

Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Navy's compilation of system of record notices.

Inpatient and outpatient treatment records: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, 2300 E Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20372-5300; Commanding Officers and Officers-in-Charge of naval medical treatment facilities; and, Director, National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Navy's compilation of system of record notices.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Active duty Navy and Marine Corps personnel and drilling members of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserves seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves should address written inquiries to the originating medical or dental treatment facility. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Navy's compilation of system of record notices.

Inactive Naval Reservists should address requests for information to the Naval Reserve Personnel Center, 4400 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70149-7800. Marine Reservists should address requests for information to Marine Corps Reserve Support Center, 10950 El Monte, Overland Park, KS 66211-1408. Former members who have no further reserve or active duty obligations should address requests for information to the Director, National Personnel Records Center, (Military Personnel Records), 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

All written requests should contain the full name and Social Security Number of the individual, his/her signature, and in those cases where his/her period of service ended before 1971, his/her service or file number. In requesting records for personnel who served before 1964, information provided to the National Personnel Records Center should also include date and place of birth and dates of periods of active Naval service.

Records may be requested in person. Proof of identification will consist of the Armed Forces Identification Card or by other types of identification bearing picture and signature.

Requests for inpatient records within two years of inpatient stay should be addressed to the Commanding Officer of the hospital where the individual was treated.

Requests for inpatient records after two years after inpatient stay should be addressed to the Director, National Personnel Records Center, (Civilian Personnel Records), 111 Winnebago Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-4199 or to the Director, National Personnel Records Center, (Military Personnel Records), 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

Requests for subsidiary medical records should be addressed to the Commanding Officer of medical or dental center where treatment was received.

The following data should be provided: Full name, Social Security Number, status, date(s) of treatment or period of hospitalization, address at time of medical treatment, and service number.

Full name, date, and place of birth, I.D. card or driver's license, or other identification to sufficiently identify the individual with the medical records held by the treatment facility must be presented.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking access to record about themselves contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to the medical or dental treatment facility where treatment was received or to the officials listed under 'Notification procedure'.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

The Navy's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5211.5; 32 CFR part 701; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Reports from attending and previous physicians and other medical personnel regarding the results of physical, dental, and mental examinations, treatment, evaluation, consultation, laboratory, x-rays, and special studies conducted to provide health care to the individual or to determine the individual's physical and dental qualification.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Environmental Management; Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board; Renewal

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1015(a), and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board has been renewed for a two-year period beginning May 16, 1996.

The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management with advice and recommendations on environmental management projects and issues such as risk management, economic development, future land use, and budget prioritization activities, from the perspectives of affected groups and State and local governments. Board membership will reflect the full diversity of views in the affected community and region and be composed primarily of people who are directly affected by site clean-up activities. Members will include interested stakeholders from local governments, Indian Tribes, environmental and civic groups, labor organizations, universities, waste management and environmental restoration firms, and other interested parties. Representatives from the Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Protection Agency, and State governments will be ex-officio members of the Board. Selection and appointment of Board members will be accomplished using procedures designed to ensure diverse membership and a balance of viewpoints. Consensus recommendations to the DOE from the Board on the resolution of numerous difficult issues will help achieve DOE's objective of an integrated environmental management program.

The Secretary of Energy has determined that renewal of the Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board is necessary to conduct the DOE's business and is in the public interest. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the DOE Organization Act (Public Law 95-91), and rules and regulations issued in implementation of those Acts.

