

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Group II 201, 218, 220, 222–224, 226, 227, 237, 239pt. ³ , 332, 333, 352, 359–O ⁴ , 362, 363, 369–O ⁵ , 400, 410, 414, 431, 434, 435, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 459pt. ⁶ , 464, 469pt. ⁷ , 603, 604–O ⁸ , 606, 607, 621, 622, 624, 633, 649, 652, 659–O ⁹ , 666, 669–O ¹⁰ , 670–O ¹¹ , 831, 833–836, 838, 840, 842–846, 850–852, 858 and 859pt. ¹² , as a group.	112,319,410 square meters equivalent.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

² Category 369–S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

³ Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

⁴ Category 359–O: all HTS numbers except 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025, 6211.42.0010 (Category 359–C); 6112.39.0010, 6112.49.0010, 6211.11.8010, 6211.11.8020, 6211.12.8010, 6211.12.8020 (Category 359–S); and 6406.99.1550 (Category 359pt.).

⁵ Category 369–O: all HTS numbers except 6307.10.2005 (Category 369–S); 5601.10.1000, 5601.21.0090, 5701.90.1020, 5701.90.2020, 5702.10.9020, 5702.39.2010, 5702.49.1020, 5702.49.1080, 5702.59.1000, 5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020 and 6406.10.7700 (Category 369pt.).

⁶ Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6406.99.1505 and 6406.99.1560.

⁷ Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.

⁸ Category 604–O: all HTS numbers except 5509.32.0000 (Category 604–A).

⁹ Category 659–O: all HTS numbers except 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017, 6211.43.0010 (Category 659–C); 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6112.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020 (Category 659–S); 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540 (Category 659pt.).

¹⁰ Category 669–O: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000 (Category 669–P); 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000, 6406.10.9040 (Category 669pt.).

¹¹ Category 670–O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3031, 4202.92.9026 and 6307.90.9907 (Category 670–L).

¹² Category 859pt.: only HTS numbers 6115.19.8040, 6117.10.6020, 6212.10.5030, 6212.10.9040, 6212.20.0030, 6212.30.0030, 6212.90.0090, 6214.10.2000 and 6214.90.0090.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania

May 17, 2000.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 23, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927–5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482–3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for carryover, carryforward, swing and special shift.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also

see 64 FR 71116, published on December 20, 1999.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 17, 2000.

Commissioner of Customs, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 14, 1999, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Romania and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2000 and extending through December 31, 2000.

Effective on May 23, 2000, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
315	3,972,521 square meters.
410	141,672 square meters.
435	13,505 dozen.
443	106,580 numbers.
444	34,384 numbers.
447/448	32,456 dozen.
647/648	243,780 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.926B]

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education—Arts in Education Competitive Grant Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program

The goal of this grant competition is to provide assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) on behalf of eligible schools to support media

literacy projects. "Media literacy" refers to the ability to understand and interpret the artistic content of images, including violent messages, transmitted through the electronic media.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Many studies have explored the relationship between children's viewing of violence through the media and their engaging in violent behavior. While there is little consensus among these studies regarding the impact that the electronic media have on youth violence, the Secretary believes that instruction that helps young people to critically analyze media messages about violence can help to prevent youth violence. Accordingly, this grant competition focuses on media literacy projects that include opportunities for youth to engage in non-violent, innovative arts programming. These projects will support model partnerships between schools and arts-based organizations to demonstrate new methods of improving the interpretive and creative skills of young people in dealing with the media arts. Young people will learn how to interpret the messages they receive on a daily basis through the media, and also how to engage in the creative process in developing better alternatives to media programming that include violent content.

Today's students—tomorrow's citizens and leaders in our democracy—will need a different set of understandings and skills in communications if they are to succeed in the global society and economy that are fueled by new media technologies. CD-ROMs, video games, music videos, interactive communications facilitated by personal computers, and the World Wide Web, as well as such older electronic media as television shows, movies, and recorded music, command an increasing amount of the attention and time of our children. We must help them learn to "read" and evaluate images as well as text. These technologies can be used to create and communicate ideas that portray alternatives to violence, drug use, and disrespect.

Eligible Applicants: LEAs with one or more schools where 75 percent or more of the children are from low-income families, based on the poverty criteria described in Title I Section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Applicants must submit evidence of their eligibility. For this purpose applicants may submit records kept for the purpose of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education

Act that demonstrates that proof of eligibility.

