

and begin discussion on what will be the Technology Vectors DoD will need for the 21st century.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: review previous attempts by DoD to identify critical technologies in order to derive lessons that would help illuminate the current challenge; identify the National Security objectives for the 21st century and the operational missions that U.S. military will be called upon to support these objectives; identify new operational capabilities needed for the proposed missions; identify the critical science technology, and other related enablers of the desired capabilities; assess current S&T investment plans' relevance to the needed operational capabilities and enablers and recommend needed changes to the plans; identify mechanisms to accelerate and assure the transition of technology into U.S. military capabilities; and review and recommend changes as needed, the current processes by which national security objectives and needed operational capabilities are used to develop and prioritize science, technology, and other related enablers, and how those enablers are then developed.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
LCDR Clifton Phillips, USN, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C553, Washington, DC 20301-3140, via e-mail at clifton.phillips@osd.mil, or via phone at (703) 571-0083.

Due to scheduling and work burden difficulties, there is insufficient time to provide timely notice required by section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and § 102-3.150(b) of the GSA Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), which further requires

publication at least 15 calendar days prior to the meeting.

C.R. Choate,
*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board; Meetings

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on VTOL/STOL will meet in closed session on *July 20-21, 2006*; at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. This meeting continues the task force's work and will consist of a FOUO briefing and the remaining is executive session on current technologies and programs.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: assess the features and capabilities VTOL/STOL aircraft should have in order to support the nation's defense needs through at least the first half of the 21st century.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection package to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The package requests a three-year extension of the information collection listed at the end of this notice. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before August 7, 2006. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Jeffrey Martus, IM-11/Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290; or by fax at 301-903-9061 or by e-mail at Jeffrey.martus@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jeffrey Martus at the address listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collection package listed in this notice for public comment include the following:

- (1) **OMB No.:** 1910-1000.
- (2) **Package Title:** Personal Property.
- (3) **Type of Review:** Renewal.
- (4) **Purpose:** This information collection provides the Department with the information necessary for the management, control, reutilization, and

disposal of government personal property.

(5) **Respondents:** 176.

(6) **Estimated Number of Burden Hours:** 3,960.

Statutory Authority: Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 28, 2006.

Sharon A. Evelin,

Director, Records Management Division, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Infrastructure Improvements for the Yucca Mountain Project, Nevada

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability, and the opportunity for public review and comment, of a draft environmental assessment (EA) (DOE/EA-1566) that examines the impacts of a proposal by the Department of Energy (DOE) to repair, replace, or improve certain facilities, structures, roads, and utilities (collectively referred to as *infrastructure*) for the Yucca Mountain Project. The proposed action would enhance safety at the project and enable DOE to safely continue ongoing operations, scientific testing, and maintenance until such time as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission decides whether to authorize construction of a repository.

DATES: Comments should be submitted to DOE no later than August 7, 2006.

DOE will consider comments submitted after this date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments, or requests for copies of the draft EA, should be sent to Dr. Jane Summerson, EA Document Manager, United States Department of Energy, 1551 Hillshire Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89134. Requests for copies of the draft EA may also be made by calling 1-800-225-6972. The draft EA and electronic comment forms are available at <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov>. Comments may also be faxed to 1-800-967-0739.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jane Summerson, EA Document Manager, at the above address or at 1-800-225-6972.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action is to repair, replace, or improve certain infrastructure at Yucca

Mountain over a two-year period to enhance safety at the project and to enable DOE to continue safely conducting operations, scientific testing, and routine maintenance until such time as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) decides whether to authorize construction of a repository. For purposes of analysis in this EA, DOE assumes this period could be up to 10 years in duration. This EA does not, however, consider or include any actions beyond an NRC decision on construction authorization. The main elements of the proposed action are as follows:

- Construct up to 33 miles of new and replacement roads (with two options for an access road)
- Construct up to 20.6 miles of new 138 kV power lines (with two options for a main power line)
- Develop a Central Operations Area consisting of six support buildings to replace existing infrastructure that is nearing or, in some instances, has exceeded its expected design and operational life
- Site, repair, and construct other facilities and structures for the Yucca Mountain Project

Under both the proposed action and the no-action alternative, ongoing operations, scientific testing, and routine maintenance would continue to be considered.

Some portions of the roads evaluated in this EA cross or run parallel to floodplains. Therefore, this EA includes a floodplain and wetlands assessment in compliance with DOE Floodplain and Wetland Environmental Review Requirements (10 CFR Part 1022).

DOE will consider comments received (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**, above) in finalizing the EA. Based on the final EA, DOE will determine whether to prepare an environmental impact statement or issue a finding of no significant impact if appropriate for the proposed action.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 29, 2006.

Edward F. Sproat, III,

Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER06-963-001]

Central Maine Power Company; Notice of Amendment To Filing

June 21, 2006.

On June 8, 2006, Central Maine Power filed an answer to a protest providing additional information in support of its request recover Regional Transmission Organization formation costs in its transmission rates. This additional information constitutes an amendment to Central Maine Power's pending filing in Docket No. ER06-963-000.

Comment Due Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time, June 30, 2006.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Surrender of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

June 21, 2006.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. **Application Type:** Surrender of License.
- b. **Project No.:** 2642-013.
- c. **Date Filed:** April 3, 2006.
- d. **Applicant:** Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.
- e. **Name of Project:** Glen Canyon-Paria Transmission Line Project.
- f. **Location:** The project is located in Kane County, Utah, and Coconino County, Arizona. The project occupies lands of the United States managed by the Bureau of Reclamation and the National Park Service.
- g. **Filed Pursuant to:** Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a—825r.
- h. **Applicant Contact:** Mr. Mike Avant, Engineering Manager, Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc., 1802 South 175 East, Kanab, Utah 84741, (435)644-5026, Fax (435)644-8120.
- i. **FERC Contact:** Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Ms. Patricia W. Gillis at (202) 502-8735.
- j. **Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:** 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.