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Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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To Interested Parties:

On July 23, 1993, the Department of Energy provided for your information a copy of the "Revised Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Reconfiguration of the Nuclear Weapons Complex." In the Revised Notice of Intent the Department stated that it would hold twelve public scoping meetings during September and October 1993 to enable the public to provide comments on the proposed scope of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS).

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the "Announcement of Public Scoping Meetings, Reconfiguration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement" that was published in the Federal Register on August 13, 1993. This announcement provides the location, date, and time for upcoming public scoping meetings.

The Department invites comments on the scope of this PEIS from all interested parties, including affected Federal, State and local agencies and Indian tribes.

Sincerely,

Howard R. Canter
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Weapons Complex Reconfiguration

Enclosure



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Announcement of Public Scoping Meetings, Reconfiguration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Announcement of public scoping meetings, programmatic environmental impact statement for reconfiguration of the nuclear weapons complex.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) will hold twelve public scoping meetings during September and October 1993 to enable the public to provide comments on the proposed scope of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being prepared for the Reconfiguration of the Nuclear Weapons Complex. Comments received by DOE will be considered in determining the issues to be addressed in the Reconfiguration PEIS. Notice of proposed changes in the scope of the Reconfiguration PEIS was given by DOE on July 23, 1993 (58 FR 39528). The changes proposed are a result of significant reductions in the nuclear weapons stockpile which have occurred since February 1991, when DOE originally announced its intent to prepare a PEIS for reconfiguring the nuclear weapons complex (56 FR 5590).

Through this notice, DOE again invites comments on the scope of the PEIS, announces the location, date and time for the public meetings, and provides the rules it will follow for conducting the meetings.

DATES: The dates on which each of the public scoping meetings will be held are given below. The public may give oral comments or submit written comments. The submission of a written text of oral comments is also encouraged. To ensure consideration, written comments, not submitted at the public scoping meetings, must be postmarked by October 29, 1993. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Addresses for the public meeting locations are provided below.

Written comments on the scope of the PEIS should be sent to: Howard Canter, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Weapons Complex Reconfiguration, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 3417, Alexandria, VA 22302, (202) 586-1300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CONTACT:

Requests for information on the DOE Nuclear Weapons Complex Reconfiguration Program, requests for copies of the Revised Reconfiguration

PEIS Implementation Plan (when available), and requests for copies of the PEIS or PEIS Executive Summary (when available) may also be requested from the above address.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Oversight, EH-25, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585, (202) 586-4600 or 1-(800)-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Invitation to Comment

The revised Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a PEIS for Reconfiguring the Nuclear Weapons Complex proposed changes in the PEIS scope reflecting the fact that the future nuclear weapons complex can be smaller and more integrated than previously envisioned in the original NOI. The changes also reflect the increased importance associated with stewardship of existing special nuclear materials that will or may be used in the future to meet national security requirements.

To ensure that the public's concerns and views on the proposed changes in the scope of the PEIS are fully considered, DOE solicits comments on the scope of the Reconfiguration PEIS from all interested individuals, organizations, and governmental entities at the Federal, state, and local levels including Indian tribes.

Public Scoping Meetings

DOE will hold public scoping meetings in Washington, D.C. and near each of the sites to be analyzed in the Reconfiguration PEIS. Each meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., with breaks from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. DOE may extend the evening sessions, depending on the number of persons wishing to speak.

During the time comments are being received, DOE representatives will also be available in a separate area at the meeting location to answer questions from members of the public.

DOE representatives will host an open house for all interested members of the public at each scoping meeting other than Washington, DC. These open houses will be held at the scoping meeting location from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the evening prior to the day oral comments are received. The purpose of the open houses will be to provide an additional opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of DOE representatives.

Registration

Persons wishing to present oral comments at the public meetings are asked to register. Registration may be done at the meetings on a first-come, first-serve basis as time permits. Registration is not required for the open house.

Preregistration for all meetings is encouraged and may be done by telephoning 1-800-683-0422. Preregistration requests will be taken for each meeting up until 5 p.m. on the Friday prior to the specific meeting. Written requests for preregistration may be mailed to: Robert Menard, Oak Ridge Associated Universities/EESD, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117, ATTN: Reconfiguration PEIS.

Rules of Conduct

DOE will retain a presiding officer to chair each meeting. The presiding officer will announce the order of speakers and any additional procedures necessary to conduct the meetings. DOE representatives may ask speakers to clarify their statements to assure that DOE fully understands a comment.

Preregistered speakers are requested to sign in at the meeting registration desk. Registered speakers will be given equal time to present their remarks (five minutes each). Elected officials wishing to speak for their constituencies are asked to identify their office when registering. People who wish to speak on behalf of an organization are asked to identify the organization when registering. It is requested that only one person officially represent an organization at any given meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the scoping meetings. Speakers are encouraged to provide a written text of their oral comments for the record.

