

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: In the January 20, 2012, issue of the **Federal Register** (77 FR No. 13), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) published its Notice of Availability for the ASAP DEIS for public comment. In that notice, the Corps stated that written comments must be submitted on or before March 5, 2013. Instructions for submitting comments are provided in the January 20, 2010, **Federal Register** notice. In response to scheduling conflicts for public meetings, the Corps has decided to extend the public comment period to April 4, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Romero, Project Manager, Alaska District Regulatory Division, (907) 753-2773

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 77 FR 479 (January 5, 2012); FR Doc. 2012-44.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: Session I: 1 p.m.-4 p.m., March 22, 2012; Session II: 6 p.m.-9 p.m., March 22, 2012, Three Rivers Convention Center, 7016 West Grandridge Boulevard, Kennewick, Washington 99352.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is expanding the matters to be considered in Session I of the hearing and meeting. Session I will also include testimony from the Department of Energy (DOE) and its contractors concerning the status of actions related to unresolved technical safety issues in the design of the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) and infrastructure needs at the Tank Farms. The Board will also examine the relationship between the resolution of these unresolved safety issues and development of a sound nuclear safety strategy. To illustrate these challenges, the Board will explore at least two areas of technical concern: erosion/corrosion and pulse jet mixing.

Session II of the hearing concerns the status of actions related to the DOE's implementation plan for the Board's Recommendation 2011-1, *Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant*. Session II includes several panels of witnesses, including a panel of DOE Headquarters senior management personnel who will discuss DOE's plan for corrective actions for safety culture concerns and management/resolution of safety and technical issues across the defense nuclear facilities complex. Since this panel involves just headquarters personnel, the Board has determined that it would be more beneficial to convene the headquarters panel in Washington, DC, at a later date. The Board will therefore be reconvening a separate supplemental panel session, a continuation of hearing Session II, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at the Board's Washington, DC, Headquarters located at 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004-2001.

The Board's instructions for public participation for Sessions I and II of the March 22, 2012 hearing are described in the **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 479) for that hearing. Public participation for the reconvened Session II hearing in Washington, DC, is also invited. The Board is setting aside time at the end of the reconvened Session of the hearing for presentations and comments from the public. Requests to speak may be submitted in writing or by telephone. The Board asks that commenters describe the nature and scope of their oral presentations. For the continuation of Session II, those who contact the Board prior to close of business on May 18, 2012, will be scheduled to speak. At the beginning of continued hearing, the Board will post a schedule for speakers at the entrance to the hearing room. Anyone who wishes to comment or provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent deemed appropriate. Documents will be accepted at the hearing or may be sent to the Board's Washington, DC, office. The hearing will be presented live through Internet video streaming. A link to the presentation will be available on the Board's Web site (www.dnfsb.gov). A transcript of the hearing, along with a DVD video recording, will be made available by the Board for inspection and viewing by the public at the Board's Washington, DC, office and at DOE's public reading room at the DOE Federal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue

SW., Washington, DC 20585. The Board specifically reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the meeting and hearing, to recess, reconvene, postpone, or adjourn the meeting and hearing, conduct further reviews, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

The Board also stated in the original **Federal Register** notice that the hearing record would remain open until April 23, 2012, for the receipt of additional materials. As a result of the continuation of Session II, the Board now extends the period of time for which the full hearing record will remain open to June 23, 2012.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Brian Grosner, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2901, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

Dated: March 5, 2012.

Peter S. Winokur,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Assessment for a Radiological Work and Storage Building at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory Kesselring Site

AGENCY: Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and the Department of Energy (DOE) implementing procedures (10 CFR part 1021); the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for construction and operation of a radiological work and storage building at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (KAPL) Kesselring Site in West Milton, New York. A modernized facility is needed to streamline radioactive material handling and storage operations, permit demolition of aging facilities, and accommodate efficient maintenance of existing nuclear reactors. The Draft EA may be viewed at the Saratoga Springs Public Library in Saratoga Springs, NY,

the Schenectady County Public Library (Niskayuna Branch) in Niskayuna, NY, or online at http://www.NNPP-NEPA.us/environmental_assessments/kesselring_site/rwsb_ea.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to provide comments regarding the Draft EA, on or before April 9, 2012, to ensure full consideration during the decision making process.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by mail to: David Delwiche, Naval Reactors Laboratory Field Office, P.O. Box 1069, Schenectady, NY 12301.

