

Ohio and Los Angeles Class Naval Reactor Plants EIS, adopted by the U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C., May 1996. Record of Decision, 61 FR 41596, August 9, 1996.

- DOE/EA-0981, Solid Waste Retrieval Complex, Enhanced Radioactive and Mixed Waste Storage Facility, Infrastructure Upgrades, and Central Waste Support Complex, Hanford Site, Richland Washington, Environmental Assessment, September 1995.
- DOE/EA-1203, Trench 33 Widening in Low Level Waste Burial Ground 218-W-5, Environmental Assessment, July 1997.
- DOE/EA-1211, Relocation and Storage of Isotopic Heat Sources (formerly DOE/EA-0982, Special Case Waste), Environmental Assessment, June 1997.

Preliminary Identification of Environmental Issues

The following issues have been tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS. The list is presented to facilitate comment on the scope of the EIS. It is not intended to be all-inclusive or to predetermine the potential impacts of any of the alternatives.

- Effects on the public and on-site workers from releases of radiological and nonradiological materials during normal operations and reasonably foreseeable accidents.
- Long-term risks to human populations resulting from waste disposal.
- Effects on air and water quality from normal operations and reasonably foreseeable accidents.
- Cumulative effects, including impacts from other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions at the Hanford Site.
- Effects on endangered species, archaeological/cultural/historical sites, floodplains and wetlands, and priority habitat.
- Effects from transportation and from reasonably foreseeable transportation accidents.
- Socioeconomic impacts on surrounding communities.
- Disproportionately high and adverse effects on low-income and minority populations (Environmental Justice).
- Unavoidable adverse environmental effects.
- Short-term uses of the environment versus long-term productivity.
- Potential irretrievable and irreversible commitment of resources.
- The consumption of natural resources and energy, including water, natural gas, and electricity.

- Pollution prevention, waste minimization, and potential mitigative measures.

Development of the Hanford Site Solid Waste Program EIS

DOE will consider comments and suggestions received during the scoping period in its preparation of the draft EIS. On completing the draft EIS, DOE will announce its availability in the **Federal Register** and local media, and will again solicit public comments. DOE will consider comments on the draft EIS in its preparation of the final EIS. The preliminary schedule for issuance of the Hanford Site Solid Waste Program EIS is:

Availability of Draft EIS: Spring 1998.
Draft EIS Public Comment Period:
Summer 1998.

Availability of Final EIS: Late 1998.
Record of Decision: Early 1999.

Public Scoping Meetings

DOE invites the public to attend scoping meetings at which comments may be presented on the scope of the EIS. Oral and written comments will be considered equally in preparation of the EIS. Oral and written comments will be received at public scoping meetings to be held on the dates and at the locations given below:

November 12, 1997—Meeting Times:
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. PST and 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. PST, Federal Building, 825 Jadwin, Richland, WA 99352

November 13, 1997—Meeting Time:
7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. PST, Vert Center, 500 S.W. Dorion, Pendleton, OR 97801

DOE staff will begin each scoping meeting with a short presentation on the EIS process, the Hanford Site Solid Waste Program, and the proposed action and alternatives. A brief informal question and answer session will follow. Individuals and organization and agency spokespersons will then be invited to present comments.

Requests to speak at the public meetings may be made in person at the meeting, by calling the DOE NEPA Document Manager by 3:00 p.m. PST the day before the meeting, or by writing to the DOE Document Manager (see **ADDRESSES**, above). Speakers will be heard on a first-come, first-served basis as time permits. Written comments also will be accepted at the meetings. Speakers are encouraged to provide written versions of their oral comments for the record.

The meetings will be conducted by a moderator. DOE staff and the moderator may ask speakers clarifying questions.

Individuals requesting to speak on behalf of an organization must identify the organization. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes to present comments unless more time is available. Comments will be recorded by a court reporter and will become part of the scoping meeting record. DOE also will provide opportunities for separate informal discussions about the scope and content of the EIS, and will make subject matter experts available to answer questions.

Issued in Washington, DC this 21st day of October, 1997.

Peter N. Brush,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Chicago Operations Office; Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; Notice of Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement/Applications

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation.

SUMMARY:The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, intends to issue Solicitation No. DE-SC02-98NE21596, for Administrative and Management Services for the Nuclear Engineering /Health Physics Fellowship & Scholarship Program on or about October 31, 1997. This is a reissue to the notification previously published of the **Federal Register** on June 25, 1997.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Applications submitted in response to this Notice should be received by December 4, 1997. To obtain a complete solicitation package, please contact Nadine S. Kijak, Chairperson, U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Acquisition and Assistance Group, 9800 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439 Telephone 630/252-2508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadine S. Kijak at 630/252-2508 or by fax at 630/252-2522.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Title: Nuclear Engineering/Health Physics Fellowship and Scholarship Program.

Solicitation Number: DE-SC02-98NE21596.

Citation of Authority: PL 95-91.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, supports graduate fellows and undergraduate scholars as a means

of encouraging students to pursue careers in nuclear-related fields. The DOE provides such support to ensure that an adequate supply of highly qualified, well-trained scientific and technical professionals are available to meet current and future research and development needs.

The DOE will solicit applications from nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations with university associations that are experienced in academic interactions and relationships. The applying organizations should have some knowledge and familiarity with the Department's nuclear engineering research and development interests and the historical relationship with the universities involved in nuclear science and engineering education. The successful applicant will be expected to:

- (1) Provide information and application material to all qualified individuals;
- (2) receive, review and evaluate candidate applications;
- (3) arrange for practicum work and study opportunities at selected laboratory facilities;
- (4) provide approved payments to students and universities;
- (5) hold periodic reviews of fellows' progress with advisors and university coordinators;
- (6) prepare and review program budgets;
- (7) prepare annual reports; and
- (8) provide program and manpower information to the public, to appropriate congressional offices and other interested parties.

We anticipate that the proposed financial assistance award will be a five-year effort. The estimated cost for the five year period is anticipated to be \$4,000,000. One agreement will be awarded with five (5) one-year budget periods estimated to start on or about June 1, 1998. The successful recipient will advertise, evaluate and award DOE fellowships under the Nuclear Engineering/Health Physics Fellowship & Scholarship Program.

Complete solicitation packages will be available from DOE, Chicago Operations Office as mentioned above. The complete solicitation package with information on application preparation, evaluation procedures and criteria, the extent of Government participation in the Cooperative Agreement to be awarded, and other required data will be available upon request during the time the Solicitation is open. All eligible sources may submit an application which will be considered. Applications must be submitted to the DOE-Chicago Operations Office no later than December 4, 1997.

Issued in Chicago, Illinois on October 15, 1997.

J.D. Greenwood,

Acquisition and Assistance, Group Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Docket No. EE-NOA-97-506]

Proposed Technical and Policy Analysis on Replacement Fuels and Alternative Fuel Vehicles

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy is today publishing this notice of availability of a proposed analysis, as required by section 506 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, on issues relating to replacement fuels and alternative fuel vehicles. The Department is requesting public comment on the proposed analysis prior to submission of the final report to the President and Congress. A short summary of the proposed analysis is included in this notice.

DATES: Written comments (5 copies) must be received by the Department by January 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed Technical and Policy Analysis (which is approximately 75 pages long, single-spaced) may be obtained from the National Alternative Fuels Hotline, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Va. 22031-1207, (800) 423-1DOE, or electronically from the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's Transportation Technologies website at: <http://www.ott.doe.gov>, under the Rules and Legislation section (<http://www.ott.doe.gov/office.rules.html>).

Written comments (5 copies) are to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Transportation Technologies, EE-34, Docket No. EE-NOA-97-506, 1000 Independence, Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, telephone (202) 586-3012.

Commenters are requested to provide a supplemental electronic copy of comments (1 copy), if possible, to facilitate the posting of comments on the Department's website. These optional electronic versions of comments should be stored in common text or word processor formats, and saved on a pc-compatible 3.5" diskette and mailed to the address above; or

emailed directly to afv-deployment@hq.doe.gov. Electronic versions are considered supplemental only—the Department is not able at this time to guarantee the inclusion in the docket of comments provided only in electronic format.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul McArdle, Program Manager, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-34), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, email: afv-deployment@hq.doe.gov, or phone (202) 586-9171.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Purpose
- II. Summary of Findings of Technical and Policy Analysis
- III. Availability of Proposed Technical and Policy Analysis
- IV. Public Comment Procedures

I. Purpose

Section 506(c) requires DOE to seek and consider public comments on the draft Technical and Policy Analysis on issues relating to replacement fuels and alternative fuel vehicles prior to its final transmission to the President and Congress. DOE may revise the Analysis prior to such final submission in light of comments received. DOE is also required by section 506(c) to preserve all comments received on the Analysis for use in required rulemaking proceedings under section 507, including rulemaking to consider alternative fuel vehicle acquisition requirements for private and municipal fleets. In addition, DOE is in the process of devising a Replacement Fuel Supply and Demand Program under section 502. Comments received on the proposed Technical and Policy Analysis could be very useful in designing this program.

II. Summary of Findings of Technical and Policy Analysis

Energy Security Concerns

The geopolitical context surrounding energy security has changed enormously since the oil shocks of the 1970s, with the end of the Cold War, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in disarray, and the cementing of U.S. security ties to the most important oil exporting nations. Unfortunately, these developments have engendered a complacency on the part of the American public not unlike that which preceded previous oil shocks. Historically, periods of low prices have been followed by steep price spikes, a pattern that could well be repeated in coming years.