

and wetland areas to the extent practicable.

The SEIS will address those issues identified in the 1988 EIS as needing further site-specific review. These issues include (but are not limited to):

- Geologic conditions.
- Surface water runoff.
- Floodplain encroachment.
- Wetlands.
- Water quality and use.
- Ground water.
- Air quality.
- Noise and vibration.
- Waste disposal and transportation.
- Ecology, including threatened and endangered species.
- Health effects, including those caused by fire ants.
- Land use changes.
- Socioeconomic conditions.
- Scenic and visual resources.
- Cultural resources.

Under the current schedule, DOE intends to issue a draft of the SEIS in late summer 1990. Public review and comment on the draft will be invited at that time.

DOE plans to hold public hearings on the draft at a location near the Texas site. DOE intends to issue a final SEIS by late fall 1990, followed by a Record of Decision which will be issued no earlier than 30 days after EPA publishes a notice of the availability of the final SEIS.

DOE is compiling a mailing list of parties who may be interested in receiving the SEIS. The list includes applicable Federal, state and local agencies; potentially affected landowners; and national interest organizations. Individuals who would like to receive a copy of the draft SEIS should contact the DOE Energy Research Office, at the address given above as soon as possible.

Documents are available for inspection during normal office hours. For information on hours and availability, please contact the reading room or library.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 5, 1990.

Peter N. Brush,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health.

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Financial Assistance Award; Intent to Award Grant to the Puraq Co.

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of noncompetitive financial assistance award.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that pursuant to 10 CFR

600.7(b)(2)(D), it is making a financial assistance award under Grant Number DE-FG01-90CD15993 to the Puraq Company to assist in the "construction and operation of a 200-ton chiller for industrial applications and district cooling."

SCOPE: This grant will aid in providing funding in the amount of \$93,500 for continuation of construction of the 200-ton chiller to be constructed at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. The refrigeration industry is at a crosswalk because of impending restrictions on the production of Freon refrigerants, which are destructive to the atmosphere's ozone layer and which constitute the working fluids for most refrigeration applications. Much research and development is underway to identify and evaluate suitable alternatives to Freon. The Puraq process does not use Freon which contributes very significantly to its market potential. The Puraq system is non-corrosive, providing for maintenance-free operations.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility for this award is being limited to the Puraq Company. Dr. Leon Lazare owns the invention and will be the custom designer of this or any other refrigeration absorption facilities based on the invention. Mr. Gerry Gonyea, resident engineer assigned by Clarkson University has been in charge of plant engineering for 40 years. It has been determined that this project has high technical merit representing an innovative technology that has a strong possibility of adding to the national energy resources.

The term of this grant shall be for 18 months from the effective date of award.

Thomas S. Keefe,

Director, Contract Operations Division "B", Office of Procurement Operations.

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Financial Assistance Award to the Yakima Indian Nation

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office.

ACTION: Notice of intent to make a noncompetitive financial assistance award.

SUMMARY: The DOE, Richland Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division in accordance with 10 CFR 600.7(b)(2), gives notice of its plan to award a noncompetitive grant to the Yakima Indian Nation (YIN). Under the terms of the award, the YIN will conduct activities related to the protection of YIN treaty rights which may be impacted by activities

associated with DOE's environmental restoration activities at the Hanford Site. This award implements elements of the DOE Five-Year Plan recognizing DOE's commitment to the participation of affected Indian tribes in the planning and implementation of the Five-Year Plan.

DOE has determined that award on a noncompetitive basis is appropriate because the recipient is a unit of government and the activities to be supported are related to the performance of governmental functions within the jurisdiction of that unit of government, thereby precluding DOE provision of support to another entity. Since the award relates to agreements and treaties already made between the United States Government and the YIN, it would clearly be inappropriate for DOE to consider funding any other entity to be responsible for carrying out these activities. DOE and the YIN will negotiate the final amount of the grant, which will not exceed \$341,000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcia N. Roske, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99352, Telephone: (509) 376-7265.

Robert D. Larson,

Director, Procurement Division, Richland Operations Office.

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Office of Fossil Energy

National Petroleum Council; Open Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 88 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: National Petroleum Council.

Date and Time: Thursday, June 28, 1990, 9 a.m.

Place: The Madison Hotel, Doiley Madison ballroom, 15th & M Streets, NW., Washington, DC.

Contact: Margie D. Biggerstaff, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-1), Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: 202/586-4895.

Purpose: To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and gas or the oil and gas industry.

