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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

MARSAME provides information on planning, conducting, evaluating, and documenting environmental radiological surveys for demonstrating compliance with measurable action levels applied to materials and equipment. MARSAME, when finalized, will be a multi-agency consensus document and a supplement to the Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM).

MARSAME was developed collaboratively over the past five years by the technical staffs of the four Federal agencies having authority for control of radioactive materials: DoD, DOE, EPA, and NRC (60 FR 12555; March 7, 1995). For a time, staff from the Department of Homeland Security participated in the development of MARSAME. Contractors to the DOE, EPA, and NRC, and members of the public have been present during the open meetings of the MARSAME work group. MARSAME's objective is to describe standardized and consistent approaches for surveys, which provide a high degree of assurance that established action levels can be measured and an appropriate disposition of materials or equipment can be technically defended. The techniques, methodologies, and philosophies that form the bases of this manual were developed to be consistent with current Federal limits, guidelines, and procedures.

Although Federal agency personnel are involved in the preparation of this document, the manual does not represent the official position of any participating agency at this time. An earlier draft of the document has been reviewed within the Federal agencies. Comments were received and comments from the review that reflected a technical error or flaw in logic or information flow were addressed. The other comments from the Federal agencies will be addressed along with the public comments. The public review is a necessary step in the development of a final multi-agency consensus document. The document will also receive formal technical peer review. The draft has not been approved by the participating agencies for use in part or in whole and should not be used, cited, or quoted except for the purposes of providing comments as requested.

Reviewers are requested to focus on technical accuracy, and understandability. Reviewers are also requested to address five questions while reviewing MARSAME:

(1) Does MARSAME provide a practical and implementable approach to performing radiation measurements of materials and equipment? Are there any major drawbacks to the proposed methods?

(2) Is MARSAME technically accurate?

(3) Does MARSAME provide benefits that are not available using current methods? What is the value of MARSAME in comparison with other currently available alternatives?

(4) What are the costs associated with MARSAME in comparison with other currently available alternatives?

(5) Is the information in MARSAME understandable and presented in a logical sequence? How can the presentation of material be modified to improve the understandability of the manual?

Comments may be submitted as proposed modified text, or as a discussion. Comments should be accompanied by supporting bases, rationale, or data. To ensure efficient and complete comment resolution, commenters are requested to reference the page number and the line number of MARSAME to which the comment applies. Enter only the beginning page and line number, even if your comment applies to a number of pages or lines to follow.

Comments corresponding to an entire chapter, an entire section, or an entire table should be referenced to the line number for the title of the chapter (always line number 1), section, or table. Comments on footnotes should be referenced to the line in the main text where the footnote is indicated. Comments on figures should be referenced to the page on which the figure appears. Figures do not have line numbers. The figure number should be included in the text of the comment. Comments on the entire manual should be referenced to the title page.

Title: Draft Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Assessment of Materials and Equipment Manual.

For the Department of Defense, dated this 19th day of December, 2006.

Alex Beehler,

Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).

For the U.S. Department of Energy, dated this 1st day of January 2007.

Andrew C. Lawrence,

Director, Office of Nuclear Safety and Environment, Office of Health, Safety and Security.

For the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, dated this 19th day of December 2006.

Elizabeth Cotsworth,

Director, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, dated this 28th day of December 2006.

James T. Wiggins,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Emerald Coast Technology Group, LLC

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Emerald Coast Technology Group, LLC, a revocable, non-assignable, exclusive license to practice in the United States, the Government-owned invention described in U.S. Patent No. 6,893,540: HIGH TEMPERATURE PELTIER EFFECT WATER DISTILLER issued May 17, 2005, Navy Case No. 82,363.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City, 110 Vernon Avenue, Code CPOL, Panama City, FL 32407-7001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Shepherd, Patent Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City, 110 Vernon Avenue, Panama City, FL 32407-7001, telephone james.t.shepherd@navy.mil.

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Dated: December 19, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Gilberton Coal-to-Clean Fuels and Power Project

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability for public comment of a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Gilberton Coal-to-Clean Fuels and Power Project (DOE/EIS-0357D-S1), prepared in response to comments on the original Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued in December 2005. This Supplement corrects information regarding carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from the proposed Gilberton plant, provides information on the feasibility of carbon sequestration for the CO₂ emissions from the Gilberton plant, and presents additional information regarding CO₂-related cumulative impacts.

