

findings and draft recommendations from the Task Group “Applying Best Business Practices for Corporate Performance Management to DoD.”

*Meeting Agenda:*

12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m. Task Group Outbrief and Board Deliberations, “Applying Best Business Practices for Corporate Performance Management to DoD”

*Public’s Accessibility to the Meeting:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must contact Ms. Debora Duffy at the number listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013 to register and make arrangements for a Pentagon escort, if necessary. Public attendees requiring escort should arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance with sufficient time to complete security screening no later than 12:10 p.m. on April 25. To complete security screening, please come prepared to present two forms of identification and one must be a pictured identification card.

Dated: April 16, 2013.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for U.S. Navy F–35C West Coast Homebasing

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** A Notice of Availability for the Department of the Navy’s (DoN) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the U.S. Navy F–35C West Coast Homebasing was published in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on February 15, 2013 (78 FR 11171). The public review period ends on April 22, 2013. This notice announces an extension of the public comment period until May 7, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Attn: Code EV21.AK (F–35C EIS Project Manager), 1220 Pacific

Highway, Building 1, 5th Floor, San Diego, CA 92132.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces an extension of the public comment period until May 7, 2013. Comments may be submitted in writing to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Attn: Code EV21.AK (F–35C EIS Project Manager), 1220 Pacific Highway, Building 1, 5th Floor, San Diego, CA 92132 or electronically via the project Web site ([www.navyf35cwestcoasteis.com](http://www.navyf35cwestcoasteis.com)). All written comments must be postmarked or received (online) by May 7, 2013, to ensure they become part of the official record. All comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

A copy of the Draft EIS (with the Draft Clean Air Act Conformity Determination) is available for electronic viewing or download at [www.navyf35cwestcoasteis.com](http://www.navyf35cwestcoasteis.com). In addition, paper copies of the Draft EIS are available for public review at the following libraries:

1. City of El Centro Public Library, 1140 North Imperial Avenue, El Centro, California 92243.
2. City of Imperial Public Library, 200 West 9th Street, Imperial, California 92251.
3. Imperial County Free Library, Holtville Branch, 101 East 6th Street, Holtville, California 92250.
4. Imperial County Free Library, Heber Branch, 1078 Dogwood Road, Heber, California 92257.
5. Imperial County Free Library, Seeley Library Services provided at the Seeley Community Church, 1774 West Rio Vista Street, Seeley, California 92243.
6. Kings County Library, Lemoore Branch, 457 C Street, Lemoore, California 93245.
7. Kings County Library, Hanford Branch, 401 North Douty Street, Hanford, California 93230.
8. Fresno County Public Library, Central Library, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, California 93721.
9. Fresno County Public Library, Riverdale Branch Library, 20975 Malsbary Avenue, Riverdale, California 93656.
10. West Hills College Lemoore Library, 555 College Avenue, Lemoore, California 93245.

Dated: April 8, 2013.

**C.K. Chiappetta,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the *Draft Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement* (Mercury Storage SEIS, DOE/EIS–0423–S1) for public comment. As required by the Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 (hereafter referred to as “the Act”), DOE plans to identify a facility or facilities for the long-term management and storage of elemental mercury generated in the United States (U.S.) To this end, DOE issued the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury* (Mercury Storage EIS, DOE/EIS–0423, January 2011) to analyze reasonable alternatives, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for locating and developing such a facility. Subsequently, DOE identified three additional, reasonable alternative locations in the vicinity of its Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, NM. On June 5, 2012, DOE announced its intent to prepare a supplement to the Mercury Storage EIS and held a 30-day public scoping period. This Draft Mercury Storage Supplemental EIS (Draft Mercury Storage SEIS or Draft SEIS) considered all comments received during the public scoping period.

**DATES:** DOE invites public comment on this Draft Mercury Storage SEIS during a 45-day public comment period commencing with the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, and ending on June 3, 2013. In preparing the Mercury Storage SEIS, DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by that date. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** DOE will hold two public hearings during the public comment period. The dates, times and locations of the public hearings are as follows.

May 7, 2013

Open house 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Public hearing 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Skeen-Whitlock Building Auditorium

DOE, Carlsbad Field Office

4021 National Parks Highway

Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

May 9, 2013

Open house 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Public hearing 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Albuquerque Hotel  
1901 University Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.

Written comments not submitted during the public hearings may be mailed to:

Mr. David Levenstein, Document Manager, Office of Environmental Compliance (EM-11), U.S. Department of Energy, Post Office Box 2612, Germantown, Maryland 20874

Written comments may also be submitted via the Draft Mercury Storage EIS Web site at <http://mercurystorageeis.com/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request further information about the Draft Mercury Storage SEIS or the Mercury Storage EIS, or to be placed on the distribution list for the Final Mercury Storage SEIS, use either of the methods (mail or Web site) listed under **ADDRESSES**. The Draft Mercury Storage SEIS contains a Summary, all chapters, appendices and other text within one volume, and includes a CD ROM of the full Draft Mercury Storage SEIS and the full 2011 Mercury Storage EIS.

For general information concerning DOE's NEPA process, please contact:

Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-4600, by fax at (202) 586-7031, by email at [askNEPA@hq.doe.gov](mailto:askNEPA@hq.doe.gov) or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756. The Draft Mercury Storage SEIS is available on the Internet at <http://www.energy.gov/NEPA/> and on the project Web site at <http://mercurystorageeis.com/>.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-414) amends the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (15 U.S.C. 2605(f)) to prohibit the sale, distribution, or transfer by Federal agencies to any other Federal agency, any state or local government agency, or any private individual or entity, of any elemental mercury under the control or jurisdiction of a Federal agency (with certain limited exceptions). It also amends TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2611(c)) to prohibit the export of elemental mercury from the U.S. effective January 1, 2013 (subject to certain essential use exemptions). Section 5 of the Act, *Long-Term Storage*, amends the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6939f) and directs DOE to designate a facility or facilities for the long-term management and storage of

elemental mercury generated within the U.S.

To evaluate the range of reasonable alternatives for siting, constructing and operating a facility or facilities to meet its obligations under the Act, DOE prepared the Mercury Storage EIS in accordance with NEPA and its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508 and 10 CFR part 1021) and issued the Mercury Storage EIS in January 2011 (76 FR 5145). The Mercury Storage EIS and related NEPA documents are available at the Web sites listed under **ADDRESSES**. DOE estimated that up to approximately 10,000 metric tons of elemental mercury would need to be managed and stored at the DOE facility during the 40-year period of analysis. These estimates do not include approximately 4,400 metric tons of elemental mercury that the Department of Defense (DOD) stores at its facility in Hawthorne, Nevada.

##### **Purpose and Need for Action**

DOE's purpose and need for action remains unchanged from the 2011 Mercury Storage EIS. That is, DOE needs to designate a facility or facilities for the long-term management and storage of elemental mercury generated within the U.S., as required by the Act.

##### **Proposed Action**

As also stated in the 2011 Mercury Storage EIS, DOE proposes to construct one or more new facilities and/or select one or more existing facilities (including modification as needed) for the long-term management and storage of elemental mercury in accordance with the Act. Facilities to be constructed as well as existing or modified facilities must comply with applicable requirements of section 5(d) of the Act, *Management Standards for a Facility*, including the requirements of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), and other permitting requirements.

##### **Proposed Alternatives**

The January 2011 Mercury Storage EIS evaluated seven candidate sites for the facility or facilities, as well as a No Action Alternative as required under NEPA. The candidate sites are: DOE Grand Junction Disposal site near Grand Junction, Colorado; DOE Hanford site near Richland, Washington; Hawthorne Army Depot near Hawthorne, Nevada; DOE Idaho National Laboratory near Idaho Falls, Idaho (2 locations); DOE Kansas City Plant in Kansas City, Missouri; DOE Savannah River Site near Aiken, South Carolina; and Waste

Control Specialists, LLC, site near Andrews, Texas.

Since publication of the 2011 Mercury Storage EIS, DOE has reconsidered the range of reasonable alternatives evaluated in that EIS and on June 5, 2012, DOE announced its intent to prepare a supplement to the Mercury Storage EIS (77 FR 33204). DOE held two public meetings during a 30-day public scoping period and considered all comments received during that period in preparing this Draft SEIS.

The scope of this Draft Mercury Storage SEIS includes three locations for a long-term mercury storage facility at or near the WIPP site, which DOE operates for disposal of defense transuranic waste. The additional locations evaluated in the Draft Mercury Storage SEIS are in: Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 31 East within the land subject to the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act (Pub. L. 102-579) as amended; Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 31 East, in the vicinity of WIPP, but outside of the lands withdrawn by the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act; and Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 31 East, also outside of the lands withdrawn by the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act. Each of these locations is suitable for an above-ground storage facility and can take advantage of existing roads and other infrastructure.

DOE identified the Waste Control Specialists, LLC location near Andrews, Texas, as the Preferred Alternative in the 2011 Mercury Storage EIS. DOE has not changed its preferred alternative in the Draft Mercury Storage SEIS; however, the preferred alternative may or may not change as a result of public comment on this draft and further analysis in completing the Final Mercury Storage SEIS.

Among the potential health and environmental impacts evaluated in the Draft Mercury Storage SEIS is an evaluation of the potential cumulative impacts of constructing and operating a facility for long-term management and storage of elemental mercury with the ongoing and planned operations of WIPP for disposal of defense transuranic waste. The Draft Mercury Storage SEIS also considers the potential disposal of greater-than-Class C waste (*Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal of Greater-Than-Class C (GTCC) Low-level Radioactive Waste and GTCC-Like Waste* (DOE/EIS-0375, February 2011)), which included two separately identified locations at WIPP and the WIPP vicinity.