Note: Potential applicants are reminded that, under the absolute priority published elsewhere in this notice, the Secretary will only fund under this competition media literacy projects in *schools* where the number of children from low-income families equals or exceeds 75 percent.

Applications Available: May 22, 2000.
Deadline for Transmittal of Application: July 21, 2000.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 21, 2000.

Estimated Available Funds: \$990,000.
Estimated Range of Awards: \$50,000 to \$150,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$100,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 8–10.
Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. Funding estimates are for the first year of the project period only. Funding for the second and third years is subject to the availability of funds and the approval of continuation awards (34 CFR 75.253).

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

Priority: Absolute Priority: The Secretary gives absolute priority to media literacy projects, implemented in schools where the number of children from low-income families equals or exceeds 75 percent, that are designed both to: (1) enable students in those schools to critically interpret and analyze the images, including violent messages, transmitted through the electronic media, and (2) help students in those schools to create their own media-based arts projects presenting alternative non-violent messages through the use of film, video, hypermedia, website design and other contemporary communications media. Applicants should clearly state in the abstract how their application addresses both elements of this priority. Only projects that meet both elements of this priority will be considered for funding.

Selection Criteria: The Secretary uses the selection criteria published in 34 CFR 75.209 and 75.210 to evaluate applications for the Arts in Education Competitive Grant Program. The application package includes the selection criteria and the points assigned to each criterion.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking: It is the Secretary's practice, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed rules. Section 437(d)(1) of the

General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), however, exempts from this requirement rules that apply to the first competition under a new or substantially revised program. Funding was provided for this new initiative in the fiscal year 2000 appropriations act enacted in October 1999. The Secretary, in accordance with section 437(d)(1) of GEPA, has decided to forego public comment in order to ensure timely grant awards.

For Further Information or Applications: Shelton Allen, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, FOB6, Room 3C126, Washington, DC 20202-6140. Telephone: (202) 260-2487 or fax: (202) 205-5630. The e-mail address for Mr. Allen is: shelton—allan@ed.gov

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 8091.

Dated: May 16, 2000.

Michael Cohen,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Response to Recommendation 2000-2 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Configuration Management, Vital Safety Systems

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2000-2, concerning the control of safety system configuration, was published in the **Federal Register** on March 16, 2000 (65 FR 14255). Under section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b), the Department of Energy was required to transmit a response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by April 28, 2000. The Secretary's timely response follows.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before June 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steve Cary, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 28, 2000.

Michael A. Mikolanis,

Office of the Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The Honorable John T. Conway, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman: The Department of Energy (DOE) acknowledges receipt of Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2000-2, issued on March 8, 2000, regarding safety systems vital to the protection of the public, workers, and the environment. Along with the analysis contained in the March 2000 assessment prepared by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health on the impact of safety program weaknesses upon ventilation and confinement ventilation systems that perform safety functions, the

DOE has completed a preliminary analysis of the issues raised in the Board's recommendation. The conclusions drawn from both of these analyses are consistent with the safety issues described in Recommendation 2000-2.

The Department accepts the recommendations contained in Recommendation 2000-2 and will develop an implementation plan to accomplish the following actions:

1. Development of expert-based guidelines for surveying and assessing confinement ventilation systems and implementation of a plan to identify and correct root cause deficiencies.

2. Incorporation of open commitments remaining in the action plan addressing safety issues related to High Efficiency Particulate Air filters.

3. Evaluation of existing practices and industry models for use in establishing a cognizant system engineer concept to strengthen the engineering resources available for facility configuration management.

4. Assessment of the availability and sufficiency of DOE expertise, identification of actions necessary to ensure expertise can be brought to bear in the life-cycle management of vital safety systems and that Federal technical expertise on safety systems is available to interface with operating contractors when significant system problems arise.

5. Review of line oversight of contractor programs to determine whether safety systems, as well as programs essential to system operability, are being included in those programs. As necessary, identify corrective actions to improve implementation of line oversight programs.

I have asked Mr. Steven Cary, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, to serve as the responsible manager for this recommendation. Mr. Cary will be the principal point of contact with the Board for this recommendation, and he will work with you and your staff to develop an acceptable implementation plan that meets our mutual expectations. If you have questions, please contact him at (202) 586-6151.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Richardson

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

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), Nevada Test Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires

that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, June 7, 2000: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Amargosa Valley Community Center, 821 E. Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Rohrer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8513, phone: 702-295-0197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

1. Discussion and review of additional underground water test area funding. Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting. **Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Kevin Rohrer, at the telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Kevin Rohrer at the address listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 16, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental