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RESTRICTIONS

P1 National security classified information [(a)(1) of the PRA].

P2 Relating to appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA].

P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA].

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P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA].

P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA].

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B1 National security classified information [(b) (1) of the FOIA].

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B6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA].

B7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA].

B8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(9) of the FOIA].

B9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA].

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WEEK ENDING: MARCH 04, 1993
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT

NAME OFFICE	DATE RECEIVED	TIME	RECEIVED BY
MONDA G. EYE (ING)	4A-257	03/02/93	4:33 P. SEISER
DOCTOR ALESSI	4C-014	03/03/93	5:54 O. BARNETT
RONEL V. MIRANDA		03/03/93	3:58 P. SEISER
ROBERT L. SAN MARTIN (ING)	6C-016	03/03/93	7:17 C. STOVER
MICHAEL WISNIEWSKI (ING)	7B-136	03/03/93	6:22 A. VANZEGO
LIZABETH SMOLEY	4A-139	03/03/93	11:20 P. SEISER
HERET H. BECKNER (ING)	4A-014	03/03/93	4:03 P. SEISER
MARK B. WHITAKER (ING)	2H-025	03/03/93	NO REPORT
PETER BRUSH (ING)	7A-097	03/03/93	4:15 A. VANZEGO
MARRY A. PETTIE (ING)	2H-027	03/03/93	2:13 O. BARNETT
AUL D. GRIMM (ING)	7A-049	03/03/93	NO REPORT
ITO STAGLIANO (ING)	7C-015	03/03/93	6:23 A. VANZEGO
WILLIAM HAPPER	7B-058	03/03/93	5:16 O. BARNETT
JERRY F. THOMPSON (ING)	5B-148	03/03/93	4:45 P. SEISER
ACK BIEGEL (ING)	4C-034	03/03/93	1:08 P. SEISER
ERIC J. FYGI (ING)	6A-245	03/03/93	6:16 A. VANZEGO
BORGE BREZNEY	6A-078	03/03/93	2:21 P. SEISER
	6A-083	03/03/93	10:33 P. SEISER
LORIA B. SMITH (ING)	7A-145	03/03/93	5:03 O. BARNETT
DSON E. BROLIN (ING)	5A-115	03/04 93	8:32 P. SEISER

S/P-IVVE BLUSH	7A-113	03/01/93	3:42	P. SEISER
C/SCHNEIDER		03/03/93	4:20	P. SEISER
E/GEN. JAMES HICKFORD	7C-034	03/03/93	3:29	G. BARNETT
A/CAROL D. DRURY (ACTING)	8G-087	03/03/93	6:05	P. SEISER
R/BERTON J. ROTH (ACTING)	5B-080	03/03/93	3:15	P. SEISER
W/LAKE H. BARRETT (ACTING)	5A-085	03/03/93	5:01	P. SEISER
A/GEORGE L. MCPADDEN	4K-093	03/02/93	3:56	P. SEISER

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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March 04, 1993

**TO: THE SECRETARY
SECRETARIAL OFFICERS
MANAGERS, DOE FIELD OFFICES
ADMINISTRATORS, POWER MARKETING
ADMINISTRATIONS**

The weekly status reports are attached.

March 2, 1993

Director of Administration and Management, AD-1

Weekly Status Report to the Secretary

o Secretarial Excellence Initiative

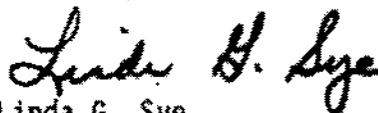
The Office of Personnel conducted a meeting of DOE Headquarters training coordinators on February 23 to announce the "Secretarial Excellence Initiative" pilot program. This pilot, derived from the Office of New Production Reactors' Secretarial Excellence Institute, has been designed to assess the feasibility of conducting a Headquarters-wide training program which will enhance the professional skills of DOE's secretarial and clerical work force as well as foster career development and mobility. The first class of the pilot program will be conducted on March 16. (T. Dirks, 6-5610)

o Honorary Awards Nominations

The Office of Personnel, on behalf of the Department, submitted the following nominations for honorary awards:

The Western Area Power Administration's Ruth A. Johnson for the Federal Engineer of the Year Award. This program is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers.

The San Francisco Field Office's Robert W. Hughey for a National Public Service Award. This program is sponsored by the American Society for Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration. (T. Dirks, 6-5610)



Linda G. Sye
Acting Director for Administration
and Management

March 3, 1993

WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF ARMS CONTROL AND NONPROLIFERATION

The Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation has no input for the week ending March 3, 1993.

Victor E. Alessi

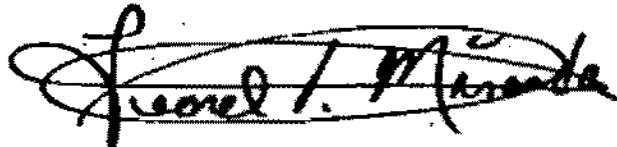
Victor E. Alessi
Director
Office of Arms Control
and Nonproliferation
Office of the Secretary

March 3, 1993

WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION

Small Business Export Opportunity

The House Small Business Export Subcommittee is concerned that the Lisbon Initiative, an NE project involving safety training for Soviet designed nuclear power plants, has adequate small business participation. Since the project is coordinated among up to 24 NATO and European Community nations, selection of contractors may involve other organizations. BU-1 will continue to work with Brookhaven National Laboratory, which is managing the selection process, to encourage small business participation. (Brenda DeGraffenreid, BU-1, 254-8592)



Leonel V. Miranda, Director
Office of Small and Disadvantaged
Business Utilization

March 3, 1993

Weekly Report for Conservation and Renewable Energy

Near Term Activities

- RFP Issued for Federal Fleet Conversions. On February 26, DOE issued a request for proposals (RFP) to convert Federal vehicles to operate on natural gas and propane. Approximately 2,000 vehicles will be converted in FY 1993, with additional conversions in FY 1994. The conversions will help the government meet the Energy Policy Act provisions which require that 5,000 alternative-fuel vehicles be acquired in FY 1993. The RFP encourages conversion companies to team with fuel providers to bid a package proposal that offers conversions and a refueling infrastructure at the lowest possible price. (D. Rodgers, CE-33, 6-7182)
- Carnot-Ericsson Science and Technology Awards to be Announced. The announcement soliciting nominations for the 1993 Sadi Carnot Award in energy conservation and the John Ericsson Award in renewable energy, will be made this month. The Awards are granted by the Department for outstanding achievement in research, development, or application of energy conservation or renewable energy technologies. Each award consists of a citation, a gold medal, and \$10,000. (M. Pitt, CE-54, 6-9114)
- WAP Final Rule. The long-awaited Weatherization Assistance Program Final Rule is scheduled for publication in the Final Register on March 4. (G. Reamy, CE-532, 6-2204)
- ERIP Success Story. David Hicks, inventor, will demonstrate his invention, "Alter Brake System," at the Society of Automotive Engineers Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Detroit this week. The Alter Brake is an electrical generating and battery charging system for automobiles that is driven by vehicle momentum during braking, thus reducing engine power output and increasing gasoline mileage. The Alter-Brake System was developed under CE's Energy-Related Inventions Program (ERIP) with a grant of \$56,438. Mr. Hicks will offer to license his technology at the Exhibition. (G. Ellis, CE-521, 6-1507)
- Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) Powered School Buses. CE staff will meet with executives from Ryder Truck Rental and Conoco to plan a fleet test demonstration of 40-50 Ford/Bluebird LPG-powered school buses. The demonstration site will likely be St. Louis, MO., since Ryder leases a considerable number of buses there, and Conoco has a major propane facility nearby. DOE will support data acquisition operations and also emission measurements using the West Virginia University Transportable Emissions Laboratory. (J. Russell, CE-332, 6-8038)
- Transportation Fuel Cell Status. Arthur D. Little, Inc., will begin Phase II of its research and development contract to design and fabricate a system which will supply hydrogen to a 10-kW fuel cell by reforming natural gas and ethanol. A system to store hydrogen on-board a fuel cell vehicle will also be designed and fabricated. The cost-

shared, Phase II effort will be completed in 18 months. At the same time, a competitive procurement is underway to develop and fabricate a proton-exchange-membrane (PEM) fuel cell system using hydrogen fuel stored on-board the vehicle. This cost-shared procurement is consistent with the Department's National Program Plan for Fuel Cells in Transportation and the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Section 2026) to develop a hydrogen storage system for electric vehicles powered by fuel cells. (S. Chalk, CE-321, 6-3388)

- **Interagency Energy Management Task Force Meeting.** The Interagency Energy Management Task Force will hold its next meeting on March 4, at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Working groups will report on the status of Energy Policy Act activities, including training, energy saving performance contracting, water conservation initiatives, the Federal building survey, Federal energy efficiency options, alternative-fuel vehicles, and life-cycle costing in leasing. Representatives from the Departments of Defense, Commerce, Agriculture, Interior, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Affairs, the General Services Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Postal Service will attend. (R. Klimkos, CE-44, 6-8287)
- **GAO Investigates Federal Energy Saving Activities.** Responding to a letter from Senator John Glenn, the Seattle General Accounting Office has scheduled an entry conference on March 9, on its assignment to determine the level of energy saving activities in three Federal departments (Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration). (M. Ginsberg, CE-44, 6-1211)

Completed Activities

- **Geothermal Director Honored by Stanford University.** Dr. John E. Mock, Director of CE's Geothermal Division, was the 1993 recipient of the Stanford University Annual Recognition Award for his "dedicated service to and leadership of the United States and world geothermal community."
- **Commercialization of CE R&D.** CE's biological and chemical research and development program has contributed to the development of five new companies that now employ over 400 U.S. workers. The five companies include: Alkermes, Inc., which specializes in enzyme engineering to produce value-added products for the pharmaceutical and food industries; Optifood Ingredients, an enzyme engineering company that produces products for the food industry; Exogene Corporation, an R&D company that is marketing a patented enzyme in the pharmaceutical and specialty chemical markets; Affymax, an R&D company marketing various biotechnology synthesis capabilities in the agricultural and pharmaceutical industries; and Molecular Simulations, Inc., which specializes in molecular modeling and is a leading developer and supplier of software tools for the research community. CE's \$21M R&D investment has resulted in over \$60M in salaries and benefits now being returned annually to the economy. (D. Boron, CE-232, 6-0080)

SUPPORT OFFICES

- **Geothermal Heat Pump Teleconference.** On March 3, the second in a series of three teleconferences on geothermal heat pumps will be held at over 85 downlink sites nationwide. This two-hour teleconference is designed for Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning dealers and contractors. (Curt Carlson, Dallas Support Office, 214/767-7248)
- **Nebraska Energy Office Buys Down Retrofit Loans.** Oil overcharge money (\$14.46M) in Lincoln, NE, funded the Dollar and Energy Saving Loan Program. Under this unique program, Nebraska citizens receive 5 percent loans for residential, commercial, and local government energy efficiency improvements. The loans are processed with commercial lending institutions at market rates and the Nebraska Energy Office buys a portion of the loan principal amount to bring the interest rate to the borrower down to 5 percent. (Kansas City Support Office)

POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

Near Term Activities

- **WAPA: Interim Accident Report Issued.** Unorthodox piloting of a Western Area Power Administration aircraft and significant flaws in the management systems overseeing the aircraft's operation may have contributed to the plane crash December 18, in Billings, MT, said Accident Investigation Board members in their February 25 interim report. The aircraft crashed on final approach to the Billings Airport, after returning from Watertown, South Dakota. Five Western Area Power Administration Federal employees and three contractors were killed in the crash.

