

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

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Honorable James D. Watkins
Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

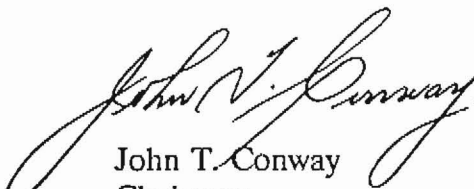
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The Board will publish this recommendation in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,


John T. Conway
Chairman

Enclosure

RECOMMENDATION TO THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
pursuant to Section 312(5) of the
Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: May 17, 1990

The Board has been reviewing a number of safety issues related to plutonium processing operations at the Rocky Flats Plant. The reviews have been directed toward ensuring adequate protection of public health and safety, and involve consideration of actions that should be taken in the short term (that is, before resumption of operations), and actions to be taken in the long term, or after resumption of operations.

With regard to long term safety improvements, the Board believes that a specific program and process should be developed at the Rocky Flats Plant to assure proper evaluation and coordination of the facility changes under consideration. Experience with programs which involve similar matters, such as the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Systematic Evaluation Program (SEP) for evaluating older facilities against current standards, has demonstrated the importance of assuring that there is a mechanism for systematically reviewing, prioritizing, and integrating various potential facility changes. For example, at the Rocky Flats Plant it is important that there be a balanced approach taken concerning the criteria for improving the seismic resistance of safety equipment, and the criteria for improving seismic resistance of the building housing such equipment. The effects of other external events, such as a severe wind loading or potential flooding problems, and related design improvements also should be considered in an integrated manner to ensure that a balanced and integrated level of safety is achieved. Also, it would be useful to consider in the same integrated fashion, the safety issues regarding a comparison of existing facility design features with those required by commercial criteria and standards, such as fire protection, as well as the impact of expected new criteria and standards, such as life extension. Use of an integrated program also would permit appropriate emphasis to be placed on improving defense in depth as a means for enhancing safety at the plant. To the extent reasonable, consideration of probabilistic results may be useful in assisting in the integration process.

The process for conducting such a systematic and integrated review needs to be flexible to accommodate the levels of protection to public health and safety appropriate to the differing operations carried out in the various buildings at Rocky Flats. We suggest that the Department of Energy take full account of the methodology and the experience developed by the commercial power reactor industry under the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's SEP for dealing with similar issues.

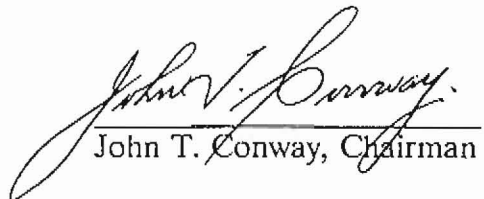
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mean that the structures and equipment are now inadequate or unsafe because of these developments; rather, it means that it may be appropriate over the long run to improve these structures and equipment on a systematic basis, taking into account the cost of the improvements, the length of time the Rocky Flats Facility will continue to be operated, and other relevant factors. In this connection, it appears that a backfit policy applicable to the Rocky Flats Plant will need to be established in order to provide a framework for making decisions on which of the facility changes identified under this new program will or will not be implemented.

Considering the current status of the Rocky Flats Plant and the benefits associated with a systematic evaluation program in ensuring that public health and safety continue to be adequately protected, the Board recommends that a Systematic Evaluation Program be developed and implemented at Rocky Flats Facility commencing as soon as practicable and completed over about the next four years. The program should permit appropriate emphasis to be placed on improving defense in depth at the facility. We recommend that this Rocky Flats SEP address all outstanding current safety issues and include, but not be limited to, consideration of the following items:

- Effects of severe external events, with particular emphasis on seismic events and high winds;
- Effects of severe internal events, with particular emphasis on fire;
- Ventilation system performance under severe external and internal events, including redundancy considerations;
- Interaction of equipment and structures due to severe internal and external events; and
- The basis and procedures for making backfit decisions on which of the facility changes identified under the new program will or will not be implemented and, where appropriate, the schedule for completion of these improvements.

The Board wishes to be informed on a timely basis of the progress in developing the program and process for conducting the Rocky Flats SEP.


John T. Conway, Chairman

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 136 and Executive Order 9397.

PURPOSE(S):

For collection and maintenance of essential personal information concerning members of the DoD National Media Pool. Information is used to issue Media Pool Press Pass, orders, arrange foreign country clearances and visas, and determine individual's suitability/preparedness for deployment with the media pool.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

See the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of OSD's listing of system notices.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**STORAGE:**

Maintained in file folders.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Retrieved by name, bureau or organization.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are accessed by authorized personnel with an official need-to-know who have been trained for handling Privacy Act information.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Cut off annually, and kept in office for 5 years. Files are then transferred to the Washington National Records Center for 25 years. They are then offered to the National Archives for permanent retention after 25 years.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS(ES):

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), Directorate for Plans, room 2D757, Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1400.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves must address written inquiries to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), Directorate for Plans, room 2D757, Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1400.

The request should contain individual's full name, individual's Social Security Number, and bureau or organization where employed.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

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CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Office of the Secretary of Defense rules for accessing records and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction No. 81, "OSD Privacy Program"; 32 CFR part 286b; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Accreditation and other questionnaires and forms completed by the individual and information provided by the individual's employer or bureau.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.
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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

[Recommendation 90-5]

Systematic Evaluation Program at Department of Energy's Rocky Flats Plant, CO

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Notice; recommendation.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board has made a recommendation to the Secretary of Energy pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286a concerning a systematic evaluation program at DOE's Rocky Flats Plant, CO. The Board requests public comments on this recommendation.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning this recommendation are due on or before June 25, 1990.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning this recommendation to:

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board,
600 E Street, NW., Suite 675,
Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth M. Pusateri, at the address above or telephone 202/376-5083, (FTS) 376-5083.

Dated: May 18, 1990.

Kenneth M. Pusateri,
General Manager.

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Appendix—Transmittal Letter to the Secretary of Energy

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Office of Information Resources Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 25, 1990.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Jim Houser, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, N.W., room 3208, New Executive

Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to George P. Sotos, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George P. Sotos (202) 732-2174.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3517 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations.

The Acting Director, Office of Information Resources Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following:

(1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Frequency of collection; (4) The affected public; (5) Reporting burden; and/or (6) Recordkeeping burden; and (7) Abstract. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from George Sotos at the address specified above.

Dated: May 18, 1990.

George P. Sotos,

Acting Director, for Office of Information Resources Management.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: Evaluation of State Vocational Rehabilitation Activities in Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation.

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: State or local governments.

Reporting Burden:

Responses: 756. Burden Hours: 1051.

Recordkeeping Burden:

Recordkeepers: 0. Burden Hours: 0.

Abstract: The purpose of this study is to determine the constellation of services that best contribute to the rehabilitation of alcohol and drug