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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 13, 2000, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 37229) inviting applications for one award under the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Education Program—National Research and Development Center. The purpose of this program is to support a national research and development center to conduct research on methods and techniques for identifying and teaching gifted and talented students and for using gifted and talented programs and methods to serve all students. The authorizing statute for the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Education Program does not specify a project period for this program. See the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. 8034 (2000) and the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. 7253 (2000 Supplement 1).

The notice inviting applications, consistent with 34 CFR 75.250, established a project period of five years. The project period for the Center, as established in its initial grant award, is from October 1, 2000 until September 30, 2005.

Under section 191 of the Education Sciences Reform Act, 20 U.S.C. 9581, IES is not subject to section 437(d) of the General Education Provisions Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232(d), and, for that reason, can waive 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(c)(2) without providing notice and an opportunity for public comment. Accordingly, IES waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(c)(2), which prohibit project periods exceeding five years and extensions of project periods that involve the obligation of additional Federal funds. The waiver of these provisions will allow IES to fund the current Center for an additional budget period of 12 months, from October 1, 2005 until September 30, 2006. This action is being taken in order to avoid

any lapse in research and related activities carried out by the Center while IES is conducting a competition for a new award under this program during fiscal year 2006.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the final extension of the project period and waiver would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The only entity that would be affected is the current Center.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This final extension of project period and waiver does not contain any information collection requirements.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Environmental Management

Notice of Preferred Sodium Bearing Waste Treatment Technology

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of time for comments.

SUMMARY: In response to a public request, the Department of Energy (DOE) announces an extension of time to submit comments on the preferred technology announced August 3, 2005 in the **Federal Register** Notice of Preferred Sodium Bearing Waste Treatment Technology (70 FR 44598) to September 21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the preferred technology may be submitted to Richard Kimmel, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 North Fremont, MS-1222, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83415 or via e-mail at Richard.Kimmel@nuclear.energy.gov.

DOE will consider any comments transmitted or postmarked by September 21, 2005 before issuing a Record of Decision on the Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental Impact Statement. Comments submitted after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for further information on the preferred technology should be addressed to: Richard Kimmel, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 North Fremont, MS-1222, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83415, Telephone (208) 526-5583, or via email at Richard.Kimmel@nuclear.energy.gov.

For further information on DOE's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 3, 2005, the DOE published a Notice of Preferred Sodium Bearing Waste Treatment Technology (70 FR 44598) which announced that comments on the preferred treatment technology should be submitted no later than 30-days from the date of publication of the notice. DOE is extending the time allowed for submittal of comments to September 21, 2005.

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Office of Environmental Management, NEPA Compliance Office.

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