It should be noted that the Supplement contains only those sections affected by comments related to CO₂ emissions and sequestration, and DOE is inviting comments only on those sections. Comments on the original Draft EIS need not be resubmitted.

DATES: DOE invites the public to comment on the Supplement to the Draft EIS during the public comment period, which ends February 27, 2007. DOE will consider all comments postmarked or received during the public comment period in preparing the Final EIS, and will consider late comments to the extent practicable. DOE will consider and respond to all comments submitted on the original Draft EIS in preparing the Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: Requests for information about this Supplement to the Draft EIS or to receive a copy of the Supplement or the Draft EIS should be directed to: Janice L. Bell, NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, M/S 58-247A, P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Additional information about the Supplement or the Draft EIS may also be requested by

telephone at: (412) 386-4512, or toll-free at: 1-866-576-8240.

The Supplement to the Draft EIS will be available at <http://www.eh.doe.gov/nepa>. The original Draft EIS is available at the same Internet address. Copies of the Supplement to the Draft EIS are also available for review at the locations listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY**

INFORMATION section of this Notice.

Written comments on the Supplement to the Draft EIS can be mailed to Janice L. Bell, NEPA Document Manager, at the address noted above. Written comments may also be submitted by fax to: (412) 386-4806, or submitted electronically to: jbelle@netl.doe.gov. In addition, oral comments on the Supplement to the Draft EIS can be provided by calling the toll-free telephone number: 1-866-576-8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information regarding the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at: (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department prepared this Supplement to the Draft EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations that implement the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and the DOE procedures implementing NEPA (10 CFR part 1021).

In the original Draft EIS, issued in December 2005, DOE's proposed action (and preferred alternative) is to provide cost-shared funding to design, construct, and operate a new plant to demonstrate coproduction of 41 MW of electricity, steam, and over 5,000 barrels-per-day of ultra-clean liquid hydrocarbon products (primarily diesel fuel and naphtha). The demonstration plant would use a gasifier to convert coal waste to synthesis gas, which would be conveyed to Fischer-Tropsch (F-T) liquefaction facilities for production of liquid fuels and to a combined-cycle power plant. The demonstration facilities, to be constructed in Gilberton, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, would process up to 4,700 tons per day of coal waste (anthracite culm). The potential environmental impacts of this action are evaluated in the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS also analyzed the No Action Alternative,

under which DOE would not provide cost-shared funding to demonstrate the commercial-scale integration of coal gasification and F-T synthesis technology to produce electricity, steam and liquid fuels. Under the No-Action Alternative, it is reasonably foreseeable that no new activity would occur.

Among the public comments received on the Draft EIS were those from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) regarding how the Draft EIS addressed CO₂ emissions. The NRDC comments expressed concern about the potential impacts on global warming and questioned the accuracy of the annual rate of CO₂ emissions reported in the Draft EIS. The comments also requested DOE to enhance the analysis of potential CO₂-related cumulative impacts, further explore the feasibility of CO₂ sequestration, and provide a public comment opportunity on the revised sections of the EIS. DOE also received similar comments on CO₂ emissions and carbon sequestration from other organizations and individuals: the Coalition of Concerned Coal Region Citizens; the Mid-Atlantic Environmental Law Center; the Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future; Mike Ewall; Edward and Helen Sluzis; and James Kotcon.

In considering the comments received on the Draft EIS, DOE determined that the annual rate of CO₂ emissions reported in the Draft EIS included only the quantity of CO₂ that would be emitted directly. The reported quantity did not include a larger quantity of CO₂ in a concentrated stream exiting the gas cleanup system. While it was previously anticipated that the concentrated CO₂ stream would be sold as a byproduct, the industrial participant has informed DOE that the commercial sale of the CO₂ would not occur in the foreseeable future. Therefore, all of the CO₂ would be emitted to the atmosphere. DOE has prepared the Supplement to clarify the total emissions rate accordingly. DOE has also enhanced the discussion of cumulative impacts and the feasibility of carbon sequestration.

Availability of the Supplement to the Draft EIS

Copies of this Supplement to the Draft EIS have been distributed to Members of Congress, Federal, State, and local officials, and agencies, organizations and individuals who may be interested or affected. To obtain copies of the Supplement and the original Draft EIS, see **ADDRESSES** above. The Supplement and the Draft EIS are also available in the public reading rooms of the following public libraries: Frackville Free Public Library, 56 N. Lehigh