##### **Public Participation in the SEIS Process**

At each public hearing, DOE representatives will be available during

an open house to greet stakeholders and review presentational materials. Participants wishing to speak during each public hearing will be asked to register and will be given 10 minutes to speak, in the order in which participants have signed up. Once all those who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so, participants will be given additional time until time for the public hearings to conclude. A court reporter will record the proceedings at each public hearing.

DOE invites Federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments, and the general public to comment on the Draft Mercury Storage SEIS during the public comment period. DOE will consider all public comments on the Draft SEIS equally in preparing the Final Mercury Storage SEIS. Any comments received after the deadline will be considered to the extent practicable.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 16, 2013.

**Mark Gilbertson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-BC-0030]

#### Department of Energy's (DOE) Participation in Development of the International Energy Conservation Code

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DOE participates in the code development process of the International Code Council (ICC), which produces the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). DOE will continue to publish code change proposals for the IECC before submitting them to the ICC to allow interested parties an opportunity to provide suggested revisions, enhancements to and comments on DOE code change proposals. This notice outlines the process by which DOE produces code change proposals, and participates in the ICC code development process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeremiah Williams, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-2],

1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, Telephone: (202) 287-1941, Email: [jeremiah.williams@ee.doe.gov](mailto:jeremiah.williams@ee.doe.gov).

Kavita Vaidyanathan, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, Forrestal Building, Mailstop GC-71, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-0669, Email: [kavita.vaidyanathan@hq.doe.gov](mailto:kavita.vaidyanathan@hq.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) supports the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) by participating in the code development processes administered by the International Code Council (ICC). As a participant in this process, DOE considers and evaluates concepts to be submitted as proposed changes to the IECC ("code"). This Notice outlines the process by which DOE produces code change proposals, and participates in the ICC code development process. Note that, if approved through the ICC code development process, DOE's proposed changes would be contained in the next edition of the IECC.

##### A. Statutory Requirements

Title III of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended (ECPA), establishes requirements related to energy conservation standards for new buildings. (42 U.S.C. 6831-6837). Section 307 (b) of ECPA directs DOE to support voluntary building energy codes by periodically reviewing the technical and economic basis of the voluntary building codes, recommending amendments to such codes, seeking adoption of all technologically feasible and economically justified energy efficiency measures, and otherwise participate in any industry process for review and modification of such codes. (42 U.S.C. 6836(b))

##### B. Background

The IECC serves as a model building energy code and is adopted by many U.S. states, territories, the District of Columbia, and localities across the nation. Development of the IECC is administered by the ICC, with revisions taking place every three years under the ICC governmental consensus process. Any party can propose changes to the IECC with proposed code changes subject to the bylaws, policies and procedures as defined by the ICC.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/pages/default.aspx>.

## II. DOE's Participation in the ICC Code Development Process

As described above, under ECPA, one of the methods by which DOE supports the upgrade of voluntary building energy codes is through participation in the IECC development process. DOE participates in the ICC code development process by:

1. Developing code change proposals for submission to the ICC;
2. Gathering public input on DOE code change proposals from interested parties prior to submitting them to ICC;
3. Conducting necessary technical analyses to document the validity of DOE code change proposals; and
4. Participating in the ICC code development hearings.

##### DOE Proposal Development

DOE seeks to advance energy efficiency in the IECC by strengthening the code where cost-effective, and improving the criteria to be more easily understood, applied, implemented and enforced. Prior to submitting code change proposals to the ICC, DOE has and will continue to publish code change proposals that it has developed, along with documentation of concepts, for public review and comment at: <http://www.energycodes.gov/development>. This represents an opportunity for parties to provide information they wish DOE to be aware of during the evaluation of proposals for the IECC. Following the opportunity for public review and comment DOE will not provide responses to individual comments, but will consider any and all comments timely submitted in developing final code change proposals. Final proposals will be posted at the same web address for public viewing prior to submitting to the ICC.

##### DOE Technical Analysis

In developing concepts for submission to the ICC, DOE conducts a series of analyses to evaluate energy savings and economic impacts of potential code change proposals. As this analysis is completed, resources have been and will be published online, including: the DOE residential cost-effectiveness methodology, energy and economic assumptions, energy simulation models, investigations into special topic areas, and draft proposal language. Any interested party wishing to review or build-upon the DOE analysis can access it via the DOE Building Energy Codes Web site.<sup>2</sup>

DOE references all analysis and supporting documentation as required by the ICC. Analysis performed by DOE

<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.energycodes.gov/development>.