

difficulties in scheduling the location. The Agenda includes:

*September 7, 1995, Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.*

Introductions and Commission update; local government involvement in improving education; testing and assessment; academic productivity; community based organizations; education finance and equity; creative ways of financing graduate studies; higher education in Puerto Rico; student aid; public testimony; teacher training.

*September 8, 1995, Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.*

Private sector involvement in improving education; corporate/foundation outlooks; student mobility; school to work; educational partnerships; public testimony.

Records are kept of all Commission proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the White House Initiative On Educational Excellence For Hispanic Education at 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 2115, Washington, D.C. 20202-3601 from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: August 22, 1995.

**G. Mario Moreno,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of*

*Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Tritium Supply and Recycling Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of limited reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is evaluating alternatives for an assured, long-term supply of tritium, a radioactive gas which is a necessary component of every nuclear weapon in the Nation's stockpile. On March 17, 1995, the DOE announced the availability of the Tritium Supply and Recycling Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) (60 FR 14433, March 17, 1995). Public hearings to receive comments on the draft PEIS were held and the public comment period closed on May 15, 1995. The purpose of this notice is to reopen the comment period for 21 days in order to solicit comments on the Department's intention to consider utilizing a commercial reactor or reactors (either by purchasing a reactor or securing irradiation services) as a

reasonable alternative in the Tritium Supply and Recycling Final PEIS.

**DATES:** Comments on using commercial reactors to produce tritium, including the additional comments on the analysis of potential environmental impacts described in the Tritium Supply and Recycling Draft PEIS, are invited from the public. To ensure consideration in the preparation of the final PEIS, comments must be postmarked by September 15, 1995. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** General questions concerning the Tritium Supply and Recycling program and/or comments on this notice can be asked by calling the toll-free telephone number at 1-800-776-2765, or by writing to: Stephen M. Sohinki, Director, Office of Reconfiguration, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 3417, Alexandria, VA 22302.

As an alternative, comments can also be submitted electronically by using the Federal Information Exchange bulletin board and following the instructions listed below:

Modem: Dial Toll Free (800) 783-3349.

Local (301) 258-0953. (Modem parameters set at: '8' data bits, '1' stop bit and 'N' parity at 1200, 2400 or 9600 baud.)

InterNet: Telenet or Gopher to:

fedix.fie.com or 192.111.228.33

Hours: Available 24 hours a day. A Help Line, (301) 975-0103, is available weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST, except Federal holidays.

Costs: Free, no cost to users. No telephone, registration, access, or downloading fees.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Tritium Supply and Recycling Draft PEIS considered utilizing commercial reactors to supply tritium, but eliminated this alternative from detailed study because the Department thought that: (1) the production of tritium for defense purposes in nuclear reactors that generate electricity for commercial sale would be contrary to the long-standing policy of the United States that civilian nuclear facilities should not be utilized for military purposes; and (2) such utilization of commercial reactors would make the United States' nonproliferation efforts much more difficult. Despite these concerns, the

Draft PEIS included an evaluation of the environmental impacts of using an existing commercial reactor to make tritium because there were two scenarios mentioned in the Draft PEIS in which the Department was prepared at that time to consider using such a reactor. Under the first scenario, the Department would purchase an existing commercial reactor and convert it to defense purposes rather than construct a new tritium supply facility. Under the second scenario, the Department would purchase irradiation services as a contingency source of tritium in the event of a national emergency. Under both of these scenarios, the reactor would continue to produce electricity for sale.

During the public comment period, several commentors asserted that both scenarios described in the Draft PEIS have the potential to be a low-cost option and should be considered reasonable. Commentors asserted that use of an existing commercial reactor to produce tritium would not violate any law nor weaken nonproliferation efforts, and that any past policy objections should be reconsidered.

After further evaluation of this issue, and in response to public comments, the Department has determined that both scenarios involving commercial reactors should be treated as reasonable alternatives in the final PEIS. The environmental impacts of using an existing commercial reactor to produce tritium, which are already described in § 4.10 of the Draft PEIS, are the same regardless of whether irradiation services are purchased (either as a contingency or as a primary option) or a commercial reactor is purchased and converted to defense purposes. The Department invites comment on the proposal to include the two scenarios for using commercial reactors to produce tritium as reasonable alternatives. In addition, the Department invites any additional comment on the analysis contained in § 4.10 of the Draft PEIS.

Issued in Washington, D.C. this 21st day of August 1995, for the United States Department of Energy.

**Everet H. Beckner,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs.*

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### Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of status report.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the release of the Status Report by the co-chairs of the Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety. The report was submitted to the Secretary of Energy on August 14, 1995, in response to her request for an interim report.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas H. Isaacs, Executive Director, Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety, 1726 M Street, NW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 254-3826. Copies of the Status Report are available by calling (toll free) 1-800-736-3282, or by accessing the Internet World Wide Web at: <http://www.em.doe.gov/acd/index.html>. Copies are also available in all Department of Energy Freedom of Information Act Reading Rooms.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Status Report presents a description of Committee findings and observations to date by the co-chairs based on Committee activities conducted through July 1995. A projection of future Committee efforts also is included. The Status Report was submitted in response to a request by the Secretary at the first meeting of the Committee (in March 1995) for an interim report. The Committee's final recommendations will be submitted by the end of 1995 to the Secretary of Energy, and to the White House Office of Management and Budget and the Council on Environmental Quality.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Energy, the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and the Office of Management and Budget with advice, information, and recommendations on how new and existing Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear facilities and operations, except those operations covered under Executive Order 12344 (Naval Propulsion Program), might best be regulated with regard to safety. The Department currently self-regulates many aspects of safety at nuclear facilities, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. The Committee consists of 25 members drawn from Federal and State government and the private sector, and is co-chaired by John F. Ahearne, Executive Director, Sigma XI, The Scientific Research Society, and Gerard F. Scannell, President of the National Safety Council. Members were chosen

with environment, safety, and health backgrounds, balanced to represent different public, Federal, State, Tribal, regulatory, and industry interests and experience.

Issued at Washington, DC on August 21, 1995.

**Thomas H. Isaacs,**

*Executive Director, Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety.*

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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER95-1049-000]

**Gateway Energy, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order**

August 21, 1995.

On May 15, 1995, Gateway Energy, Inc. (Gateway) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Gateway will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Gateway also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Gateway requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Gateway.

On August 4, 1995, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Gateway should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Gateway is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither

public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Gateway's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is September 5, 1995.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 3308, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**Kohler Co.; Notice of Issuance of Order**

August 21, 1995.

On May 8, 1995, as amended on June 14, 1995, Kohler Co. (Kohler) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Kohler will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Kohler also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Kohler requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Gateway.

On August 4, 1995, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Kohler should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Kohler is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither