

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Notice of Additional Public Hearing for the Draft Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement**

AGENCY: Office of Nuclear Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of additional public hearing.

SUMMARY: On October 17, 2008, DOE published a Notice of Availability and Public Hearings (73 FR 61845) for the *Draft Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (Draft GNEP PEIS, DOE/EIS-0396). That notice commenced a 60-day public comment period and provided the schedule for 13 public hearings to receive comments on the Draft GNEP PEIS. On December 10, 2008, DOE announced an extension of the public comment period by 90 days, *i.e.*, through March 16, 2009 (73 FR 75087). Today, DOE announces that an additional public hearing on the Draft GNEP PEIS will be conducted beginning at 7 p.m. on January 12, 2009, in the Town of Pahrump in Nye County, NV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct questions regarding the additional public hearing, requests for additional information, or requests for copies of the Draft GNEP PEIS, to Mr. Francis Schwartz, GNEP PEIS Document Manager, Office of Nuclear Energy (NE-5), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Questions also may be telephoned, toll free, to 1-866-645-7803.

For general information regarding the DOE NEPA process contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756. Additional information regarding DOE NEPA activities and access to many of DOE's NEPA documents are available on the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://www.gc.energy.gov/NEPA>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 17, 2008, DOE published a Notice of Availability and Public Hearings (73 FR 61845) for the *Draft Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (Draft GNEP PEIS, DOE/EIS-0396). That notice commenced a 60-day public comment period and provided the schedule for 13 public hearings to receive comments on the Draft GNEP PEIS. On December 10, 2008, DOE

announced an extension of the public comment period by 90 days, *i.e.*, through March 16, 2009 (73 FR 75087). DOE will consider comments received after this date to the extent practicable as it prepares the Final GNEP PEIS. Today, DOE announces an additional public hearing on the Draft GNEP PEIS to be held on January 12, 2009, at the Bob Ruud Community Center, 150 North Highway 160 in the Town of Pahrump in Nye County, NV.

An Open House will begin at 6 p.m., during which DOE officials will be available to discuss the Draft GNEP PEIS and answer questions. The public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. with a presentation by a DOE official followed by the receipt of oral comments from interested members of the public. Individuals who would like to present comments orally at the hearing must register upon arrival at the hearing. DOE will allot two to five minutes, depending upon the number of speakers, to each individual wishing to speak so as to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to speak. More time may be allotted by the hearing moderator as circumstances allow.

Written comments on the Draft GNEP PEIS should be submitted to Mr. Francis Schwartz, GNEP PEIS Document Manager, Office of Nuclear Energy (NE-5), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, by facsimile to 866-489-1891, or electronically through www.regulations.gov. Please mark correspondence "Draft GNEP PEIS Comments." Additional information on GNEP may be found at <http://www.gnep.energy.gov>.

The Draft GNEP PEIS and supporting references are available on the Internet at <http://www.gnep.energy.gov> and will be available in the public reading room at: Nuclear Waste Repository Project Office, 1210 E. Basin Road, Suite #6, Pahrump, NV 89060, Phone: 775-727-7727.

In addition, the Draft GNEP PEIS is available on the Internet at www.regulations.gov and on the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://www.gc.energy.gov/NEPA>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 17, 2008.

Dennis R. Spurgeon,

Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy.

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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 this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Atomic Testing Museum, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Rupp, Board Administrator, 232 Energy Way, M/S 505, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030. Phone: (702) 657-9088; Fax (702) 295-5300 or E-mail: ntscab@nv.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda:

1. DOE Presentation: Transuranic (TRU) Waste Update.
2. Sub-Committee Reports:
 - A. Environmental Management Public Information Review Effort Committee.
 - B. Outreach Committee.
 - C. Transportation/Waste Committee.
 - D. Underground Test Area Committee.
3. DOE Nevada Site Office Environmental Management Update.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Denise Rupp at the telephone number listed above. The request must be received five 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. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing to Denise Rupp at the address listed above or at the following Web site: <http://www.ntscab.com/MeetingMinutes.htm>.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 18, 2008.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

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), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, January 26, 2009, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; Tuesday, January 27, 2009, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Crowne Plaza Hotel, 130 Shipyard Drive, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29928.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Office of External Affairs, Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29802; Phone: (803) 952-7886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda:

Monday, January 26, 2009

1 p.m. Combined Committee Session.
5 p.m. Adjourn.

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

8:30 a.m. Approval of Minutes, Agency Updates, Public Comment Session, Chair and Facilitator Updates, Nuclear Materials Committee Report, Waste Management Committee Report, Public Comment Session.

12 p.m. Lunch Break.

1 p.m. Strategic and Legacy Management Committee Report, Facility Disposition and Site Remediation Committee Report, Administrative Committee Report, Public Comment Session.

4 p.m. Adjourn.

If needed, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda and administrative details. A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, January 26, 2009.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming's office at the address or telephone listed above. Requests must be received five 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. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Gerri Flemming at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.srs.gov/general/outreach/srs-cab/srs-cab.html>.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 19, 2008.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-29-000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Amendment Application

December 17, 2008.

On December 5, 2008, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT), pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, filed to amend its certificate. CEGT's application seeks authorization to install additional compressors at the Westdale and Vernon compressor stations located in Red River and Jackson Parishes, LA, respectively. The requested amendment (Phase IV) would increase Line CP capacity to 1.87 Bcf/d.

Questions concerning this application should be directed to Lawrence O. Thomas, Director—Rate & Regulatory, CEGT, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, or by calling (318) 429-2804.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the

Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.