Further information regarding this advisory board may be obtained from

Rachel Murphy Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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JoAnne Whitman,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project in the Fuel Conditioning Facility at Argonne National Laboratory—West; Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Energy has prepared an environmental assessment, DOE/EA-1148 (finalized on May 15, 1996), on the proposed *Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project in the Fuel Conditioning Facility at Argonne National Laboratory—West*. The Proposed Action is to conduct a research and demonstration project involving electrometallurgical processing of up to 100 Experimental Breeder Reactor-II driver assemblies and 25 Experimental Breeder Reactor-II blanket assemblies in the Fuel Conditioning Facility at Argonne National Laboratory—West. Electrometallurgical processing involves the dissolution of spent nuclear fuel by use of an electric current in a molten salt mixture. The uranium in the fuel is collected at the cathode and subsequently melted to form a metal ingot; the structural metals and some fission products are retrieved undissolved from the anode and are cast into a metal ingot; and eventually most fission products and all transuranic elements are isolated in a ceramic waste form. The number of driver fuel assemblies covered by the Proposed Action would provide the minimum fission product loading (3 percent) necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the removal of fission products from the electrorefiner salt and their concentration in the ceramic waste form. In addition, the 25 blanket assemblies proposed would provide a sufficient quantity of material to evaluate the higher efficiency electrorefining necessary to process the much larger blanket assemblies. The Proposed Action would require approximately three years, and is designed to address demonstration goals for electrometallurgical treatment

technology outlined by the National Research Council in a 1995 report to the Department. In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality requirements contained in 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, the environmental assessment examined the environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and potential alternatives.

The Department distributed a draft environmental assessment for public review and comment from February 5, 1996 to March 22, 1996 (61 FR 3922, January 29, 1996), and conducted public meetings on the draft assessment in Idaho Falls, Idaho on February 21, 1996, and Washington, D.C. on February 27, 1996. In response to several requests, the Department reopened the public review period until May 3, 1996 (61 FR 16471, April 15, 1996).

The Department has considered all comments on the draft environmental assessment, including comments submitted by 5 members of Congress, 17 organizations, and 53 individuals. Those comments and the Department's responses are presented in an appendix to the final environmental assessment entitled, "Comment Response Document." A summary of the major public comments and the Department's responses is provided under Supplementary Information below.

The Department has decided to proceed with the proposed demonstration. Even if successful, however, the demonstration will not automatically lead to the treatment of more Experimental Breeder Reactor-II spent nuclear fuel or to other broader applications of electrometallurgical technology. The Department will not make any significant additional use of the electrometallurgical refining technology without first preparing an environmental impact statement. Specifically, the Department will not use this technology to treat the remaining Experimental Breeder Reactor-II spent fuel or make another production-scale use of the technology without preparing an environmental impact statement.

The Department would exercise its authority to prevent proliferation sensitive information and technology advances resulting from the proposed demonstration from becoming available to potential proliferant-risk countries, including exercising its authority under the Atomic Energy Act, the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act of 1978 and the Department's implementing regulations.

Based on the analysis in the environmental assessment, which is incorporated herein by reference, and after consideration of all the comments received as a result of the public review

process, the Department of Energy has determined that the Proposed Action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons requesting additional information regarding the Electrometallurgical Treatment Project or a copy of the environmental assessment should contact: Mr. Robert G. Lange, Associate Director for Facilities (NE-40), Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Energy (GTN), 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874.

Mr. Lange may also be reached by calling (301) 903-2915.

Persons requesting general information on the Department of Energy's National Environmental Policy Act process should contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Ms. Borgstrom may also be reached by calling (202) 586-4600, or by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department of Energy is responsible for managing spent nuclear fuel in its inventory, including spent nuclear fuel from the Experimental Breeder Reactor-II. The Department manages 25.5 metric tons (heavy metal) of Experimental Breeder Reactor-II fuel at Argonne National Laboratory-West and the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant, both located at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory near Idaho Falls. The Department has a legally binding commitment to remove spent nuclear fuel from the State of Idaho by the year 2035, including fuel from the Experimental Breeder Reactor-II. The Experimental Breeder Reactor-II fuel is unlikely to be suitable for direct disposal in a geologic repository because it is saturated with sodium, which is a reactive material. Experimental Breeder Reactor-II spent fuel may also be unsuitable for direct disposal in a geologic repository because of criticality concerns associated with fuels containing highly-enriched uranium.

The Department has identified electrometallurgical treatment as a promising technology to treat