Schedule of Public Scoping Meetings

Wednesday, September 8, 1993

Rocky Flats Plant

Ramada Hotel, 8773 Yates Drive,
Westminster, Colorado 80030, and

Hanford Site

Shilo Inn, 50 Comstock, Richland,
Washington 99352.

Wednesday, September 15, 1993

Los Alamos National Laboratory

Los Alamos Inn, 2201 Trinity Drive, Los
Alamos, New Mexico 87544, and

Albuquerque

Ramada Classic, 6815 Manual, NE.,
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110.

Wednesday, September 22, 1993

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Holiday Inn Livermore, 720 Las Flores
Road, Livermore, California 94550,
and

Washington, DC

National Guard Association of the United
States, Walsh Rekord Hall of States, 1
Massachusetts Avenue, NW.,
Washington, D.C. 20001.

Wednesday, September 29, 1993

Pantex Plant

Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan,
Amarillo, Texas 79101, and

Oak Ridge Reservation

Pollard Auditorium, 210 Badger Avenue,
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830-0117.

Wednesday, October 6, 1993

Savannah River Site

North Augusta Community Center, 495
Brookside Avenue, N. Augusta, South
Carolina 29841, and

West Broad YMCA, 1110 May Street,
Savannah, Georgia 31401.

Wednesday, October 13, 1993

Nevada Test Site

Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural
History at the UNLV Campus, 4505 S.
Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada
89154-4012,

Idaho Engineering Laboratory

Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls,
Idaho 83402.

Supporting Documents

DOE will prepare transcripts of the
scoping meetings and make these
available for public review. DOE will
issue a revised PEIS Implementation Plan
to provide up-dated information on how
the PEIS will be prepared in light of the
scoping changes. DOE will announce the
availability of the draft PEIS, when
completed, in the Federal Register, and

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will solicit public review and comment.
Comments on the draft will be considered
in preparing the final PEIS.

Copies of all transcripts, and copies of
other material related to the preparation
of the PEIS, will be made available for
public review at the DOE reading rooms
listed in the Revised NOI; reading rooms
are repeated here for the reader's
convenience.

California

U.S. Department of Energy, San
Francisco Operations Office, Public
Reading Room, 1301 Clay Street, room
700N, Oakland, California 94612-
5208, (510) 637-1762.

Colorado

U.S. Department of Energy, Rocky Flats
Public Reading Room, Front Range
Community College Library, 3645
West 12th Avenue, Westminster,
Colorado 80030, Attention: Will-ann
Lamsens, (303) 469-4435.

Florida

U.S. Department of Energy, Public
Reading Room, Largo Public Library,
351 East Bay Drive, Largo, Florida
34640, (813) 587-6715.

Idaho

U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho
Operations Office, Public Reading
Room, 1776 Science Center Drive,
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402, (208) 526-
9162.

Missouri

U.S. Department of Energy, Public
Reading Room, Red Bridge Branch,
Mid-Continent, Public Library, 11140
Locust Street, Kansas City, Missouri
64137, (816) 942-1780.

New Mexico-Albuquerque

U.S. Department of Energy, Public
Reading Room, National Atomic
Museum, 20358 Wyoming SE.,
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87185-
5400, Attention: Diana Zepeda, (505)
845-6670/4378.

New Mexico-Los Alamos

U.S. Department of Energy, Community
Reading Room, 1450 Central Avenue,
Suite 101, Los Alamos, New Mexico
87545, (505) 665-2127.

Nevada

U.S. Department of Energy, Nevada
Operations Office, 2753 South
Highland Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada
89193, (702) 295-1274.

Ohio

U.S. Department of Energy, Miamisburg
Library, DOE Public Reading Room,
35 South Fifth Street, Miamisburg,
Ohio 45342, (513) 866-1071.

South Carolina

U.S. Department of Energy Reading
Room, University of South Carolina,
Aiken Campus, 171 University
Parkway, Aiken, South Carolina
29801, (803) 641-3320.

Tennessee

U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge
Operations Office, Freedom of
Information Officer, 200
Administration Road, Room G-209,
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831, (615)
576-5765.

Texas

U.S. Department of Energy Reading
Room, Lynn Library/Learning Center,
Amarillo College, 2201 South
Washington Street, Amarillo, Texas
79109, (806) 371-5400.

Washington

U.S. Department of Energy, Public
Reading Room, Washington State
University, 100 Sprout Road, Richland,
Washington 99352, (509) 376-8583.

District of Columbia

U.S. Department of Energy, Freedom of
Information Reading Room, Room 1E-
190, Forrestal Building, 1000
Independence Avenue, SW.,
Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-
6020.

For information on the availability of
specific documents and hours of
operation, please contact the reading
rooms at the telephone numbers provided.

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of August, 1993.

Everet H. Beckner,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Defense
Programs.

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