserved for oral public comments at this meeting. Speaking times will be confirmed by Panel staff on a "first-come/first-serve" basis. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, oral public comments must be no longer than 10 minutes. Because Panel members may ask questions, reserved times will be approximate. Interested parties must contact Ms. Pamela Gouldsberry, AAP Senior Staff Analyst, in writing at: pamela.gouldsberry@gsa.gov, by FAX at 202-501-3341, or mail at the address given above for the DFO, no later than one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list. Verbal requests for speaking time will not be taken. Speakers are requested to