

the Commission for an Order that is issued for the project.

We are currently involved in discussions with other governmental agencies to identify their issues and concerns. These agencies include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS); U.S. Department of Transportation; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; New York State Department of Transportation; Suffolk County; and the Town of Huntington. The EPA and FWS have agreed to be cooperating agencies in the production of the EA. By this notice, we are asking any other federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the proposals. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 25, 2006 and carefully follow these instructions:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 3, PJ-11.3; and
- Reference Docket No. PF05-16-000 on the original and both copies.

Please note that the Commission encourages electronic filing of comments. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "eFiling" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File"

and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

When Iroquois submits its application for authorization to construct and operate the Brookhaven Lateral Project, the Commission will publish a Notice of Application in the **Federal Register** and will establish a deadline for interested persons to intervene in the proceeding. Because our Pre-filing Environmental Review Process occurs before an application to begin a proceeding is officially filed, you may not request intervenor status at this time. Petitions to intervene during the Pre-filing process are premature and will not be accepted by the Commission.

Environmental Mailing List

If you wish to remain on the environmental mailing list, and receive a copy of the EA, please return the Mailing List Retention Form included in Appendix 2. If you do not return this form, you will be taken off our mailing list.

Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208 FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (i.e., PF05-16—you do not need the last three numbers [000] in the docket), and follow the instructions. Searches may also be done using the phrase "Brookhaven Lateral" in the "Text Search" field. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

In addition, the FERC now offers a free service called eSubscription that allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. To register for this service, go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at

<http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information. Finally, Iroquois has established a project-specific Internet Web site at

<http://www.iroquois.com/new-Internet/igts/Brookhaven/brookhaven.asp>.

Iroquois' Brookhaven Lateral Web site includes a project description, public participation, answers to frequently asked questions, and links. For additional data, call Ruth Parkins, Iroquois Public Relations Representative, at 203-925-7209, or e-mail: brookhaven_project@iroquois.com.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2216-066]

New York Power Authority; Notice of Intent To Hold Public Meetings

July 21, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the Niagara Project No. 2216-066, located on the Niagara River, in Niagara County, New York, and issued a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project on July 14, 2006.

Copies of the draft EIS are available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the e-Library link by entering the docket number, P-2216, in the e-Library docket number field. For assistance, e-mail FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You are invited to attend either one or both of two public meetings that will be held to receive comments on the draft EIS. The time and location of the meetings are as follows:

Date: August 17, 2006.

Time: 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm (EST).

Place: Niagara Falls High School Amphitheater.

Address: 4455 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14205.

At these meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. These meetings are posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Whether, or not you attend one of these meetings, you are invited to submit written comments on the draft EIS. Comments should be filed with Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. All comments must be filed by September 19, 2006, and should reference Project No. 2216-066. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Library" link.

The Commission staff will consider comments made on the draft EIS in preparing a final EIS for the project. Before the Commission makes a licensing decision, it will take into account all concerns relevant to the public interest. The final EIS will be part of the record from which the Commission will make its decision.

For further information, contact Steve Kartalia at (202) 502-6131 or at Stephen.Kartalia@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8204-3]

Science Advisory Board Staff Office

Notification of an Upcoming Closed Meeting of the Science Advisory Board's Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards Committee—Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a closed meeting of the SAB's Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards Committee to recommend to the Administrator the recipients of the Agency's 2006 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards.

DATES: August 21-23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: This closed meeting will take place at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public who wish to obtain further information regarding this announcement may contact Ms. Vivian Turner, Designated Federal Officer, by telephone: (202) 343-9697 or e-mail at: turner.vivian@epa.gov.

The SAB mailing address is: U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/staa_rev_panel_fy2006-fy2009.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and section (c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), EPA has determined that the meeting will be closed to the public. The purpose of the meeting is for the SAB to recommend to the Administrator the recipients of the Agency's 2006 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards. These awards are established to honor and recognize EPA employees who have made outstanding contributions in the advancement of science and technology through their research and development activities, as exhibited by publication of their results in peer reviewed journals. This meeting is closed to the public because it is concerned with selecting which employees are deserving of awards, a personnel matter with privacy concerns, which is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and section (c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, minutes of the meeting will be kept for Agency and Congressional review.

Dated: July 25, 2006.

Stephen L. Johnson,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Approval of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project's Transuranic Waste Characterization Program at Idaho National Laboratory

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability; opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "we") is announcing the availability of, and soliciting public comments for 45 days on, the proposed approval of the radioactive, transuranic ("TRU") waste characterization program implemented by the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project ("AMWTP") at Idaho National Laboratory ("INL"). This waste is intended for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant ("WIPP") in New Mexico. In accordance with the WIPP Compliance Criteria, EPA evaluated the AMWTP/INL's characterization of TRU debris and solid waste from AMWTP/INL during an inspection conducted March 27-March 31, 2006. Using the systems and processes developed as part of the Department of Energy's ("DOE's") Carlsbad Field Office ("CBFO"), EPA verified whether DOE could adequately characterize TRU waste consistent with the Compliance Criteria. The results of EPA's evaluation of the AMWTP/INL program and the proposed approval are described in EPA's inspection report, which is available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. We will consider public comments received on or before the due date mentioned in **DATES**.

This notice summarizes the waste characterization processes evaluated by EPA and EPA's proposed approval. As required by 40 CFR 194.8, at the end of a 45-day comment period, EPA will evaluate public comments received, finalize the report responding to the relevant public comments, and issue the final report and an approval letter to DOE's CBFO. Based on previous EPA inspections and approvals, AMWTP/INL is currently approved to dispose of debris and solid waste at WIPP. AMWTP/INL is permitted to continue waste characterization and disposal in accordance with prior site approvals