storage in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Illinois. The DOE-funded demonstration period would last for 56 months, from the start of operations (July 2017) through February 2022, but the plant is expected to continue commercial operations after this date.

The oxy-combustion plant would be built on a 263-acre existing power plant site in Morgan County, Illinois, approximately one mile south of the Village of Meredosia. Ameren Energy Resources (Ameren) has agreed to sell to the Alliance the assets at the Meredosia Energy Center that are necessary for the FutureGen 2.0 Project. These assets include Unit 4, which was constructed in 1975. The Unit 4 steam turbine, certain other facilities would be used for the new plant. Ameren would continue to own the three other electricity process water sources, cooling systems, and access roads.

The CO2 storage site would be located 30 miles east of the plant site, on the eastern side of Morgan County. A new 12-inch diameter pipeline would be sited and constructed using an 80-foot construction right-of-way and a 50-foot permanent right-of-way. The Alliance has identified two possible routes for the pipeline and has proposed to use the route that would minimize impacts to landowners and the environment. The Alliance has not identified a final location for the proposed injection wells, but has identified an approximately 5,300-acre site in which the wells would be located and under which the CO2 would be permanently stored. Up to 25 acres of land would be used for the injection facilities, associated infrastructure and buildings, and access roads.

The draft EIS evaluates the potential impacts of the proposed project, connected actions, and reasonable alternatives. Because the proposed project may affect wetlands, the draft EIS includes an assessment of impacts to wetlands in accordance with DOE’s regulations under Compliance with Floodplains and Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022).

DOE analyzed two alternatives in the draft EIS: the proposed action and the no action alternative. Under the proposed action, DOE would provide approximately $1 billion in cost-shared ARRA funding to the proposed project. Under the no action alternative, DOE would not provide continued funding. Without DOE funding, it is unlikely that the Alliance, or the industry in general, would undertake the utility-scale integration of CO2 capture and geologic storage with a coal-fueled power plant using oxy-combustion. Therefore, the no action alternative also represents a “no-build” alternative. Without DOE’s investment in a utility-scale facility, the development of oxy-combustion repowered plants integrated with CO2 capture and geologic storage would occur more slowly or not at all.

The draft EIS considers the environmental consequences that may result from the proposed project and describes additional mitigation that might be used to reduce various impacts.

Availability of the Draft EIS: Copies of the draft EIS have been distributed to members of Congress; Native American tribal governments; federal, state, and local officials; and agencies, organizations, and individuals who may be interested or affected. The draft EIS will be available on the Internet at: http://energy.gov/nepa/nepa-documents. The draft EIS are available for public review at the following locations: M–C River Public Library District, 304 Main Street, Meredosia, Illinois; Jacksonville Public Library, 201 West College Avenue, Jacksonville, Illinois; Taylorville Public Library, 121 West Vine Street, Taylorville, Illinois; Arcola Public Library, 407 East Main Street, Arcola, Illinois; and Tuscola Public Library, 112 Sale Street, Tuscola, Illinois. Additional copies also can be requested (see ADDRESSES). Public Hearing: DOE will conduct a public hearing on May 21, 2013 at the Jacksonville High School, Jacksonville, Illinois to obtain comments on the draft EIS. Requests to speak at the public hearing can be made by calling or writing to Mr. Whyte (see ADDRESSES). Requests to speak not submitted prior to the hearing will be accepted in the order in which they are received during the hearing. Speakers are encouraged to provide a written version of their oral comments or supplementary materials for the record. Each speaker will be allowed approximately five minutes to present comments. Those speakers who want more than five minutes should indicate the length of time desired in their request. Depending on the number of speakers, DOE may need to limit all speakers to five minutes initially and provide additional opportunities as time permits. Comments will be recorded by a court reporter and will become part of the public record. Oral and written comments will be given equal consideration.

The public hearing will begin at 5:00 p.m. with an informational session. Formal presentations and a formal comment session will begin at approximately 6:00 p.m. DOE will begin the hearing’s formal session with overviews of its clean coal program, proposed FutureGen 2.0 Project, and the NEPA process, followed by oral statements by pre-registered speakers. Speakers may be asked questions to help ensure that DOE fully understands their comments. A presiding officer will establish the order of speakers and provide any additional procedures necessary to conduct the hearing.

The public hearing will be accessible to people with disabilities. In addition, any individual needing specific assistance, such as a sign language interpreter or a translator, should contact Mr. Whyte (See ADDRESSES) at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing so that arrangements can be made.

Dated: May 1, 2013.
Mark J. Matarrese,
Director, Office of Environment, Security, Safety and Health, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: Monday, May 20, 2013, 1:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.; Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: North Augusta Community Center, 495 Brookside Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Office of External Affairs, Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802; Phone: (803) 952–7886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. CR–005]

Notice of Petition for Waiver of Felix Storch, Inc. (FSI) From the Department of Energy Commercial Refrigerator, Freezer and Refrigerator-Freezer Test Procedure, and Grant of Interim Waiver


ACTION: Notice of petition for waiver, notice of grant of interim waiver, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of and publishes a petition for waiver and application for interim waiver from Felix Storch, Inc. (FSI) [hereafter, “petition”) from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) test procedure for determining the energy consumption of commercial refrigerators, freezers and refrigerator-freezers. Today’s notice also grants an interim waiver for specific basic models to FSI from portions of the DOE commercial refrigerator, freezer and refrigerator-freezer test procedure. Through this notice, DOE also solicits comments with respect to the FSI petition.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information with respect to the FSI petition until June 3, 2013.

ADDRESS: You may submit comments, identified by case number CR–005, by any of the following methods:
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: AS_WaiverRequests@ee.doe.gov. Include “Case No. CR–005” in the subject line of the message.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Authority

Title III, Part C of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPAct), Public Law 94–163 (42 U.S.C. 6311–17 (“sections 6311–6317”), established the Energy Conservation Program for certain industrial equipment, which includes commercial refrigeration equipment, the focus of this notice.1 Part C specifically includes definitions (42 U.S.C. 6311), energy conservation standards (42 U.S.C. 6313), test procedures (42 U.S.C. 6314), labeling provisions (42 U.S.C. 6315), and the authority to require information and reports from manufacturers (42 U.S.C. 6316). With respect to test procedures, Part C authorizes the Secretary of Energy (the Secretary) to prescribe test procedures that are reasonably designed to produce results that measure energy efficiency, energy use, and estimated annual operating costs, and that are not unduly burdensome to conduct. (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(2))

1 For editorial reasons, upon codification in the U.S. Code, Part C was re-designated Part A–1.