While Western Area Power Administration's board examined the management systems leading up to the accident, the probable cause of the crash (which will include the technical reasons for the accident) will be addressed in the National Transportation Safety Board's report. Their report is due out later this year. (Joel Bladow, WAPA, 6-5581)

Issue for the Secretary

- **DOE/DARPA Diesel Engine Initiative.** The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has indicated an interest in having CE manage its diesel engine initiative. The initiative is part of DARPA's support for dual use technologies to assist job formation and/or retention as Defense contracts are cut. DARPA has chosen to start in FY 1993 by accelerating development of the low emissions, high efficiency diesel

engine concepts already being developed under CE contracts. DARPA has invested \$20M in FY 1993 diesel engine activities and plans to spend considerably more in FY 1994. The diesel engine manufacturers recommended to DARPA that DOE manage this program. (J. Fairbanks, CE-322, 6-8066)



Robert L. San Martin
Acting Assistant Secretary
Conservation and Renewable Energy

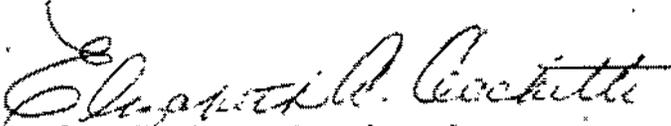
Weekly Status Report
Office of Congressional, Intergovernmental,
and Public Liaison
March 4, 1993

CURRENT EVENTS

- March 2 The Secretary met with Representative Butler Derrick (D-South Carolina) to discuss the Savannah River site and other defense-related issues.
- March 4 The Secretary met with Senator Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska) to discuss various issues concerning the Department and the State of Alaska.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 9 The Secretary will meet with Senator John Glenn (D-Ohio) and Representative Tony Hall (D-Ohio) to discuss the future of the Mound Facility.
- March 10 The Secretary will meet with Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-Illinois) to discuss the tax package regarding coal and nuclear.
- March 12 The Secretary will meet with Senator J. Bennett Johnston (D-Louisiana) to discuss the President's Economic Stimulus Package, Tax Package, and the Department's FY 1994 Budget.
- March 17 The Secretary will have courtesy meetings with the following Members of Congress:
- Senator Ernest Hollings (D-South Carolina)
Senator John Warner (R-Virginia)
Senator Kent Conrad (D-North Dakota)
Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-New Jersey)


Elizabeth A. Cecchetti
Acting Assistant Secretary
Congressional, Intergovernmental
and Public Liaison

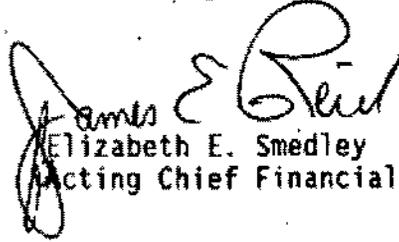
memorandum

DATE: March 3, 1993
REPLY TO: CR-1
ATTN OF:
SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report

TO: Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat, AD-30

The Office of Chief Financial Officer has no items for the Weekly Activity Report.

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Cornwell on 6-3524.


Elizabeth E. Smedley
Acting Chief Financial Officer

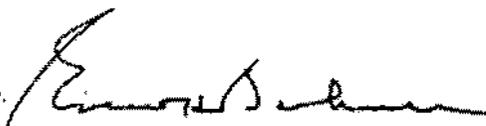
WEEKLY STATUS REPORT
Office of Defense Programs

March 3, 1993

Environmentally Conscious Manufacturing Conference - The Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation, an electronics industry consortium, will host a conference, "Environmental Consciousness: A Strategic Competitiveness Issue for the Electronics and Computer Industry" on March 10-11, 1993. The conference is sponsored in part by Defense Programs, and will include SEMATECH, Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. industry. Speakers will include Senators Bingaman and Domenici, and Representative George Brown. (Gray Hall, Defense Programs, 202-586-4149)

New Model CRADA Language. Negotiations between DOE and the U.S. microelectronics industry are rapidly approaching closure on model CRADA language tailored to that industry. Closure will yield CRADA language which is pre-approved by DOE, and greatly facilitate the CRADA negotiation and approval process. (Gray Hall, Defense Programs, 202-586-4149)

Environmental Assessment for Interim Storage of Pits - The Environmental Assessment is currently being reviewed by State of Texas officials. Partial comments from the Texas Governor's Office were received on March 1, 1993. The State asked for another extension until March 16 for the remainder of their comments, and we will accommodate their request. (Sandra Chavez, Defense Programs, 301-903-8200)



Everet H. Beckner
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Defense Programs

March 3, 1993

Weekly Report of the Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB).

- o The Secretary's response to Recommendation 93-1, Standards Utilization in Defense Nuclear Facilities, is due to the Board on March 13, 1993.
- o Board Members A.J. Eggenberger and Herb Kouts will visit Los Alamos National Laboratory from March 17-19, 1993, to discuss nuclear criticality issues.



Mark B. Whitaker
Acting Departmental Representative
to the Defense Nuclear
Facilities Safety Board

March 3, 1993

WEEKLY REPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH

Items for the Secretary

FUTURE

- o Medical Mission to the Marshall Islands. March 8-April 2, 1993 - The Department of Energy will conduct its spring 1993 medical mission to the Marshall Islands. Health surveillance will be conducted for the Marshall Islands people exposed to radioactive fallout during above-ground nuclear testing. Control group surveillance will be conducted on the islands of Mejjatto, Utirik, Majuro, and Ebeye. Health Care Plan physicians will join the Department's physicians on the islands and will provide sick call for the nonexposed Marshall Islands people. (R. Thomas Bell, EH-411, 3-3889)

- o Western Area Power Administration Accident Investigation Report. The Office of Environment, Safety and Health is initiating its review of the Accident Investigation Report prepared by Western Area Power Administration as a result of a crash killing eight on December 18, 1992, at Billings Montana. This review will address the adequacy of the accident investigation process, actions required by the judgement of needs and lessons learned for the Department's Aviation Safety oversight program. In this connection, the first Department-wide Aviation Operations Workshop will be conducted next week. The purpose of the workshop is to develop an upgraded Department of Energy aviation program. (R. Barber, EH-33, 3-3477)


Peter N. Brush
Acting Assistant Secretary
Environment, Safety and Health

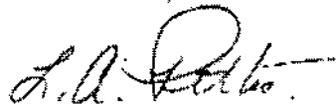
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Weekly Activity Report for the Energy Information Administration

CURRENT

o Energy Consumption Data

EIA has released a quick-print version of the report Household Energy Consumption and Expenditures, 1990, and its associated Supplement: Regional. This report provides information on household energy expenditures by many characteristics including geographic region, income category, fuel type, and participation in supplemental income programs. In conjunction with the preliminary EIA Residential Transportation Energy Consumption data released earlier in the January 1993 Monthly Energy Review, this is the most up-to-date consumption data available for those interested in issues related to energy taxes. (L. Carlson, EI-63, 6-1112)



L. A. Pettis
Acting Administrator

memorandum

DATE: March 4, 1993
REPLY TO: EM-3
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SUBJECT: Weekly Status Reports (Ref: Your Memo, 1-27-93)
TO: Director of Executive Secretariat, AD-30

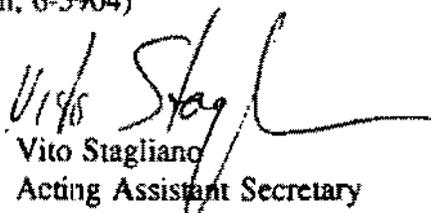
The Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management has no topics that warrant inclusion in the agency's weekly status report to the White House.

Nancy M. Ghahadi
for

Paul D. Grimm
Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental
Restoration and Waste Management.

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICY WEEKLY REPORT
MARCH 3, 1993

- SENATE HEARINGS ON FERC IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY POLICY ACT. On March 4, the Senate Energy Committee will hold a hearing on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's implementation of Energy Policy Act provisions under its jurisdiction. Policy staff will attend the hearing. (D. Meyer, 6-5735)
- MEETINGS ON FEDERAL ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE PURCHASES. Automobile industry representatives met with DOE Policy and program office staff to discuss DOE plans to increase Federal purchases of alternative fuel vehicles. Follow-up meetings will be held in Detroit with Ford, GM and Chrysler. DOE, GSA, DOT and EPA staff would be invited to attend. Policy and program office staff are developing an agenda for these meetings to discuss warranties for natural gas powered vehicles, emission standards, safety standards, vehicle range and the types of vehicles the Federal government is most interested in acquiring. In addition, House Energy and Commerce Committee staff have requested meetings with Policy and program office staff on this issue. (C. DiFiglio, 6-4444)
- REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM. Policy staff is reviewing "Technology for America's Economic Growth, A New Direction to Build Economic Strength" and will be preparing a summary identifying major issues, impacts on DOE's missions, goals, and functions, and roles for the Policy Office. (A. Walls, 6-0756)
- INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY MEETING. The Committee on Energy Research and Technology of the International Energy Agency will hold a meeting in Paris, March 9-10. (H. Jaffe, 6-6777)
- U.S.-JAPAN ENERGY COOPERATION. The High-Level Working Group and High-Level Advisory Panel for the U.S.-Japan Agreement on Science and Technology will be meeting April 29-May 3. Working level preparations for the meetings are underway. (K. Berry, 6-5900)
- U.S.-VENEZUELAN ENERGY COOPERATION. The Joint Steering Committee managing the DOE-Venezuelan Ministry of Energy and Mines Agreement for cooperation in energy R&D is scheduled to meet in Maracaibi, Venezuela on March 4-5. The Committee will discuss the proposed 5-year extension to the existing agreement. This bilateral cooperation has been of mutual benefit and has focused on enhanced oil recovery, oil exploration and development, and energy efficiency. (M. Soliman, 6-5904)


Vito Stagliano
Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Domestic and International
Energy Policy

March 3, 1993

Weekly Report for the Office of Energy Research/Science and
Technology Advisor

- Hearing on Uranium-Atomic Vapor Laser Isotope Separation Suit: On March 12, 1993, the next round of hearings in the suit against the Department of Energy concerning the Uranium-Atomic Vapor Laser Isotope Separation Facility at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is scheduled to begin in Federal District Court in San Francisco. Attorneys for the plaintiffs have prepared new briefs which they plan to enter into the record. The suit was filed against the Department of Energy in 1992 to force preparation of a full Environmental Impact Statement rather than the Environmental Assessment. (S. Brechbill, SF, 510/273-4359)
- Meeting with Director of the National Transportation Systems Center: On March 17, 1993, Dr. Richard John of the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center will meet with Dr. William Happer to discuss technology transfer and R&D cooperation. (R. Lewis, ST-40, 202/586-6864)
- Inter-Governmental Environmental Task Force Meeting: On March 15-16, 1993, the chairs of the Environmental Task Force, which is comprised of representatives from the Central Intelligence Agency, the Departments of Energy and Defense, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will brief Congressional and Administration representatives, and finalize its report which recommends areas and near-term projects which are applicable to the Department of Energy. (F. Carey, ST-60, 202/586-0998)

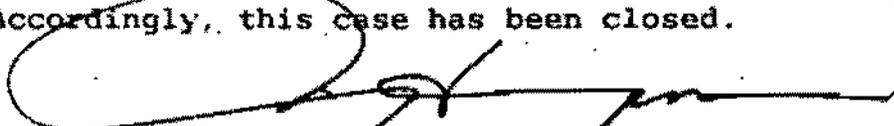
William Happer

William Happer
Director
Office of Energy Research/
Science and Technology Advisor

March 3, 1993

Weekly Report of the Economic Regulatory Administration (RG)

- o On February 11, 1993, in Cantro Petroleum Corp. v. DOE, Cantro filed a Notice of Appeal to the Federal Circuit Court. The firm disputes the Office of Hearings and Appeals' denial of its claim for refunds in a proceeding conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 205, Subpart V.
- o On February 22, 1993, in Atlantic Richfield Company v. United States, the U.S. Supreme Court denied ARCO's petition for certiorari in this declaratory judgment action. Accordingly, the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeal's decision upholding DOE's refusal to permit ARCO to refile, in 1989, its costs for the 1973-81 period of price controls is now final. ARCO had sought to reallocate its costs in order to avoid liability in a private lawsuit in which a class comprised of ARCO wholesale customers alleged that they had been overcharged.
- o In Great Lakes Carbon Corp. v. DOE, an appeal to the federal district court from the Office of Hearings and Appeals' denial of plaintiff's application for a refund in a crude oil refund distribution proceeding. Shortly after the case was filed, it was remanded to the Office of Hearings and Appeals for further consideration of refund eligibility standards. On February 4, 1993, the Office of Hearings and Appeals issued a final order granting plaintiff's application as an end user of approximately 10 million gallons of refined petroleum products (specifically, petroleum coke), which mooted the lawsuit. The parties filed a stipulation of dismissal with the court on February 17, 1993. Accordingly, this case has been closed.



Jay F. Thompson
Acting Administrator
Economic Regulatory Administration

March 3, 1993

WEEKLY REPORT FOR FOSSIL ENERGY

Items Recommended for Cabinet Attention

- o None

Current

- o **GAS INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS MEETING**

On March 2, the Offices of Fossil Energy, Conservation/Renewables, and Energy Research held the first of a new series of information exchange meetings with gas industry representatives. The meeting focused on the industry's recommendations for the agency-wide FY94 natural gas program. (Jack Siegel, FE-1, 586-1650).

- o **NATURAL GAS-TO-LIQUIDS PATENT**

In our program to develop new markets for natural gas, a Morgantown Energy Technology Center researcher has received a patent for a novel catalyst that provides the highest yield of ethane and ethylene of any methane conversion catalyst worldwide (according to published reports at the time of the filing). (Thomas F. Bechtel, Morgantown Energy Technology Center, 304/291-4511).

Future

- o **DATES SET FOR RECIPROCAL THAI TOUR OF ADVANCED COAL USE FACILITIES**

Royal Thai Government and the Generating Authority of Thailand will send officials to the U.S. on April 17-30 to observe several coal technologies in operation. The trip follows a Department of Energy/Environmental Protection Agency trip to Thailand in January to assess health and environmental damage and potential technological controls that could be applied to the Mae Moh coal-fired power facility. The trip could be a very important marketing opportunity for U.S. vendors. (Sun W. Chun, Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center, FTS 412/892-6122)

Status of Congressional Investigations/GAO Reviews

- o None



Jack S. Siegel
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Fossil Energy

WEEKLY REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

March 3, 1993

Current

- o In Independent Guard Association of Nevada v. O'Leary (D. Nev.), an action for declaratory and injunctive relief challenging the validity of a DOE safety order concerning the Personnel Assurance Program, the court granted our motion for summary judgment. The court held that the safety order is exempt from the notice and comment provisions of the APA since it involves a program required for the proper conduct of DOE's military functions, *i.e.*, researching and testing nuclear weaponry. (D. Davis, GC-22, 586-4645)
- o In Atlantic Richfield v. United States (Fed. Cl.), an action seeking recovery of over \$64 million for alleged unconstitutional takings as a result of exception relief granted to the 341 Tract Unit, the court entered an order dismissing the case for lack of jurisdiction. (T. Kemp, GC-22, 586-5550)
- o In Day v. NLO (6th Cir.), a class action lawsuit on behalf of workers at the Fernald plant against DOE's former M&O contractor, the defendants filed their reply brief in support of their petition for writ of mandamus challenging the district court's intention to hold an "open" summary jury trial. The court of appeals has not yet scheduled argument on the petition. In the district court, trial on the merits is set to begin on September 20, 1993. (A. Fingeret, GC-21, 586-5678)

Upcoming

- o In United States v. Andrus (D. Idaho), an action in which the State seeks to enjoin shipments of any type of spent nuclear fuel to INEL until DOE prepares an EIS meeting the State's specifications, the court has set the following schedule: Idaho's motion for summary judgment is due March 5, 1993; our cross-motion for summary judgment is due March 19, 1993; Idaho's reply is due April 2, 1993; and our reply is due April 16, 1993. A hearing on the cross-motions is set for May 6, 1993. (R. Henderson, GC-22, 586-8706 and J. Schlaifer, GC-22, 586-8709)
- o In Heart of America v. Westinghouse Hanford Co. (E.D. Wash.), an action against DOE and Westinghouse, the M&O contractor at the Hanford site, alleging violations of the Clean Water Act and CERCLA reporting requirements, and requesting declaratory and injunctive relief and civil penalties, a hearing on the motions to dismiss filed by DOE and Westinghouse is scheduled for March 8, 1993. (A. Capoferri, GC-22, 586-8135)
- o In Energy Research Foundation v. O'Leary (D.S.C.), a suit to compel DOE to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the restart of the HB-Line plutonium processing facility at the Savannah River Site, our response to the plaintiff's complaint is due March 8, 1993. (A. Capoferri, GC-22, 586-8135)

- o In Tri-Valley Citizens v. DOE (N.D. Cal.), an action under NEPA to compel the preparation of an EIS for the proposed plant-scale demonstration of Uranium Atomic Vapor Laser Isotope Separation technology, oral argument on the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment has been rescheduled for March 12, 1993. (M. Urie, GC-21, 586-9505)
- o In Hanford Nuclear Reservation Litigation (E.D. Wash.), consolidated class action suits against past and present Hanford M&O contractors seeking damages for emissions of radioactive and hazardous materials from the plant, the court has scheduled a status conference for March 15, 1993. In addition, the parties have filed a joint motion to extend general discovery through December 1993. (A. Fingeret, GC-21, 586-5678)
- o In Cook v. Rockwell International Corp. (D. Colo.), a class action tort suit against DOE's former M&O contractors at Rocky Flats brought on behalf of local property owners, the court has scheduled oral argument for March 15, 1993, on (a) the plaintiffs' appeal from the order of the Chief Magistrate granting DOE's motion to quash the plaintiffs' subpoena; and (b) on the defendants' motion to dismiss the plaintiffs' complaint pursuant to Rules 11 and 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure due to the plaintiffs' failure to respond to discovery orders requiring them to describe the factual bases for their claims. (A. Fingeret, GC-21, 586-5678)
- o In Friends of the Earth, Inc. v. O'Leary (E.D. Tenn.), a citizen suit under the Clean Water Act alleging violations of NPDES permit limits at Oak Ridge, our response to the plaintiffs' reply memorandum in support of their motion for summary judgment is due March 15, 1993; and a hearing is scheduled for March 22, 1993. (A. Capoferri, GC-22, 586-8135)

Status of Congressional Investigations/GAO Reviews - None

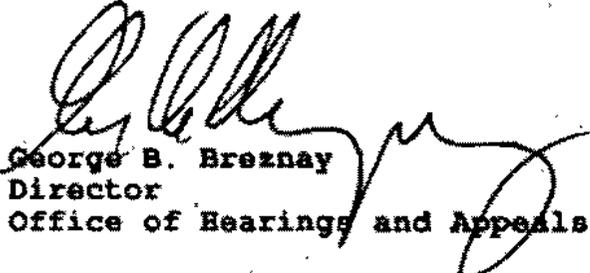


Eric J. Fygi
Acting General Counsel

March 3, 1993

Weekly Report for Office of Hearings and Appeals

- o Nothing significant to report.



George B. Breznay
Director
Office of Hearings and Appeals

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March 3, 1993

Office of Intelligence (IN)

Weekly Status Report to the Secretary

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- o Request for National Foreign Intelligence Program Budget. The Office of Intelligence is preparing Volume 8 of the Director, Central Intelligence FY 1994 congressional budget request for the National Foreign Intelligence Program. This is prepared annually by IN in coordination with the Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation (AN), pursuant to Executive Order 12333 dated December 4, 1981. [REDACTED]

FUTURE

- o Intelligence Training. IN will conduct a training course on nuclear weapons dismantlement and proliferation at the Pantex plant, March 30-April 1, 1993. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Acting Director
Office of Intelligence

March 3, 1993

Weekly Report of the Office of Minority Economic Impact (MI)

CURRENT

Bank Deposit: Financial Assistance Program (BDFAP)

- o The March expansion of the BDFAP will result in placing additional deposits of \$16,300,000 in qualified minority financial institutions. This will make \$153,235,000 that the Department has in these institutions across the nation. The Department of Treasury has also inquired about the operation of the BDFAP in connection with the Administration's community development bank initiative.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

- o MI has compiled the Department's FY 1994 Annual Plan for HBCUs. The report summarizes each Departmental Element's planned awards to HBCUs into an Agency report, which was submitted to the Secretary for approval prior to being sent to the White House Initiative Office on HBCUs.

