

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 its intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a radiological work and storage building at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (KAPL) Kesselring Site in West Milton, New York. A new facility is needed to streamline radioactive material handling and storage operations, permit demolition of aging facilities, and accommodate efficient maintenance of existing nuclear reactors.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to provide comments on environmental issues and concerns relative to this notice of intent (NOI) and the scope of the EA, on or before September 30, 2011, to ensure full consideration during the preparation of the EA.

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 e-mail should be submitted to david.delwiche@nnp.doe.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. 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 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 NNPP proposes to construct a new radiological work and storage building to (1) Streamline radioactive material handling and storage operations, (2) permit demolition of aging facilities, and (3) accommodate efficient maintenance of existing operating nuclear reactors. Construction of a new facility is needed to ensure that the Kesselring Site continues to meet its mission to provide the Navy highly qualified personnel to operate its nuclear powered fleet of 11 aircraft carriers and 71 commissioned submarines in support of national defense.

The NNPP proposes to construct a new facility within the existing developed area at the Kesselring Site. The proposed EA will address and evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with operations in the new facility and demolition of existing aged radiological facilities at the Kesselring Site to provide space for the construction of a new facility. The NNPP proposes to evaluate three alternatives in the EA. These alternatives include:

Alternative 1—Build a new radiological work and storage building at the Kesselring Site.

Alternative 2—Build a temporary facility at the Kesselring Site.

No Action Alternative—Continue to use the existing facilities at the Kesselring Site.

The NNPP proposes to address the issues listed below when considering the potential environmental impacts of the proposed alternatives in the EA. This list is presented to facilitate public comment during the scoping period and is not intended to be comprehensive, or to imply any predetermination of impacts. Issues that will be addressed include:

- Potential biological impacts;
- Potential socioeconomic impacts/environmental justice;
- Potential impacts on water resources, including potential impacts on wetland areas;
- Potential impacts on cultural resources;
- Potential impacts to land use;
- Potential human health effects;
- Potential transportation impacts;
- Potential impacts on air quality;
- Potential impacts from waste management;
- Potential cumulative impacts;
- Compliance with applicable Federal and State regulations.

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John M. McKenzie,

Director, Regulatory Affairs, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Advisory Committee (ERAC)

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the ERAC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on the research, development, demonstration, and deployment priorities within the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770, requires that agencies publish notice of an advisory committee meeting in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Friday, September 23, 2011, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: San Mateo Marriott Hotel, 1770 South Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: erac@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on the research, development, demonstration, and deployment priorities within the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Tentative Agenda: (Subject to change; updates will be posted on <http://www.erac.energy.gov>):

- Updates from ERAC's Subcommittees.

- EERE Impact Assessments.

Public Participation: Members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the meeting and make oral statements during the specified period for public comment. The public comment period will take place between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. during the day of the meeting (Friday, September 23, 2011). To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, e-mail erac@ee.doe.gov. In the e-mail, please indicate your name, organization (if appropriate), citizenship, and contact information.

Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up for the Public Comment Period. Time

allotted per speaker will depend on the number of individuals who wish to speak but will not exceed 5 minutes. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The chair of the committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties and to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Participation in the meeting is not a prerequisite for submission of written comments. ERAC invites written comments from all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the committee, you may do so either by submitting a hard or electronic copy before or after the meeting. Electronic copy of written statements should be e-mailed to erac@ee.doe.gov.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at <http://www.erac.energy.gov>.

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Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Draft Toxicological Review of 1,4-Dioxane: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice of public comment period and listening session.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a 60-day public comment period and a public listening session for the external review draft human health assessment titled, "Toxicological Review of 1,4-Dioxane: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (EPA/635/R-11/003). New studies regarding the toxicity of 1,4-dioxane through the inhalation route of exposure are available that were not included in the 1,4-dioxane assessment that was posted on the IRIS database in 2010 (U.S. EPA, 2010). These studies have been incorporated into the previously posted assessment for review (U.S. EPA, 2010). The draft assessment was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within the EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD). EPA is releasing

this draft assessment solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This draft assessment has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. After public review and comment, an EPA contractor will convene an expert panel for independent external peer review of this draft assessment. The public comment period and external peer review meeting are separate processes that provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the assessment. The external peer review meeting will be scheduled at a later date and announced in the **Federal Register**. Public comments submitted during the public comment period will be provided to the external peer reviewers before the panel meeting and considered by EPA in the disposition of public comments. Public comments received after the public comment period closes will not be submitted to the external peer reviewers and will only be considered by EPA if time permits.

The listening session will be held on October 18, 2011, during the public comment period for this draft assessment. The purpose of the listening session is to allow all interested parties to present scientific and technical comments on draft IRIS health assessments to EPA and other interested parties attending the listening session. EPA welcomes the comments that will be provided to the Agency by the listening session participants. The comments will be considered by the Agency as it revises the draft assessment after the independent external peer review. If listening session participants would like EPA to share their comments with the external peer reviewers, they should also submit written comments during the public comment period using the detailed and established procedures described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The public comment period begins August 31, 2011, and ends October 31, 2011. Comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by October 31, 2011.

The listening session on the draft assessment for 1,4-dioxane will be held on October 18, 2011, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time or when the last presentation has been completed. To attend the listening session, interested parties should register no later than October 11, 2011. To present at the listening session, indicate in your registration that you

would like to make oral comments at the session and provide the length of your presentation. To attend the listening session, register by October 11, 2011 via e-mail at bcolon@versar.com (subject line: 1,4-Dioxane Listening Session), by phone: 703-750-3000, ext. 6727, or toll free at 1-800-2-VERSAR (ask for Betzy Colon, the 1,4-Dioxane Listening Session Coordinator), or by faxing a registration request to 703-642-6809 (please reference the "1,4-Dioxane Listening Session" and include your name, title, affiliation, full address and contact information). When you register, please indicate if you will need audio-visual equipment (e.g., laptop computer and slide projector). In general, each presentation should be no more than 30 minutes. If, however, there are more requests for presentations than the allotted time allows, then the time limit for each presentation will be adjusted. A copy of the agenda for the listening session will be available at the meeting. If no speakers have registered by October 11, 2011, the listening session will be cancelled, and EPA will notify those registered of the cancellation.

ADDRESSES: The draft "Toxicological Review of 1,4-Dioxane: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" is available primarily via the Internet on the NCEA home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Information Management Team (Address: Information Management Team, National Center for Environmental Assessment (Mail Code: 8601P), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 703-347-8561; facsimile: 703-347-8691). If you request a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the draft assessment title.

Comments may be submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, by e-mail, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

The listening session on the draft 1,4-dioxane assessment will be held at the EPA offices at Potomac Yard (North Building), Rm. 7100, 2733 South Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202. Please note that to gain entrance to this EPA building to attend the meeting, you must have photo identification and must register at the guard's desk in the lobby. The guard will retain your photo identification and will provide you with