Tentative Agenda

- Call to order by Lodwick M. Cook, Chairman, National Petroleum Council.
- Remarks by Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret), Secretary of Energy.
- Guest Speaker.
- Status report of the NPC Committee on Emergency Preparedness.

- Consideration of administrative matters.
- Discussion of any other business properly brought before the National Petroleum Council.
- Public comment (10-minute rule).
- Adjournment.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The chairperson of the Council is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement with the Council will be permitted to do so, either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Margie D. Biggerstaff at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation on the agenda.

Transcripts: Available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room, room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC., between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC., on June 8, 1990.

J. Robert Franklin,
Deputy Advisory Committee, Management
Officer.

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[FE Docket No. 90-13-NG]

Kimball Energy Corp.; Order Granting Blanket Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.

ACTION: Notice of an order granting a blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice that it has issued an order granting Kimball Energy Corporation (Kimball) blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada. The order issued in FE Docket No. 90-13-NG authorizes Kimball to import from Canada, using existing facilities, up to 75 Bcf of natural gas for short-term and spot sales over a two-year term beginning the date of first delivery. The order would extend Kimball's existing blanket import authority granted in DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 190 issued August 19, 1987.

A copy of the order is available for inspection and copying at the Office of Fuels Programs Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, (202) 586-9478. The Docket room is open

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, June 5, 1990.
Clifford P. Tomaszewski,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, for Fuels
Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.
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Certification of the Radiological Condition of Eighteen Vicinity Properties Located in Colonie and Albany, NY

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of certification.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy has completed radiological surveys and undertook a decontamination research and development project to decontaminate 18 properties in Colonie and Albany, New York. The properties were found to contain quantities of radioactive material from uranium processing activities conducted at the former National Lead (NL) Industries Plant. Decontamination was completed under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). Excavated contaminated materials are being stored at the original manufacturing plant site, now referred to as the Colonie Interim Storage Site (CISS). Radiological conditions at the properties are certified to be in accordance with applicable radiological guidelines for the protection of the public or property occupants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James J. Fiore, Acting Director, Decontamination and Decommissioning Division, Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (EM-423), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20545, 301-353-2802.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, has implemented a decontamination research and development project (the project) in the Albany and Colonie, New York, area. This project initially was authorized by Congress in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1984. Congress extended this authorization in the Energy Water Development Appropriation Acts for subsequent fiscal years. The ultimate objective of the project is to ensure that any properties contaminated as a result of activities at the former National Lead

(NL) Industries facility can be certified to be within current applicable radiological guidelines for the protection of the public or property occupants.

Colonie Interim Storage Site (CISS) is a DOE Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) site located in the Town of Colonie, New York, at 1130 Central Avenue. It is approximately 6.44 km (4 mi.) northwest of downtown Albany and about 4.83 km (3 mi.) southeast of the Village of Colonie. Central Avenue runs along the northeastern side of the CISS property; the Conrail main line and a railroad siding border it on the southern side. Residential properties lie beyond the railroad. Most of the 4.53-ha (11.2-acre) CISS was occupied by the former NL Industries, Inc., property and buildings formerly used by NL to manufacture a variety of projects from depleted uranium. The remaining 0.81 ha (2 acres) of the site, donated to DOE by the Niagara-Mohawk Power Corporation in 1985, lie to the west of the original property. Land use in the vicinity of CISS is primarily industrial and residential.

During the 1950s, NL began manufacturing uranium products at its Colonie plant, operating under a license issued by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) a statutory predecessor of DOE. Between 1958 and 1968, NL held numerous AEC contracts for the fabrication of slightly enriched (in the uranium-235 isotope) uranium fuel elements and chemical processing of nonirradiated, slightly enriched uranium scrap. After termination of the AEC contracts, work at the NL plant was limited to fabrication of shielding components, ballast weights, and projectiles from depleted uranium.

On February 15, 1980, the New York Supreme Court issued an order temporarily restraining NL from operating its Colonie facility because the facility released uranium compounds into the air. The temporary restraining order was amended on May 12, 1980, to allow NL to continue operating on a limited basis. The amended order also required the company to initiate an independent investigation to assess all adverse environmental conditions in soils and on properties in the vicinity of the facility that may have been caused by the airborne discharge of radioactive particulates from the plant. Operations at the plant were halted in the spring of 1984. These "vicinity properties" were included as part of FUSRAP by DOE after Congress initially authorized DOE in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1984