

sumps. Fuel and lubricant would be removed, and storage containers would be closed in accordance with all applicable Federal, state, or local laws and regulations.

By letter dated June 29, 2006, the permittee stated that neither of the units can be considered a utilization facility as defined in 10 CFR 50.2. At the time that construction of the units was deferred, TVA considered Unit 1 to be 88 percent complete and Unit 2 to be 58 percent complete. At this time, neither reactor has the necessary structures, systems, or components in place to sustain a controlled nuclear reaction. Over the past several years, key components such as the control rod drive mechanisms for both Unit 1 and 2 have been removed from the site, which precludes the ability of the units to operate as nuclear reactors. The current condition of the plants does not allow operation; therefore, neither plant can be considered a utilization facility.

All special nuclear material was removed from the site, as verified in NRC Inspection Reports 50-438/92-05 and 50-439/92-05 dated August 21, 1992. The only radioactive material to be disposed of is from the removal of smoke detectors and exit signs from various buildings to be sold, demolished, or abandoned in place. Upon removal, these materials shall be sent to an NRC-approved recycler. Safeguards information has been shredded or removed. Fenced areas are currently under industrial-type security. The withdrawal of the construction permits will not release air pollutants, generate water pollutants, generate wastewater streams, or cause soil erosion. The BNL site is in an environmentally stable condition that poses no significant hazard to persons on site.

#### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

TVA has terminated construction of both BLN Units 1 and 2. This action by the NRC would terminate the construction permits.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

This administrative action would terminate the construction permits to reflect the fact that there are no longer utilization facilities under construction at the BLN site, and that the site has been adequately stabilized. Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, dated May 24, 1974.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 7, 2006, the staff consulted with the Alabama State official, Mr. Kirk Whatley of the Office of Radiation Control, Alabama Department of Public Health, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the permittee's letter dated April 6, 2006, as supplemented by letter dated June 29, 2006, and TVA's Final Environmental Assessment dated January 30, 2006. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of August, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

### **September 14, 2006 Public Hearing; Sunshine Act Meeting 8/28/06**

**TIME AND DATE:** 2 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2006.

**PLACE:** Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Hearing open to the Public at 2 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** Public Hearing in conjunction with each meeting of OPIC's Board of Directors, to afford an opportunity for any person to present views regarding the activities of the Corporation.

**PROCEDURES:** Individuals wishing to address the hearing orally must provide advance notice to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Friday, September 8, 2006. The notice must include the individual's name, title, organization, address, and telephone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented.

Oral presentations may not exceed ten (10) minutes. The time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all participants who have submitted a timely request to participate an opportunity to be heard.

Participants wishing to submit a written statement for the record must submit a copy of such statement to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Friday, September 8, 2006. Such statements must be typewritten, double-spaced, and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

Upon receipt of the required notice, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the hearing identifying speakers, setting forth the subject on which each participant will speak, and the time allotted for each presentation. The agenda will be available at the hearing.

A written summary of the hearing will be compiled, and such summary will be made available upon written request to OPIC's Corporate Secretary, at the cost of reproduction.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information on the hearing may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202)

336-8438, via facsimile at (202) 218-0136, or via e-mail at [cdown@opic.gov](mailto:cdown@opic.gov).

Dated: August 24, 2006.

**Connie M. Downs,**

*OPIC Corporate Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Personnel Demonstration Project; Alternative Personnel Management System for the U.S. Department of Commerce

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of Expansion of the Department of Commerce Personnel Management Demonstration Project.

**SUMMARY:** Title VI of the Civil Service Reform Act, now codified in 5 U.S.C. 4703, authorizes the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to conduct demonstration projects that experiment with new and different human resources management concepts to determine whether changes in policies and procedures result in improved Federal human resources management. OPM approved a demonstration project covering several operating units of the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC). OPM has authority to implement new legislation affecting demonstration projects (5 U.S.C. 4703 and 5 CFR 470.101(b) and 470.103). Modifications to the demonstration project plan also require OPM approval (5 CFR 470.315).

As provided for in title II of Public Law 109-108, Department of Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2006, signed November 22, 2005, this notice expands the coverage of the DOC Demonstration Project to include up to 3,500 additional employees in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) increasing the total number of employees in NOAA to 6,925, as well as additional NOAA organizations and locations. This expansion results in the total number of employees covered by the DOC Demonstration Project to 8,500 individuals. This notice also serves to make changes to the plan to accommodate the expansion. These changes include the addition of specific occupational series, Departmental Personnel Management Board composition, and pre-project cost formulas for the NOAA organizations new to the demonstration project as part of the expansion.

**DATES:** This notice expanding the DOC Demonstration Project is effective August 28, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Department of Commerce: Joan Jorgenson, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Room 5004, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-4233. Office of Personnel Management: Jill Rajae, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-0836.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### 1. Background

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) approved the DOC Demonstration Project and published the final plan in the **Federal Register** Volume 62, Number 247, Part II, on Wednesday, December 24, 1997. The project was implemented on March 29, 1998, and modified in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, September 30, 1999, Volume 64, Number 189 [Notices] [Pages 52810-52812] and on Tuesday, August 12, 2003, Volume 68, Number 155 [Notices] [Pages 47948-47949]. OPM approved a request to extend the DOC Demonstration Project for 5 years as stated in an administrative letter from OPM, dated February 14, 2003. The project was approved for expansion in the **Federal Register** Volume 68, Number 180 [Notices] [Pages 54505-54507], on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, to include an addition 1,505 employees. The demonstration project was again modified on Tuesday, July 5, 2005, Volume 70, Number 127 [Notices] [Pages 38732-38733]. The demonstration project was again modified on Monday, May 1, 2006, Volume 71, Number 83, [Notices] [Pages 25615-25616] to revise existing authorities for retention, recruitment and relocation allowances.

The key features of the project involve increased delegation of authority and accountability to line managers, simplified classification and broad banding, pay for performance, hiring and pay-setting flexibility, and modified reduction-in-force procedures.

#### 2. Overview

This notice serves to list all NOAA organizations and their locations that will be included in the DOC Demonstration Project. This notice also lists additional occupational series that will be included in the DOC Demonstration Project. Additional changes to the plan are made to accommodate the expansion. These changes include composition of the Departmental Personnel Management

Board, pre-project cost formulas for new organizations entering the demonstration project during this expansion phase, and edits to the pay administration provisions to reflect the use of law enforcement officer special base rates under section 403 of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-509) for certain law enforcement officers that will be added to the project through this expansion. This notice also incorporates minor changes to the pay administration provisions for consistency with the amendments made to the General Schedule pay-setting rules by the Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-411) and OPM's implementing regulations. The Department of Commerce will follow the project plan as published in the **Federal Register** dated December 24, 1997, and subsequent modifications as listed in the Background Section of this notice.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Linda M. Springer,**

*Director.*

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#### I. Executive Summary

The Department of Commerce (DOC) Demonstration Project utilizes many features similar to those implemented by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Demonstration Project in 1988. The DOC Demonstration Project supports several key objectives: to simplify the classification system for greater flexibility in classifying work and paying employees; to establish a performance management and rewards system for improving individual and organizational performance; and to improve recruiting and examining to attract highly qualified candidates and hire them more quickly. The DOC Demonstration Project is designed to test whether the interventions of the NIST project, which is now a permanent alternative system, could be successful in other DOC environments. The current participating organizations include six offices of the Chief Financial Officer/ Assistant Secretary of Administration in the Office of the Secretary, Technology Administration, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, and five units of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Environmental Satellite, Data,