

1600 South 25th East
Idaho Falls, Idaho
Open House: 5 p.m.
Workshop Starts: 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

College of Southern Idaho
315 Falls Ave., Taylor Building
Twin Falls, Idaho
Open House: 5:30 p.m.
Workshop Starts: 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Please submit all comments to Alan Jines, P.E., U.S. DOE–Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested persons may obtain information by contacting: Alan Jines, (208) 526–7524; Fax: (208) 526–8789; E-mail: jinesa@id.doe.gov, or by mailing a request to the address above. Please also contact Mr. Jines in advance if you need: special accommodations at this meeting such as an American Sign Language or Spanish translator.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In October 2002, DOE issued the *Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Final Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS–0287) (EIS). The EIS examined the potential environmental impacts of various alternatives for treating certain liquid and solid radioactive wastes stored at the INEEL. The wastes include about 1 million gallons of sodium-bearing waste in underground storage tanks and 4,400 cubic meters of high-level waste calcine resulting from 40 years of spent nuclear fuel reprocessing at the INEEL.

The State of Idaho was a cooperating agency in the preparation of this EIS. Although DOE and the State of Idaho identified different preferred alternatives for waste processing, the two parties agree the ultimate objective is to treat sodium-bearing waste and dispose of the treated waste outside of Idaho.

The Final EIS identified DOE's preferred alternative, which is to select appropriate technologies and construct facilities necessary to prepare sodium-bearing waste for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, New Mexico. To implement its preferred alternative, DOE will continue proof of process and demonstration-scale testing of the four technologies that appear most likely to meet the performance criteria which include effectiveness, technical maturity, risk, cost, schedule, and safety. The four technologies are: (1) Calcination; (2) Steam Reforming; (3) Direct Evaporation and (4) Cesium Ion Exchange. Selection of another technology or option analyzed in the EIS is not precluded if these four

technologies fail to meet performance criteria or if a new, more promising technology is identified.

DOE issued the Final EIS after extensive public involvement that included eight hearings in four states on the Draft EIS; a 90-day public comment period; and consideration of over 900 comments. DOE expects to announce its decisions in phases, with each phase of the EIS Record of Decision addressing specific activities. DOE expects to select a technology for the treatment of sodium bearing waste in an EIS Record of Decision scheduled for early 2004. DOE hereby invites the public to participate in evaluating the technologies being considered for the treatment of sodium-bearing waste.

Copies of the EIS

Interested individuals may view the Final EIS on the Department of Energy—Idaho Operations office Web site at <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/eis/>.

Issued in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on this 3rd day of March, 2003.

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Acting Manager, Idaho Operations Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7462–5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; “Clean Air Act Section 608–National Refrigerant Recycling and Emissions Reduction Program”

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): “National Recycling and Emissions Reduction Program,” *EPA ICR Number:* 1626.08, *OMB Control Number:* 2060–0256, expiration date—07/31/2003. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 9, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Follow the detailed instructions in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Julius Banks, Global Programs Division, U.S. EPA (6205J), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; phone: (202) 564–9870; facsimile: (202) 566–2155; Email address: banks.julius@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number OAR–2003–0018, which is available for public viewing at the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the OAR Docket is (202) 566–1741. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select “search,” then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 60 days of this notice, and according to the following detailed instructions: Submit your comments to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by email to a-and-r-docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation, Mail Code 6102T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as