Comments provided by email should be submitted to Kesselring_radbuilding2012@unnpp.gov.

Comments provided by phone should use 518-395-6366.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about this project, contact Mr. David Delwiche, as described above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NNPP is responsible for all aspects of U.S. Navy nuclear power and propulsion, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 2406, 2511. These responsibilities include design, maintenance, and safe operation of nuclear propulsion systems throughout their operational life cycles. A crucial component of this mission is to provide prospective Naval nuclear propulsion plant operators and officers with training and certification in the actual hands-on operation of a nuclear propulsion plant. Two land-based training platforms are located at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory Kesselring Site near West Milton, Saratoga County, New York.

The developed portion of the Kesselring Site consists of approximately 65 acres of land on an approximately 3900-acre reservation. Facilities on the site include three pressurized water naval nuclear propulsion plants, one of which has been permanently shut down, defueled, and is in the process of being dismantled. The site also contains administrative offices, machine shops, waste storage facilities, oil storage facilities, training facilities, chemistry laboratories, cooling towers and a boiler house.

The EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating a new radiological work and storage building at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory Kesselring Site. A modernized radiological work and storage building would streamline radioactive material handling and storage operations, permit demolition of aging facilities, and accommodate efficient maintenance of existing operating nuclear reactors. No spent

nuclear fuel would be handled or stored in any of the alternatives being considered. The potential environmental impacts associated with operations in the new facility or the alternatives is consistent with those already addressed in a previous Environmental Impact Statement associated with operations at the Kesselring Site, which concluded that impacts upon the environment would be small. Public comments to this draft EA must be received by April 9, 2012, to ensure their consideration in the preparation of the final EA and determination of whether a Finding of No Significant Impact or Environmental Impact Statement is appropriate.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 2, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC)

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Establishment of the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC) and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), and in accordance with Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 102-3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, and in accordance with the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1996 (NRA), and the Administrative Procedure Act, notice is hereby given that the ASRAC will be established for a two-year period.

The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters concerning the DOE's Appliances and Commercial Equipment Standards Program's (Program) test procedures and rulemaking process. Formation of this committee allows the Program to further improve the rulemaking process. The Committee provides advice and makes recommendations on the:

(1) Development of minimum efficiency

standards for residential appliances and commercial equipment, (2) development of product test procedures, (3) certification and enforcement of standards, (4) labeling for various residential products and commercial equipment, and (5) specific issues of concern to DOE, as requested by the Secretary of Energy, the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), and the Buildings Technologies Program Manager.

Additionally, the establishment of the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee has been determined to be essential to the conduct of the Department's mission and to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law and agreement. The Committee will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and rules and regulations issued in implementation of that Act, the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1996 (NRA), and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

This notice also requests nominations for members on the Committee, to ensure a wide range of member candidates and a balanced committee.

DATES: The deadline for nominations for members must be received on or before April 2, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The nominee's name, resume, biography, and any letters of support must be submitted in electronic format via email to asrac@ee.doe.gov. Any requests for further information should also be sent via email to asrac@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy is hereby soliciting nominations for members of the Committee. The Secretary of Energy will appoint approximately 25 Committee members. Members will be selected with a view toward achieving a balanced committee of experts in fields relevant to energy efficiency, appliance and commercial equipment standards, to include DOE, as well as representatives of industry (including manufacturers and trade associations representing manufacturers, component manufacturers and related suppliers, and retailers), utilities, energy efficiency/environmental advocacy groups and consumers. Committee members will serve for a term of three years or less and may be reappointed for successive terms, with no more than two successive terms. Appointments may be made in a manner that allows the terms of the members serving at any time to expire at spaced intervals, so as