

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

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May 4, 1990

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

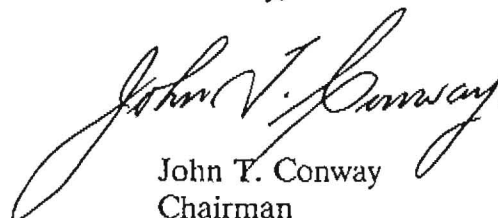
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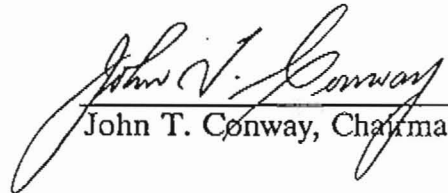
Sincerely,



John T. Conway
Chairman

Enclosure

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

Dated: May 3, 1990

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Several of these contractor activities, which would ordinarily be conducted in sequential manner, are being carried forward concurrently. Because of the interdependence of these activities, the Board has not yet been able to predict their adequacy at the time of proposed resumption of plutonium processing operations. For example, at the time of our most recent visit, no training lesson plans had been approved and less than one-third had been submitted for review. Training materials that were reviewed contained extensive on-the-job examination and performance requirements leading to requalification. This process will be time-consuming.

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We recommend that the group constituted to carry out the readiness review be composed of experienced individuals and that their backgrounds collectively include all important facets of the unique operations involved. We recommend the review include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- o Independent assessment of the adequacy and correctness of process and utility systems operating procedures. Consistent with the contractor's operating philosophy, these procedures should be in sufficient detail to permit the use of the "procedural compliance" concept.
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placed in a traffic denial status will be automatically returned to the traffic distribution record (TDR) at the end of the traffic denial period, with an administrative score of 90, with no further review of their performance file.

F. Letters of Warning

Letters of Warning shall be issued using DD Form 1814. Letters of Warning will not be issued for each Tender of Service violation. The purpose of the Letter of Warning will be to note an unacceptable trend or performance problem. The Letter of Warning will serve as a formal warning and will normally precede a Letter of Suspension. At the TO's request, the Letter of Warning may require a written response from the carrier. However, a TO may issue a Letter of Suspension without prior letter of warning when, in the judgment of the TO, immediate suspension is necessary to protect the interests of the DOD.

G. Suspensions

1. The TO shall issue a Letter of Suspension (DD Form 1814) to the carrier before taking suspension action. The TO should consider the overall performance of the carrier and the effectiveness of any corrective action before issuing a suspension. Suspensions will apply to through Government bills of lading traffic as follows; HHG (Codes 1 and 2); international through Government bills of lading HHG (Codes 4, 5, 6, and T); or UB (Codes 7, 8, and J). The TO will allow the carrier a 20-calendar day response period from the date of the Letter of Suspension before effecting the suspension. TOs may book shipments with the carrier until the effective date of the suspension if the pickup date does not fall within the projected suspension period. No shipments will be booked with the carrier during the suspension period.

2. All suspensions will be for a minimum of 30 days. Lifting of the suspension, and return to the TDR, will require evidence adequate to convince the TO that the cause of the suspension has been corrected. If the TO determines that the carrier's response is not adequate, the TO shall notify the carrier in writing within 21 days the corrective action was not acceptable and the carrier will remain in suspension status.

3. Should a carrier fail to provide adequate evidence of effective corrective action within 90 days of the effective date of the suspension, the TO will provide the carrier a "Notice of Intent to Return the LOI." The carrier will be advised that failure to respond within 30

days from the date of the notice will result in automatic return of the LOI and notification made to HQMTMC.

4. Grounds for a regular suspension include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Failing to meet the agreed upon pickup date as specified on the Government Bill of Lading (GBL).

(b) Failing to meet the required delivery date (RDD), or a pattern of shipments that miss the RDD.

(c) Failure to correct a deficiency noted in a Letter of Warning.

(d) Service failure as determined by selective or excessive unjustified shipment refusals, or turnback of shipments.

5. A carrier has the right to appeal a suspension imposed by the TO. The appeal shall be postmarked not later than 45 days from the date of the notification of suspension. The TO's response to the carrier's initial appeal shall be forwarded not later than 45-calendar days from the postmarked date of the carrier's letter of appeal.

Kenneth L. Denton,

Alternate Army Liaison Officer With the Federal Register.

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Corps of Engineers

Department of the Army

Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement

To prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on a permit application for the discharge of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States near Lakeside, Oregon.

LEAD AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, has accepted an application for a permit under section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the Coos County Urban Renewal Agency. Their proposed work includes placement of a water level control facility and pump station in Tennille Creek near the mouth of Tennille Lake, and construction of a pipeline to convey water withdrawn from the creek to the vicinity of Coos Bay, Oregon. The purpose of the work is to supply water for future industrial development in the Coos Bay area, including potential development on land on the North Spit of Coos Bay currently

administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Several preliminary pipeline alignments have been developed by the applicant. The applicant's preferred alignment runs through the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, administered by the U.S. Forest Service. Alternative pipeline alignments will be studied in detail in the DEIS, as will alternative water control facility designs and pipeline intake locations, the effects of increased water level elevations on wetlands bordering Tennille Lake, and the effects of potential North Spit industrial development on wetlands located there.

EIS scoping will formally commence in April, 1990, with the issuance of a public notice containing a draft outline of alternatives and potential effects which will be discussed in the DEIS. Federal, State and local agencies, Indian tribes, and interested organizations and individuals will be asked to comment on the draft outline and to identify significant issues related to the effects of the alternatives. Appropriate cooperating agencies will also be identified during the end agency review in December 1990. The final EIS is scheduled for publication in June 1990.

ADDRESSES: Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by Judy Linton, (503) 328-6096 or (FTS 423-6096), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory and Resource Branch, P.O. Box 2946, Portland, Oregon 97208-2946.

Dated: April 18, 1990.

Charles E. Cowan,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers Commanding

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

[Recommendation 90-4]

Operational Readiness Review at the Department of Energy's Rocky Flats Plant, CO

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Notice; proposed recommendation.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board has made recommendations to the Secretary of Energy pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286a, concerning operational readiness review at DOE's Rocky Flats Plant, CO. The Board requests public comments on these recommendations.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the recommendations are due on or before June 11, 1990.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the recommendations to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 600 E Street, NW., Suite 875, Washington, DC 20004.

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

Dated: May 4, 1990.

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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 11, 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, 725 Jackson Place, NW., 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, SW., Room 5824, Regional Office Building B, Washington, DC 20202.

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.