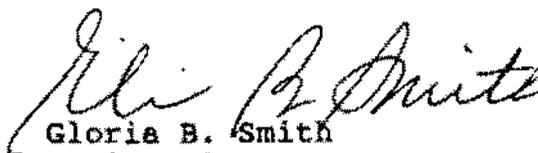
The planned awards for FY 1994 are \$25,681,689. This represents 3.4 percent of the total budget for all Institutions of Higher Education.

FUTURE

- o Secretary O'Leary has accepted the United Negro College Fund's (UNCF) invitation to receive its highest honor, the Frederick D. Patterson Award, on March 11, 1993, in New York City.

STATUS OF CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS/GAO AUDITS

- o Nothing to report.



Gloria B. Smith
Acting Director
Office of Minority Economic Impact

March 3, 1993

Weekly Report for the Office of Nuclear Energy

- o Meeting With the National Academy of Sciences. On March 8, E. C. Brolin will meet with the National Academy of Sciences' Separation Technology and Transmutation System panel to discuss the basis for the Advanced Liquid Metal Reactor and actinide recycle system cost estimates. This presentation was requested by the panel. (D. Nulton, NE-2, 586-6450)

- o Province of Alberta and the Idaho Department of Commerce. A Canadian trade mission representing various business interests in the Province of Alberta and representatives of the Idaho Department of Commerce will visit the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory March 11-12. The objective of the visit is to determine potential areas for collaboration with the laboratory. Focus will include biotechnology, bioprocessing, geotechnologies, and oil and gas recovery research. (C. Nichols, Idaho Field Office, 208-526-1432)



E. C. Brolin, Acting
Assistant Secretary
for Nuclear Energy

March 3, 1993

Weekly Report for the Office of Nuclear Safety

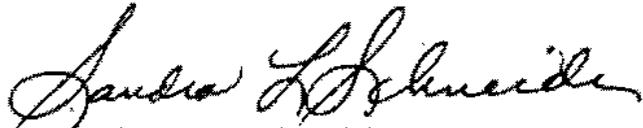
The Office of Nuclear Safety has no input for this week's report.


Steven M. Blush
Director
Office of Nuclear Safety

March 3, 1993

WEEKLY REPORT OF OFFICE OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE PROTECTION

The Office of Contractor Employee Protection has no input for the week ending March 3, 1993.

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Sandra L. Schneider
Director, Office of Contractor
Employee Protection

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING AND OPERATIONS

March 3, 1993

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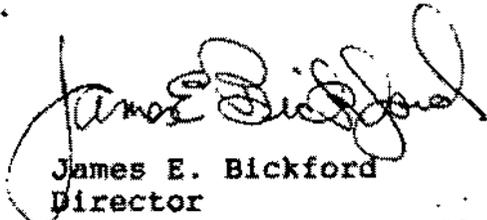
- o PLANNING MEETING FOR STATE EMERGENCY SEMINARS. The Office of Emergency Planning and Operations staff conducted a State seminar planning session in Des Moines, Iowa on February 25 in preparation for an upcoming regional energy emergency exercise. This exercise, tentatively scheduled for June 16-17, will be attended by Iowa energy and emergency management staff and appropriate industry representatives. (J. Phipps, OE-322, 6-1366; S. Aviles, OE-322, 6-8651)
- o NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ENERGY OFFICIALS. The Office of Emergency Planning and Operations staff will attend the National Association of State Energy Official's annual conference in Arlington, Virginia, Monday, March 1-3, 1993. This conference provides a forum for State Energy Officials to discuss a variety of State energy issues. DOE staff will also provide State Energy Officials with a tour of the DOE's Emergency Operation's Center. (J. Phipps, OE-322, 6-1366)
- o NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
The Director, Office of Emergency Planning and Operations, addressed the National Emergency Management Association in Arlington, Virginia on Tuesday, March 2, 1993. This annual conference is comprised of State Emergency Directors who discussed various emergency preparedness issues. A briefing and tour of the DOE Emergency Operations Center was conducted. (J. Phipps, OE-322, 6-1366)

STATUS OF CONGRESSIONAL/GAO REPORTS

- o Nothing to report.

DEPUTY SECRETARY INITIATIVES

- o Nothing to report.


James E. Bickford
Director
Office of Emergency Planning
and Operations

March 3, 1993

Director of Public Affairs, PA-1

Weekly Status Report to the Secretary

CURRENT/FUTURE

- o Fusion Energy Advisory Committee - The Fusion Energy Advisory Committee will meet in the Germantown auditorium March 4 and 5. Trade press are expected to attend.
- o Waste Management 1993 Conference - The Waste Management 1993 conference will take place February 28 - March 4 in Tucson, Arizona. Representatives from Radioactive Waste (RW) will be presenting papers, including Yucca Mountain Project Manager, Carl Gertz and Strategic Planning and International Affairs Director Tom Isaacs. Paul Grimm, Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, will speak on the Future of the Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Program. This is an international event with an audience of 1100 expected. Media expected. A public tour for meeting participants is scheduled for March 5.
- o Meeting - Secretary O'Leary will meet with Alirio Parra, Minister of Energy and Mines of Venezuela, and the current President of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on March 5. Media interest expected
- o Interview - Howard Canter, Deputy Assistant for Weapons Complex Reconfiguration, will be interviewed on March 5, by Earl Lane, of Newsday, on plutonium disposition and current reconfiguration status.
- o Editorial Board - Secretary O'Leary will meet with the Editorial Board of the Washington Post on March 8.
- o CRADA Ceremonies - On Wednesday, March 10, Secretary O'Leary will participate in two Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) signings between DOE and the private sector. DOE's Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management will sign its first international environmental management agreement with Ogden Environmental and Energy Services Company, Inc. of Fairfax, Virginia, to test new technology that removes uranium and other heavy metals from waste streams both here and in Germany. The signing will take place in Fairfax, Virginia. On Monday, March 15, the Secretary will participate in signing a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) between DOE labs and the American Textile Partnership, a consortium of R&D educational institutions associated with the integrated textile industry. The signing will take place in Raleigh, North Carolina. Local and trade media expected.
- o Frederick D. Patterson Award - Secretary O'Leary will receive the Frederick D. Patterson Award on Thursday, March 11, the highest award conferred by the United Negro College Fund, at their 49th anniversary dinner in New York City. Former Democratic Majority Whip Bill Gray, now

CURRENT/FUTURE (con't)

President and CEO of the United Negro College Fund, will preside. Earlier that day, the Secretary will meet with the Editorial Boards of the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, and participate in a weatherization event.

- o The April issue of Ebony Magazine will run a mini-feature of Secretary O'Leary and the other three Afro-American cabinet members. Photos will also be included. The magazine is available the last week of March.

FIELD ACTIVITIES:

- o Detroit Show - More than 300 reporters are expected at the Society of Automotive Engineers exhibition in Detroit March 1-5. The Energy Department has prepared a major exhibit as part of the event. Included are technologies that can be transferred to the automotive world. Several interviews are planned with Roger Lewis, from the department's Office of Technology Utilization.
- o Anti-nuclear Activists - Activists continue to draw local media interest as they try to muster support for an extension of the current nine-month nuclear weapons testing moratorium. Demonstrations are expected almost every week from now through Easter.
- o CNN Fact Gathering - Stacey Cone of CNN's special reports division in Atlanta has contacted all the major department locations that are part of the nuclear weapons complex and requested basic background information. She is preparing a story outline about the changing face of weapons plants. No film crew dates have been set.
- o Regional Science Bowl - San Francisco manager Don Pearman will deliver the keynote address at the second annual regional science bowl competition on March 6 on the Navajo National Reservation in Chinle, Arizona. More than 200 students and teachers are expected.

PRESS RELEASES:

- February 26: Energy Department Seeks Lowry Award Nominee for Achievement in Oil, Gas or Coal Research (R-93-027)
- March 1: U.S. Department of Energy Showcases Technologies Applicable to the Automotive Industry (R-93-028)

NOTE TO EDITORS:

February 25: Regional Science Bowl (N-93-011)

TOTAL HEADQUARTERS MEDIA CONTACTS: 130

PUBLIC INQUIRIES: 379

o Energy Tax: Calls, letters, and faxes continue to pour in requesting general and specific information on the proposed energy tax. Phone lines added to improve response time.

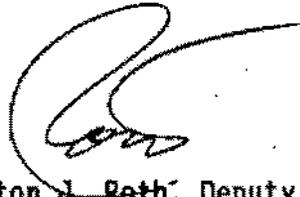


Carol Drury
Acting Director
Office of Public Affairs

March 3, 1993

Weekly Report for the Office of Procurement, Assistance and Program Management

A negative report is submitted.

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Berton J. Roth, Deputy Director
Office of Procurement, Assistance
and Program Management

March 3, 1993

Weekly Status Report of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

WHITE HOUSE INTEREST: None

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- o Mid-Winter Conference - On February 27-March 1, 1993, staff participated in the mid-winter conference of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners in Washington, D.C. Two resolutions concerning the high-level radioactive waste management program (one supporting continuation of voluntary siting for a monitored retrievable storage facility, and one supporting waste acceptance in 1998) were passed by the Nuclear Issues and Nuclear Waste Disposal Subcommittee of the Electricity Committee, and subsequently by the Electricity Committee. (J. Saltzman, RW-4, 586-2277)

- o Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board Meeting - On March 2, 1993, Dan Dreyfus, Office of the Secretary, and the Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, met with Dr. John E. Cantlon, Chairman of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board on behalf of Secretary O'Leary. The Board discussed concerns and recommendations made in its Special Report to Congress and the Secretary of Energy, which was released yesterday. The Board also plans to meet with Representative Sharp, Senator Johnston, and members of the Nevada delegation. (D. Shelor, RW-30, 586-6046)

FUTURE: None



Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director
Office of Civilian Radioactive
Waste Management

March 3, 1993

WEEKLY REPORT OF OFFICE OF SECURITY AFFAIRS

Current:

- No input from the Office of Security Affairs this week.



George L. McFadden
Director
Office of Security Affairs

Office of the Executive Secretariat did not receive a Weekly Report from:

- o Environmental Restoration and Waste Management
- o Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

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A/CAROL B. DRURY (ACTING)	8G-087	03/10/93	6:20	G. BARNETT
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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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March 11, 1993

TO: THE SECRETARY
SECRETARIAL OFFICERS
MANAGERS, DOE FIELD OFFICES
ADMINISTRATORS, POWER MARKETING
ADMINISTRATIONS

The weekly status reports are attached.

March 10, 1993

Director of Administration and Management, AD-1

Weekly Status Report to the Secretary

o National Women's History Month

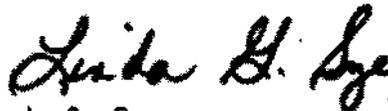
Two-hour workshops on "Career Development" and "Cultural Communications" are planned for March 23 (Germantown) and March 24 (Forrestal). (J. Pagano, 6-2218)

o EEO Training

As a result of increased demand, the Employee Development Branch of the Office of Personnel has initiated efforts to increase the number of EEO-related training courses offered by Headquarters for FY 1993. The additional courses will result in a total of 12 offerings for Headquarters personnel on EEO-related subjects. (T. Dirks, 6-5610)

o Recruitment

Staff of the Special Employment Division of the Office of Personnel will be attending the National Society of Black Engineers 19th Annual National Convention in Houston, Texas, on March 17-21. The theme will be "Back to Basics." The focus will be on providing insight into the changing trends and demands on the engineering field and an opportunity to discuss student employment and entry-level positions at the Department in the various engineering fields. (T. Dirks, 6-5610)



Linda G. Sye
Acting Director of Administration
and Management

March 10, 1993

WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF ARMS CONTROL AND NONPROLIFERATION (AN)

- o Possible Controversy Over Nuclear Exports to China - Westinghouse is soon expected to announce a joint venture with the People's Republic of China that could prompt Congressional and other criticism of U.S.-China policy. Following the Tienanmen Square massacre, Congress, in late 1990, imposed a ban on new authorizations under the Department of Energy Regulations 10 CFR Part 810 for exports of nuclear technology and services to China. Using pre-sanctions authorizations, Westinghouse and other firms have continued to seek Chinese nuclear business. The Office of Export Control and International Safeguards and the Office of General Counsel are consulting with the Department of State in a review of pre-sanctions Part 810 authorizations for China. (Zander Hollander, AN-30, 6-2125)

Victor E. Alessi

Victor E. Alessi
Director
Office of Arms Control
and Nonproliferation
Office of the Secretary

March 10, 1993

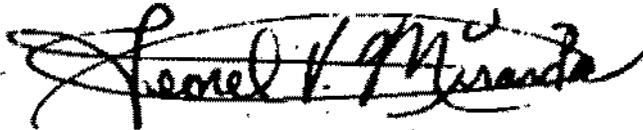
WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION

International Day

BU-1 attended the monthly meeting of the Capitol Area Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) International Committee Meeting. NAWBO will hold an "International Day" during Small Business Week at the Washington Convention Center in May 1993. It plans more than 30 workshops hosted by its own women-owned business chairpersons representing Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and the Middle East. Although final planning is incomplete, DOE will be a participant. Last year's turnout for "International Day" was much larger than anticipated. (Brenda DeGraffenreid, BU-1, 254-5592)

Waste Minimization Conference

BU-1 will be represented at the April 22-23, 1993, Waste Stream Minimization and Utilization Conference in Austin, Texas. The principal sponsors are the DOE and the State of Texas Department of Commerce. (Paul Terban, BU-1, 254-5602)



Leonel V. Miranda, Director
Office of Small and Disadvantaged
Business Utilization

March 10, 1993

Weekly Report for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Near Term Activities

- The Automotive Industry Pursues a Low-Emissions Partnership. On March 12, CE staff and representatives of the major automakers will discuss industry's recommendation to jointly develop emissions control technologies for the conventional internal combustion engine. We will review the current state of control technology, its costs, and the new techniques that offer further emissions reductions. Industry is motivated by President Clinton's technology initiatives which include a jointly funded "clean car" activity and would remove emissions as a factor in U.S. built vehicles. (J. Brogan, CE-32, 6-1477)
- CE Education Initiative. On March 25, CE is sponsoring a needs assessment for local educators to determine the kinds of science enrichment which DOE could provide that is most needed. Science coordinators, principals, and teachers from the District, Arlington, Alexandria, and Montgomery Counties will attend. The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is interested in partnering with us to provide programs to teachers and students which promote science and math principles, but which focus on renewable energy. UDC has offered the former Carnegie Library for our use in reaching students and teachers. (S. Launey, CE-1, 6-9220)
- Forrestal Relighting Project Begins March 11. Retrofitting of the lighting system in the Forrestal building will begin March 11. The work will be conducted from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am to avoid interrupting regular building activities. It is scheduled for completion in September. Project status meetings will be held each Friday at 1:00 pm in room 1G-100 for anyone who would like to attend. (M. Ginsberg, CE-44, 6-5772)
- 1993 Oil Heat Technology Conference. The Oil Heat Technology Conference and Workshop will be held on March 25-26 at Brookhaven National Laboratory. CE has sponsored this annual meeting on oil heat technologies since 1984. The meeting has become the principal event for the transfer of technology between researchers and the oil heat industry. Presentations will address recent oil heating technology advances, including an overview of the DOE R&D program at Brookhaven dealing with oil burner design and emissions control, advanced control system strategies, effects of fuel quality and new venting technology. (E. Kweller, CE-42, 6-9136)

POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

- Western Area Power Administration (WAPA): Integrated Resource Planning. The second module of the Integrated Resource Planning Training Series is scheduled for March 15 and 16, in Glendale, CA. The module will help utilities identify and develop goals and objectives, and determine the amount and type of data required to achieve utility planning objectives. In addition, attendees will review an existing Integrated Resource Plan

in a hands-on working session. Western is holding these training sessions throughout its service territory to assist its customers in meeting the EPACT provisions requiring utilities to do integrated resource planning. (Joel Bladow, WAPA, 6-5581)

Completed Activities

- LBL Assists in Relighting the Capitol. The Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (LBL) lighting group recently completed a project to relight the Capitol Building complex. The LBL team worked with the Architect of the Capitol, PEPCO, and the Legislative Subcommittee Staff to effect significant energy and cost savings that would not otherwise have been achieved. Appreciation for LBL's work was communicated to Acting ASCE San Martin from Robert Kripowicz, Staff Director for the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. (L. Anderson, CE-42, 6-1856)
- DOE Sponsored Student Vehicle Competitions. The top five student responses to the 1992 DOE Hybrid Electric Vehicle Paper Design Contest were presented by the students at the Society of Automotive Engineers annual meeting. The first place prize of \$2,000 went to the Western Washington University engineering department.

Converted electric vehicles from 26 high school teams were tested and judged in the Student Electric class at the Arizona Public Service Solar and Electric 500 in Phoenix. Teams were awarded points according to their performance in five events: design, oral presentation, acceleration, vehicle range at 55 mph, and energy efficiency. The winning team from Cortez High School in Phoenix won \$2,500 in DOE prize money. (P. Patterson, CE-30, 6-9121)

SUPPORT OFFICES

- Clean Air Vehicle Conference, Exposition and Competition. This DOE-cosponsored forum is scheduled for May 13-15 in Atlanta, to bring together alternative fuel suppliers and alternative-fuel vehicle representatives with fleet managers and the general public. Governor Miller (GA) has invited Vice President Gore to be the keynote speaker. (C. Feltus, 404/347-2380, Atlanta Support Office)

Issues for the Secretary

- The Colorado River Commission Initiates Proposal to Acquire Western Area Power Administration (Western) Transmission Facilities. The Colorado River Commission of Nevada initiated a proposal on January 29, to acquire federally-owned transmission facilities in southern Nevada. The Colorado River Commission Board approved the action to proceed with the acquisition of the Federal facilities. DOE's Nevada Test Site and other electric service customers of Western are served over these same facilities. The Colorado River Commission is a preference power customer of Western.

A meeting is scheduled with Colorado River Commission's representatives on March 11. The Colorado River Commission would like Western to declare the facilities under discussion excess to our needs so they

could purchase them under the provisions of Public Law 99-349. Because we serve other loads (including the Nevada Test Site) using the same facilities, it is unlikely Western will comply with their request. This proposal is significant because, if allowed to go forward, it would set a precedent for non-Federal customers to cherry-pick profitable Federal facilities for exclusive use. (J. Baldow, WAPA, 6-5581)

• President's Technology Initiative - A New Generation of Automobiles.

The President's technology program, announced on February 22, included an initiative entitled, "Facilities Private Sector Development of a New Generation of Automobiles." One of the actions includes establishing a "clean car" task force linking research efforts of government agencies with those of U.S. auto manufacturers. Within CE, the Office of Transportation Technologies (OTT) manages a number of "clean car" activities in partnership with industry, which conform closely with the objectives of this initiative. These include:

- Battery development for electric vehicles
- Fuel cell propulsion system development
- Production of fuels from biomass and waste products
- Hybrid vehicle propulsion development

The Secretary should be aware that several agencies are jockeying for a leadership role and resources to implement this technology initiative. (T. Gross, CE-30, 6-8027)



Robert L. San Martin
Acting Assistant Secretary
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

**Office of Congressional, Intergovernmental,
and Public Liaison**

March 11, 1993

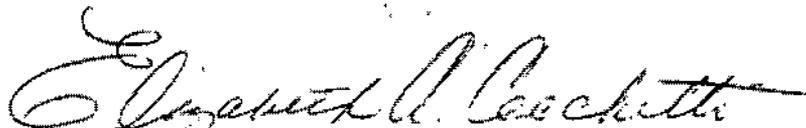
CURRENT EVENTS

- March 8 The Secretary met with Senator Jim Sasser (D-Tennessee) to discuss the future mission of the Y-12 Plant at Oak Ridge.
- March 9 The Secretary met with Senator John Glenn (D-Ohio) and Representative Tony Hall (D-Ohio) to discuss nonnuclear consolidation and the future of the Mound Facility.
- March 12 The Secretary will meet with Senator J. Bennett Johnston (D-Louisiana) to discuss the President's Economic Stimulus Package, Tax Package, and the Department's FY 1994 Budget.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Secretary will have courtesy meetings as well as discussions regarding the President's Economic Stimulus Package with the following Members of Congress:

- March 17 Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-Illinois)
Senator Ernest Hollings (D-South Carolina)
Senator John Warner (R-Virginia)
Senator Kent Conrad (D-North Dakota)
Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-New Jersey)
- March 23 Representative Richard Gephardt (D-Missouri)
Representative George Miller (D-California)
Representative Thomas Bliley (R-Virginia)
- March 23 The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources plans to hold a hearing on S. 473, "The Department of Energy National Competitiveness Technology Partnership Act of 1993." The Secretary as well as the Secretary of Commerce have been asked to testify.



Elizabeth A. Cecchetti
Acting Assistant Secretary
Congressional, Intergovernmental
and Public Liaison

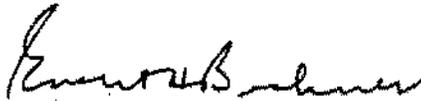
WEEKLY STATUS REPORT
OFFICE OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

March 10, 1993

Heads of Defense Program Laboratories Named to Environmental Advisory Council
California Governor Pete Stark has appointed Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Director, John Nuckolls and the head of Sandia National Laboratory, California John Crawford to the California Environmental Technology Partnership Policy Advisory Council. The council, made up of top California executives in the public and private sector will advise California's Environmental Protection Agency on the structure, goals, and activities of the council and help develop implementation plans for high priority activities. Ad hoc technical working groups will be formed for handling specific technical issues and we expect that DOE laboratory personnel will be called upon to participate. (Mauri Katz, Defense Programs, 202-586-6385)

Presidential Economic Conversion Announcement Expected This Week - The President plans to announce the multi-agency defense conversion program this week. The Secretary will be asked to participate in this announcement. Defense Programs will lead the effort to involve the various DOE programs (Energy Research, Conservation and Renewable Energy, Nuclear Energy, and Fossil Energy), labs and plants in participation in the program. (Tom Starke, Defense Programs, 202-536-5880)

Defense Conversion - An initial planning session with the Headquarters Reconfiguration Task Force group was held this past week. The scope and problems and issues of the effort are being identified. Dr. Beckner is planning to visit various sites to discuss the effort. A follow-up meeting is to be held next week with Albuquerque and Sandia and Los Alamos officials. An action memorandum to the Secretary is being prepared to confirm several policy matters which will support further efforts of the Task Force. (Jim Landers, Defense Programs, 301-903-4016)

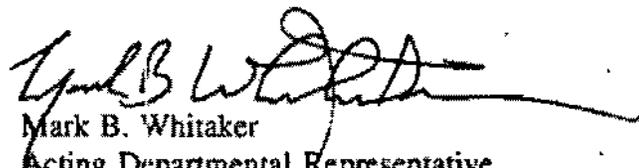


Everet H. Beckner
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Defense Programs

March 10, 1993.

Weekly Report of the Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DR-1).

- o The Secretary's response to Recommendation 93-1, Standards Utilization in Defense Nuclear Facilities, is due to the Board on March 13, 1993. The Office of Defense Programs has indicated they will prepare a request for a 45 day extension within which to respond.
- o Board Members A.J. Eggenberger and Herb Kouts will visit Los Alamos National Laboratory from March 17-19, 1993, to discuss nuclear criticality issues.
- o Board Member Herb Kouts will visit Idaho National Engineering Laboratory to discuss the Advance Test Reactor from March 23-25, 1993.



Mark B. Whitaker
Acting Departmental Representative
to the Defense Nuclear
Facilities Safety Board

March 10, 1993

WEEKLY REPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH

Items for the Secretary

- o Safeguards and Security Readiness Review of DOE Headquarters. Security Evaluations will conduct an inspection (readiness review) of the security afforded DOE assets at the Forrestal and Germantown facilities March 22-31, 1993. This inspection will focus on the application of safeguards and security policy at these facilities. Included in this inspection will be the review of protective forces, their utilization and cost effectiveness, as well as the appropriateness of physical security systems to ensure protection. (G. Podonsky, EH-4, 3-3777)
- o Assistance Visit to the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Piketon, Ohio: An assistance visit addressing Portsmouth's responsibilities under Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations and oversight is being scheduled for late March-early April. (O. Lynch, EH-32, 3-3548)
- o Environmental Management Assessment of Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility. An Environmental Management Assessment of the facility will be conducted beginning on March 8, 1993. Closeout is scheduled for March 19, 1993. The assessment will be conducted concurrently with an Oak Ridge management appraisal. (M. Kilpatrick/B. Eckroade, EH-24, 586-4419)
- o Pantex Progress Assessment Team. The Pantex Progress Assessment team will evaluate the effectiveness of Environment, Safety and Health management systems and progress made since the 1989 Tiger Team. A broad review will be conducted of the management disciplines (organization, staffing, training, oversight), coupled with a more focused programmatic management review of selected technical disciplines (mixed waste management, environmental monitoring, packaging and transportation, worker safety, explosive safety). (M. Gilbertson, EH-5, 6-2398)


Peter N. Brush
Acting Assistant Secretary
Environment, Safety and Health

March 10, 1993

Weekly Activity Report for the Energy Information Administration

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o Briefing to the Ministry of Energy Delegation for the People's Republic of China

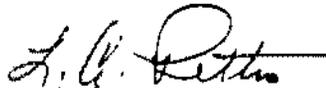
On March 2, 1993, Mary Hutzler, Director of the Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, briefed the Ministry of Energy Delegation from the People's Republic of China on EIA's coal and electric power forecasts from the Annual Energy Outlook 1993. The delegation is interested in EIA's help in setting up a data base of electric power statistics for China. (M. Hutzler, EI-80, 586-2222)

o Annual Energy Outlook Presentation

On Tuesday, March 2, 1993, Mark Rodekoher, Director of the Energy Demand and Integrated Division presented the United States energy outlook to the 16th U. S.-Japan energy bilateral meetings at the Department of State. (M. Rodekoher, EI-81, 586-130)

o United Mine Workers of America Strike

The United Mine Workers of America and the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association agreed to a 60-day extension to their contract, thus ending their recent strike. (R. Schnapp, EI-53, 254-5392)



L. A. Pettis
Acting Administrator

March 10, 1993

Weekly Report of the Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Secretary O'leary plans meeting with Washington Governor next week to outline the findings of the Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) rebaselining study and discuss the reasons why DOE will propose a 6-month delay in four construction and startup milestones involving the Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant. The earliest commitment that cannot be met is the March 31, 1993, milestone contained in the 1989 Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (a/k/a Hanford Tri-Party Agreement) to award a contract for the vitrification building foundation. The Secretary is scheduled to meet with Governor Mike Lowry in Olympia on Friday, March 19. (J. Tseng, EM-36, 903-7170)
- Secretary approves plan to pump liquid from a single-shell high-level waste tank at Hanford as the DOE approaches a March 15 milestone contained in the Hanford Tri-Party Agreement to initiate pumping. Westinghouse Hanford Company is working to recover the schedule so that this milestone can be met. Head-space vapor sampling indicates that flammable gas or hydrogen cyanide is not present in the tank. A March 4 interior photograph shows a smooth liquid surface without crust. (C. O'Dell, EM-362, 903-7192)
- "Red Team" begins independent technical evaluation of in-tank precipitation and extended sludge processing systems at the Savannah River Site, two key elements of a vitrification strategy and technology selection for preparing high-level defense waste for disposal in this country's first geologic repository. Close-out for the on-site assessment is scheduled for March 26, with a final report expected around May 28. Public disclosure of "Red Team" evaluations typically generate negative press coverage because of the candid nature of many findings. (J. Coleman, EM-35, 903-7410)

Meanwhile, New York Times reporter Keith Schneider visited Savannah River this week to complete work on a series starting in the March 14 edition on the burden placed on taxpayers because many of today's environmental requirements are not risk-based. Staff also expects Schneider to criticize DOE technology decisions that led to the \$4 billion expenditure for preparing liquid high-level wastes for disposal using vitrification, including construction of the now-completed Defense Waste Processing Facility at SRS and "sister facilities" planned for Hanford and Idaho. The Defense Waste Processing Facility started a series of nonradioactive chemical tests last week to help prepare the plant and its personnel for full-scale operation. (J. Lylie, EM-30, 586-7705)

- EM to ask Secretary to give a 4,000-ton extrusion press to the City of Richland under authority granted to DOE pursuant to the 1955 Atomic Energy Community Act. EM will ask the Secretary to sign letters to the House and Senate Armed Services Committee that provides the 45-day advance notice required by statute before the transfer of this surplus Government equipment could take place. Members of the Washington Congressional Delegation (particularly Senator Gorton and Congressmen Foley, Dicks, and Inslee) have been frustrated by the time it has taken to transfer ownership

of this surplus/excess capital equipment to the City. Richland city officials must submit a business plan to DOE that describes how it intends to pay "fair market value" and provide equitable commercial access to the equipment. (N. Shahadi, EM-60, 586-5151)

- New law requires DOE to announce its schedule for submitting mixed waste site treatment plans by April 6, and a draft Federal Register notice to meet this requirement of the Federal Facilities Compliance Act of 1992 is on an expedited Headquarters concurrence schedule to meet the statutory deadline. A 2-hour meeting on March 16 (starting at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5A-092) will help representatives of Headquarters program offices to agree on the proposed Federal Register notice and required mixed waste inventory reports. A 1-week concurrence period for DOE staff offices should begin March 15. (M. Stone, EM-331, 903-7921)
- DOE/EPA staffs use informal dispute resolution process to resolve performance problems at Fernald and Rocky Flats involving missed cleanup milestones. At Fernald, EPA Region V agreed to extend the informal dispute resolution period for 2 additional weeks (through March 24) to evaluate a new schedule for Operable Unit 2 cleanup while the DOE considers a project proposed by EPA as part of a settlement offer. Since DOE decided to delay the bedrock investigation portion of a Rocky Flats cleanup project without obtaining permission from its regulators, EPA Region VIII believes DOE should pay a fine for missing a milestone without invoking the dispute resolution provisions of the Interagency Agreement. EPA has promised a tougher enforcement policy, designed to restore public confidence through fines levied against Federal agencies like DOE and the Defense Department, for violations of compliance and cleanup agreements. DOE has 92 enforceable compliance and cleanup agreements in place (many of which allow DOE facilities to operate). (R. Whitfield, EM-40, 586-6331)

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

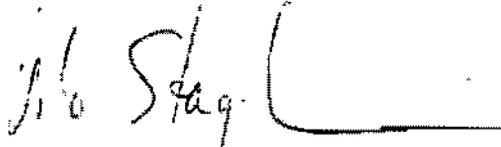
- Waste Minimization Crosscut Plan that identifies and prioritizes outyear resource requirements should be submitted to the Secretary by May 31 for approval. The next step on the "critical path" is a March 24-25 workshop for the Headquarters, field, and contractor officials that comprise the Crosscut Planning Task Force. This Plan will build on the strategy agreed to last May to minimize waste generated as a result of DOE research, production, cleanup, waste management, or facility operations. (K. Hancock, EM-352, 427-1570)


Paul D. Brimm

Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental
Restoration and Waste Management

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICY WEEKLY REPORT
MARCH 9, 1993

- MEETING OF NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT STEERING COMMITTEE. On March 16-17, Policy staff will attend steering committee sessions at Rocky Flats, Colorado. The committee addresses regulatory, institutional, scientific and economic concerns that affect DOE facilities. (G. Leslie, 6-6428)
- PRESENTATION TO INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. On March 16, Policy staff will speak to the Regulatory Affairs Committee of Interstate Natural Gas Association on issues raised by the President's proposed BTU tax. Members of the Association represent the major natural gas transporters in the U.S. and Canada. (L. Coburn, 6-5667)
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE ON NEW FUELS FOR CLEANER AIR. Policy staff will give the keynote address on "The Agenda for 1993" at the fourth annual conference on New Fuels for Cleaner Air in Phoenix, Arizona, March 16. (C. DiFiglio, 6-4444)
- MEETING WITH DANISH MINISTER OF ENERGY. Secretary O'Leary will meet with Danish Energy Minister Jan Sjursen on March 9. Denmark currently holds Presidency of the European Communities. The Minister will discuss energy tax issues currently being proposed in the European Community and the U.S. (J. Hardy, 6-1885)
- MEETING WITH ARMENIAN MINISTER OF ENERGY. Steve Tashjian, Armenian Minister of Energy, has requested a meeting with the Secretary on March 16, to discuss the energy situation in Armenia and possible DOE assistance. (L. Ekimoff, 6-6159)


Vito Stagliano
Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Domestic and International
Energy Policy

March 10, 1993

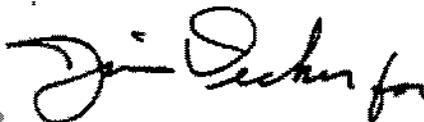
Weekly Report for the Office of Energy Research/Science and Technology Advisor

Main Injector Project Groundbreaking: Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory advised the Chicago Field Office that Senators Carol Mosley-Braun and Paul Simon have been invited to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory's Main Injector Project, scheduled for March 22, 1993. Both Senators have accepted the Laboratory's invitation. (A. Mravca, BA(), 708/840-3281)

"The AMTEX™ Partnership" Implemented: On March 15, 1993, Secretary O'Leary will attend the signing ceremony for the master Cooperative Research and Development Agreement between the Department of Energy, its multiprogram laboratories, and "The AMTEX™ Partnership." Sponsored by the Office of Energy Research Laboratory Technology Transfer Program, the AMTEX™ Partnership is a cooperative, cost-shared collaboration between the Department of Energy and the U.S. fibers, textiles, and apparel industries. (A. Joseph, ST-30, 202/586-5447)

Payments in Lieu of Taxes to be Discussed: Local San Francisco newspapers are reporting that on March 25, 1993, representatives from areas in which Department of Energy sites are located are meeting with Secretary O'Leary to discuss "in-lieu-of-taxes" payments from the Department of Energy. Representatives from Alameda County, as well as those in 10 other states, are expected to lobby that communities are owed millions of dollars in payments mandated by legislation for Federal nuclear sites. The group believes legislation passed in 1946, 1954, and 1982 indicates the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Energy were required to make payments in lieu of taxes to local governments. (C. Powell, SF, 510/273-6398)

Joint Department of Energy/Environmental Protection Agency Laboratory Directors Meeting: On March 25, 1993, a joint meeting of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency Laboratory Directors will be held in Washington, D.C. Both Secretary O'Leary and Administrator Browner have been invited. The discussion will focus on areas of joint interest and collaboration. (A. Joseph, ST-30, 202/586-5447)

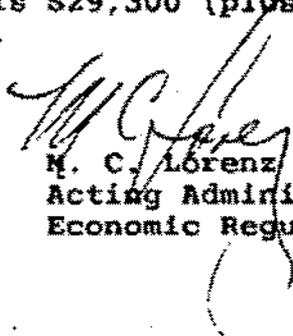


William Happer
Director
Office of Energy Research/
Science and Technology Advisor

March 10, 1993

Weekly Report of the Economic Regulatory Administration (RG)

- o On March 4, in Mutual Petroleum Marketing Co., Inc. of Texas, FERC Administrative Law Judge Fitzpatrick issued his Decision and Proposed Order which upholds the Remedial Order in every respect in this \$29,300 (plus interest) crude oil reseller layering case.


M. C. Lorenz
Acting Administrator
Economic Regulatory Administration

March 10, 1993

WEEKLY REPORT FOR FOSSIL ENERGY

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR CABINET ATTENTION

- o None.

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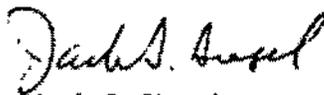
- o AWARD OF ELKS HILLS CRUDE OIL CONTRACTS RECOMMENDED. On March 4, the Department of Energy opened bids for 50,000 barrels/day of Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve crude oil for the April-September timeframe. Only 30,000 barrels/day met the congressionally-mandated price test; the remaining 20,000 barrels/day will be shipped to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. (Chuck Olentine, FE-63, FTS 202/586-5556)
- o COMMENT PERIOD IS OVER FOR STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE EXPANSION. The 30-day extended public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve closed on March 5. We will soon be seeking Secretarial guidance on the next steps for the expansion plan and associated National Environmental Policy Act actions. (John Bartholomew, FE-41, 586-4410)

FUTURE

- o STAKEHOLDER BRIEFINGS. Pending guidance from the Controller, Fossil Energy is planning the first in its series of stakeholder briefings on the FY 1994 budget next week (March 18-19). The natural gas briefings will be presented jointly with the Offices of Conservation and Renewable Energy and Energy Research. The first discussions will involve traditional industry stakeholders; another series of briefings is being planned to non-traditional audiences, including the environmental community. (Bob Porter, FE-5, FTS 202/586-6503)
- o DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND TO EPA'S PROPOSED BAN TO OIL/GAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGES. Next week (by March 15), we plan to send formal comments to the Environmental Protection Agency expressing our concerns over the agency's December 1992 proposal to prohibit discharges of produced water and sand from oil/gas operations to Texas and Louisiana coastal waters. We believe this prohibition (1) will reduce gas and oil production in these States by 5% and 15%, respectively; (2) will set a precedent for other areas, resulting in further domestic oil/gas production loss; and (3) has underestimated costs by a factor of 2. Our response was jointly prepared with the Policy office. (Bob Kane, FE-4, 202/586-4753)

STATUS OF CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS/GAO REVIEWS

o None.



Jack S. Siegel
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Fossil Energy

WEEKLY REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

March 10, 1993

Current

- o In United States v. Andrus (D. Idaho), an action in which the State seeks to enjoin shipments of any type of spent nuclear fuel to INEL until DOE prepares an EIS meeting the State's specifications, Idaho's motion for summary judgment was filed. Our cross-motion for summary judgment is due March 19, 1993; Idaho's reply is due April 2, 1993; and our reply is due April 16, 1993. A hearing on the cross-motions is set for May 6, 1993. (R. Henderson, GC-22, 586-8706 and J. Schlaifer, GC-22, 586-8709)
- o In Heart of America v. Westinghouse Hanford Co. (E.D. Wash.), an action against DOE and Westinghouse, the M&O contractor at the Hanford site, alleging violations of the Clean Water Act and CERCLA reporting requirements, and requesting declaratory and injunctive relief and civil penalties, a hearing was held on the motions to dismiss filed by DOE and Westinghouse. (A. Capoferri, GC-22, 586-8135)
- o In Caudill v. United States (Fed. Cl.), a complaint was filed by owners and lessees of property near DOE's Fernald Plant seeking damages for an alleged Fifth Amendment taking, inverse condemnation, and violations of CERCLA resulting from ground water contamination. The government's answer is due April 26, 1993. (A. Fingeret, GC-21, 586-5678)

Upcoming

- o In Tri-Valley Citizens v. DOE (N.D. Cal.), an action under NEPA to compel the preparation of an EIS for the proposed plant-scale demonstration of Uranium Atomic Vapor Laser Isotope Separation technology, oral argument on the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment has been rescheduled for March 12, 1993. (M. Urie, GC-21, 586-9505)
- o In Cook v. Rockwell International Corp. (D. Colo.), a class action tort suit against DOE's former M&O contractors at Rocky Flats brought on behalf of local property owners, the court has scheduled oral argument for March 15, 1993, on (a) the plaintiffs' appeal from the order of the Chief Magistrate granting DOE's motion to quash the plaintiffs' subpoena and (b) the defendants' motion to dismiss pursuant to Rules 11 and 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure due to the plaintiffs' failure to respond to discovery orders requiring them to describe the factual bases for their claims. (A. Fingeret, GC-21, 586-5678)
- o In Radiation Sterilizers, Inc. v. United States and IQTECH, Inc. v. United States (E.D. Wash.), companion FTCA cases seeking damages of approximately \$200 million and \$43 million, respectively, for alleged negligent design and manufacture of cesium capsules leased by DOE, the government's answer to the third amended complaint is due March 19, 1993. (T. West, GC-21, 586-5677)

- o In Energy Research Foundation v. O'Leary (D.S.C.), a suit to compel DOE to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the restart of the HB-Line plutonium processing facility at the Savannah River Site, we have filed a motion requesting an extension of time until March 23, 1993, to file our response to the plaintiff's complaint. (A. Capoferri, GC-22, 586-8135)

Status of Congressional Investigations/GAO Reviews - None

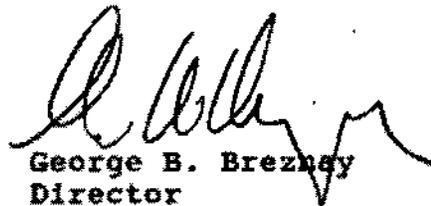
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Eric J. Fygi
Acting General Counsel

March 10, 1993

Weekly Report for Office of Hearings and Appeals

Nothing significant to report.



George B. Brezney
Director
Office of Hearings and Appeals

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March 10, 1993

Weekly Report of the Office of Minority Economic Impact

- o Nothing significant to report.



Gloria B. Smith
Acting Director
Office of Minority Economic Impact

March 10, 1993

Weekly Report for the Office of Nuclear Energy

- o Workshop on the Space Energy Resource Discovery and Utilization Initiative. The University of Southwestern Louisiana is hosting this workshop in Lafayette, Louisiana, on March 29-30. The workshop will explore the retrieval of resources from space for use in propulsion and as construction materials for space exploration and near-earth commercial ventures. It will also address issues associated with the identification, recovery, and processing of these materials, including the energy requirements and economics of obtaining them. Senator Bennett Johnston has been invited as a keynote speaker. Nuclear Energy is co-sponsoring the workshop with the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization. (L. Rutger, NE-52, 903-6470)

- o Meeting of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will meet in New York City from March 22 to April 8. It is expected that a U.S. delegation, comprised of representatives from the Departments of State, Energy, and Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will attend this meeting. The issue of nuclear power sources in outer space will be on the agenda. (C. Brown, NE-52, 903-6924)

- o Japanese Official to Visit Idaho Laboratory. Dr. Hiroshi Kawamura of the Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute will visit the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory March 18-19 to discuss using the Advanced Test Reactor for irradiation of beryllium for fusion applications. (R. Stallman, Idaho Field Office, 208-526-1995)

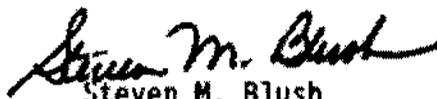


E. C. Brolin, Acting
Assistant Secretary
for Nuclear Energy

March 10, 1993

Weekly Report for the Office of Nuclear Safety

The Office of Nuclear Safety has no input for this week's report.


Steven M. Blush
Director
Office of Nuclear Safety

March 10, 1993

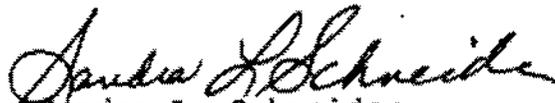
WEEKLY REPORT OF OFFICE OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE PROTECTION

Current

- o On March 5, 1993, OC issued the final agency decision in Case No. ID-92-0003. The decision concluded that although a former employee of a DOE M&O contractor was terminated from employment after having raised safety concerns, the termination was based on unsatisfactory performance and not because of safety disclosures. The investigation, which was performed under contractor to the Office of Contractor Human Resource Management, was initiated following Congressional interest by Senator Craig. His office has been provided with a copy of the decision. (S. Schneider, 586-8289)
- o OC is looking into an allegation that a Westinghouse employee at the Savannah River Site held a meeting and announced that employees were not to disclose safety problems to the Department or to use hotlines or employee concerns programs. We are advised that the Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management has also brought this allegation to the attention of the Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management. (R. Fein, 586-8289)
- o SPRO-92-0001. This case involves a former contractor employee who alleges that he was demoted and removed from a management position for identifying possible safety and violation of regulation issues associated with a major reorganization project by the contractor in 1991. An OC investigative team conducted an on-site investigation during the period March 1-5, 1993, during which a number of contractor managers and employees were interviewed. On March 10, 1993, the Complainant contacted OC to advise that the contractor had hired an outside attorney to interview all persons previously interviewed by OC to determine what they said. OC is attempting to determine the validity of the information, and what implications, if any, it might have on this and other investigations. (J. Sheldon/R. Rayner, 586-8289)

Status of Congressional Investigations/GAO Review

- o There are no pending Congressional investigations or GAO reviews concerning the operations of the Office of Contractor Employee Protection. (S. Schneider, (586-8289)

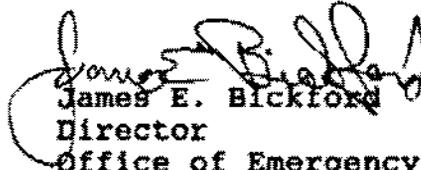

Sandra L. Schneider

Director, Office of Contractor
Employee Protection

March 10, 1993

WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING
AND OPERATIONS

The Office of Emergency Planning and Operations has no input for the week ending March 12, 1993.


James E. Bickford
Director

Office of Emergency Planning
and Operations

March 10, 1993

Director of Public Affairs, PA-1

Weekly Status Report to the Secretary

CURRENT/FUTURE

- o Defense Conversion Event - On March 11, Secretary O'Leary will join with President Clinton at a Defense Conversion event near Baltimore. Heavy media coverage.
- o United Negro College Fund Award - On March 11, Secretary O'Leary will travel to New York City to receive the Frederick D. Patterson Award, the highest award conferred by the United Negro College Fund. Media expected.
- o Secretary O'Leary will participate in signing a series of Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA) between DOE labs and the American Textile Partnership (AMTEX) on Monday, March 15. The signing will take place in Raleigh, North Carolina. Secretary O'Leary will meet with the editorial board of the Raleigh News & Observer. Regional and trade media expected, national media is possible.
- o Hanford Waste Issues - On March 19, Secretary O'Leary will meet with Governor Lowry of Washington State at the state Capital concerning Hanford waste issues. Heavy regional media expected.

FIELD ACTIVITIES:

(no field activities to report)

PRESS RELEASES:

- March 1: U.S. Department of Energy Showcases Technologies Applicable to the Automotive Industry (R-93-028)
- March 3: DOE Solicits Innovative R&D Grant Applications From Small Businesses (R-93-029)
- March 5: Departments of Energy, Commerce To Aid Machine Tool Industry (R-93-030)
- March 5: Scientists Meet Auto Industry Representatives with Great Success (R-93-031)
- March 9: DOE Distributes Fiscal Year 93 Forecast of Contracting and Subcontracting Opportunities For Small Businesses (R-93-032)
- March 10: Energy Secretary Announces First International Environmental Tech Transfer Agreement with Fairfax, Virginia Company (R-93-033)

TOTAL HEADQUARTERS MEDIA CONTACTS: (127)

PUBLIC INQUIRIES: 632

- o Energy Tax: Calls, letters, and faxes continue to pour in requesting general and specific information on the proposed energy tax. Additional phone lines have improved response time.

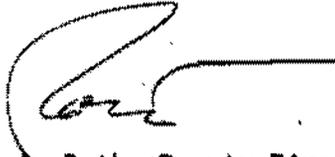


Michael Gauldin
Director of Public Affairs

March 10, 1993

Weekly Report for the Office of Procurement, Assistance and Program Management

A negative report is submitted.

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Berton J. Roth, Deputy Director
Office of Procurement, Assistance
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Weekly Status Report of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management has no input for this week's report.


Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director
Office of Civilian Radioactive
Waste Management

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WEEKLY REPORT OF OFFICE OF SECURITY AFFAIRS

Current:

- No input from the Office of Security Affairs this week.



George L. McFadden
Director
Office of Security Affairs

Office of the Executive Secretariat did not receive a Weekly
Report from:

o Chief Financial Officer

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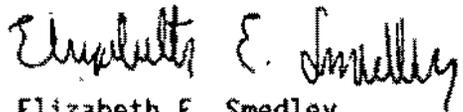
Weekly Status Report for the Office of Chief Financial Officer.

CURRENT

- o Technology Transfer and Commercialization. Representative John Dingell has requested a General Accounting Office audit of how the United States commercializes new technology. They will study ways to get new technology, that may be developed by the Federal government in cooperation with private industry, into the marketplace, how foreign countries move new technology into the marketplace and how United States businesses may gain a competitive edge in getting new technology to market quickly.

FUTURE

- o None.



Elizabeth E. Smedley
Acting Chief Financial Officer

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Weekly Report of the Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management

ITEMS OF POSSIBLE WHITE HOUSE INTEREST:

- Secretary O'Leary to meet with Washington Governor on March 19 in Olympia to personally discuss the reasons why DOE must request a 6-month delay in four construction and startup milestones involving the Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant. The first promise DOE cannot meet is a March 31, 1993, milestone in the 1989 Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (a/k/a Hanford Tri-Party Agreement, which guides cleanup of the 560-square-mile reservation) to award a contract for the vitrification building foundation. The DOE proposal will generate substantial media coverage throughout the region as DOE continues working with its environmental regulators to solicit citizen participation in decisions on the best technical approach to take for preparing millions of gallons of high-level radioactive defense waste for eventual disposal in the Nation's first geologic repository. (J. Tseng, EM-36, 903-7170)
- New York Times is expected to publish series starting this Sunday after reporter Keith Schneider visited the Savannah River Site in South Carolina last Monday to gather information on the burden being placed on taxpayers because many of today's environmental requirements are not risk-based. DOE also expects Schneider to criticize 1983 technology decisions that led to the \$4 billion expenditure for solidifying liquid high-level wastes for disposal using vitrification, including the construction of the now-completed Defense Waste Processing Facility and "sister facilities" planned for defense facilities located in Idaho and Washington State (see related story above). The Defense Waste Processing Facility started a series of nonradioactive chemical tests last week to help prepare the plant and its personnel for full-scale operation. (J. Lytle, EM-30, 586-7705)

ITEMS OF POSSIBLE SECRETARIAL INTEREST:

- Secretary approves plan to pump liquid from a single-shell high-level waste tank at Hanford as the DOE approaches a March 15 milestone contained in the Hanford Tri-Party Agreement to initiate pumping. Westinghouse Hanford Company is working to recover the schedule so that this milestone can be met. Head-space vapor sampling indicates that flammable gas or hydrogen cyanide is not present in the tank. A March 4 interior photograph shows a smooth liquid surface without crust. (C. O'Dell, EM-362, 903-7192)
- "Red Team" begins its independent technical evaluation of in-tank precipitation and extended sludge processing systems at the Savannah River Site, two key elements of the Department's vitrification strategy and technology selection for preparing high-level defense waste for geologic disposal. Close-out for the on-site assessment is scheduled for March 26, with a final report expected around May 28. Disclosure of "Red Team" evaluations to Congress, oversight groups, and the public typically produce negative press coverage because of the candid nature of these internal reports. (J. Coleman, EM-35, 903-7410)
- EM to ask Secretary to transfer 4,000-ton extrusion press to the City of Richland under authority granted to DOE pursuant to the 1955 Atomic Energy Community Act. EM will ask the Secretary to sign letters to the House and Senate Armed Services Committee that provides the 45-day advance notice required by statute before the transfer of this surplus Government equipment could take place. Members of the Washington Congressional Delegation (particularly Senator Gorton and Congressmen

Foley, Dicks, and Inslee) have been frustrated by the time it has taken to transfer ownership of this surplus/excess capital equipment to the City. City officials must submit a business plan to DOE that describes how it intends to pay "fair market value" and provide equitable commercial access to the equipment. (N. Shahadi, EM-60, 586-5151)

- New law requires DOE to announce its schedule for submitting mixed waste site treatment plans by April 6, and a draft Federal Register notice to meet this requirement of the Federal Facilities Compliance Act of 1992 is on an expedited Headquarters concurrence schedule to meet the statutory deadline. A 2-hour meeting on March 16 (starting at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5A-092) will help representatives of the various Headquarters program offices to reach agreement on the Notice and required mixed waste inventory reports. A 1-week concurrence period for DOE staff offices should begin March 15. (M. Stone, EM-331, 903-7921)
- DOE/EPA are trying to use the informal dispute resolution process to correct performance problems at Fernald and Rocky Flats involving missed cleanup milestones. At Fernald, EPA Region V agreed to extend the informal dispute resolution period for 2 additional weeks (through March 24) to evaluate a new schedule for Operable Unit 2 cleanup while the DOE considers a project proposed by EPA as part of a settlement offer. Since DOE decided to delay the bedrock investigation portion of a Rocky Flats cleanup project without seeking agreement from its regulators, EPA Region VIII believes DOE should agree to pay a fine without invoking the dispute resolution provisions of a binding Interagency Agreement. EPA has promised a tougher enforcement policy, designed to restore public confidence through fines levied against Federal agencies like DOE and the Defense Department, for violations of compliance and cleanup agreements. DOE has 92 enforceable compliance and cleanup agreements in place (many of which allow DOE facilities to operate). (R. Whitfield, EM-40, 586-6331)

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