

listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

**Electronic Access to This Document:** The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: [www.gpo.gov/fdsys](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys). At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

You may also access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at: [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov). Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

Dated: May 30, 2014.

**Lynn B. Mahaffie,**

*Senior Director, Policy Coordination, Development, and Accreditation Service, delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

[FR Doc. 2014-12980 Filed 6-3-14; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4000-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Agency Information

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for OMB review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection will "support the administration and enforcement of the Department of Energy's regulation at 10 CFR part 217, issued pursuant to section 705 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 as amended (50 U.S.C. App.2061, *et seq.*) (EPAS regulation). The collection assures the availability of records for at least 3 years of transactions that are directly related to the placement of contracts or purchase orders under the EPAS regulation by contractors with suppliers to acquire items (materials, products, and services) needed to fill defense orders. Such records would include administrative, accounting, purchasing, scheduling, production, and shipping records, the receipt and acceptance or rejection of

contractors' orders by suppliers, and any other relevant and material record to evidence the timely production and delivery of items.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before July 7, 2014. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503 and to Dr. Kenneth Friedman, U.S. Department of Energy, OE-30, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-2623, or by email at [Kenneth.friedman@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Kenneth.friedman@hq.doe.gov).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments may be sent to Dr. Kenneth Friedman, U.S. Department of Energy, OE-30, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-2623, or by email at [Kenneth.friedman@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Kenneth.friedman@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

(1) OMB No.: 1910-5159; (2)

*Information Collection Request Title:*

Energy Priorities and Allocations

System (3) *Type of Request:* Extension;

(4) *Purpose:* To meet requirements of

the Defense Production Act (DPA)

priorities and allocations authority with

respect to all forms of energy necessary

or appropriate to promote the national

defense. Data supplied will be used to

evaluate applicants requesting special

priorities assistance to fill a rate order

issued pursuant to the DPA and DOE's

implementing regulations. This data

will also be used to conduct audits and

for enforcement purposes. This

collection will only be used if the

Secretary of Energy determines that his

authority under the DPA is necessary to

maximize domestic energy supplies or

to address an energy shortage. The last

collection by DOE under this authority

was in 2001; (5) *Annual Estimated*

*Number of Respondents:* 10 or more as

this collection is addressed to a

substantial majority of the energy

industry; (6) *Annual Estimated Number*

*of Total Responses:* 10 or more as this

collection is addressed to a substantial

majority of the energy industry; (7)

*Annual Estimated Number of Burden*

*Hours:* 32 minutes per response; (8)

*Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$120.25.

**Statutory Authority:** Defense Production Act of 1950 as amended (50 U.S.C. App.2061, *et seq.*); Executive Order 13603.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 29, 2014.

**William Bryan,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

[FR Doc. 2014-12913 Filed 6-3-14; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6450-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Assessment for the Acceptance and Disposition of Used Nuclear Fuel Containing U.S.-Origin Highly Enriched Uranium From the Federal Republic of Germany

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), (DOE/EA-1977) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts from a proposed project to accept used nuclear fuel from the Federal Republic of Germany at DOE's Savannah River Site (SRS) for processing and disposition. This used nuclear fuel is composed of kernels containing thorium and U.S.-origin highly enriched uranium (HEU) embedded in small graphite spheres that were irradiated in nuclear reactors used for research and development purposes. DOE invites public comments on the scope of the EA and will conduct a public meeting.

**DATES:** DOE invites Federal agencies, state and local governments, Native American tribes, industry, other organizations, and members of the general public to submit comments on DOE's proposed scope of the EA. The public scoping period extends from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** through July 21, 2014. DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by that date. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

DOE will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed German HEU fuel project and receive comments on the scope of the EA. The meeting will be held on:

- Tuesday, June 24, 2014, (6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) at the North Augusta Community Center, 495 Brookside Drive, North Augusta, South Carolina 29841.

**ADDRESSES:** Please direct written comments on the scope of the German HEU Fuel EA to Mr. Andrew Grainger, NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box B, Aiken, South Carolina 29802. Comments on the scope of the German HEU Fuel EA may also be submitted by email to [drew.grainger@srs.gov](mailto:drew.grainger@srs.gov). DOE will give equal weight to written comments and oral comments received at the public scoping meeting. Requests to be placed on the German HEU Fuel EA mailing list should be directed to Mr. Grainger at the postal or email addresses above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request further information on SRS used nuclear fuel disposition activities or background information on the proposed project, please contact Mr. Grainger as listed above.

For general information concerning DOE's NEPA process, contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-4600, or leave a message toll-free, at (800) 472-2756; fax (202) 586-7031; or send an email to [askNEPA@hq.doe.gov](mailto:askNEPA@hq.doe.gov). This Notice of Intent (NOI) and other information related to DOE's NEPA program are available on the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://nepa.energy.gov>.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

DOE intends to prepare an EA in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality and DOE NEPA implementing regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 and 10 CFR Part 1021, respectively. The EA will analyze the potential environmental impacts of a proposal to accept, process, and disposition used nuclear fuel from Germany containing approximately 900 kilograms (kg) of HEU from the United States. The used nuclear fuel is composed of kernels containing thorium and U.S.-origin HEU embedded in thousands of small graphite spheres. The United States provided the HEU to Germany between 1965 and 1988. The fuel was irradiated at the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Versuchsreaktor (AVR) reactor, which operated from 1967 to 1988, and the Thorium High Temperature Reactor (THTR)-300, which operated from 1983 to 1989. These reactors operated as part of Germany's program to research and develop pebble bed reactor technology. AVR reactor fuel is stored at Jülich, Germany, and the THTR-300 reactor fuel is stored at Ahaus, Germany.

In a February 2012 letter, the State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany requested DOE's Under Secretary for Nuclear Security to DOE consider accepting the fuel. The Office of Environmental Management responded on behalf of the Under Secretary that DOE would consider the request. Collaboration on the request was initiated in May 2012.

German officials and the Office of Environmental Management subsequently began work on a feasibility study regarding the potential for acceptance, processing, and disposition of the fuel, and related research and development, using facilities at SRS, located near Aiken, South Carolina. Those efforts are ongoing. In April 2014, DOE, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Ministry for Innovation, Science and Research of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia on behalf of the North Rhine-Westphalian State Government, Germany, signed a Statement of Intent<sup>1</sup> to cooperate in conducting the preparatory work necessary to support DOE's consideration of the request that it accept the used fuel from Germany and to use SRS facilities for processing and disposition of the fuel. The preparatory work includes the EA announced today and additional technical and engineering work needed to address uncertainties regarding potential disposition pathways for uranium and waste streams generated during processing. The environmental analysis and the engineering work will allow DOE to reach an informed decision on the proposed acceptance and disposition of the fuel. Germany will bear the costs of the preparatory phase work and, if DOE decides to proceed with the proposed project, Germany will also bear the costs associated with the acceptance, processing, and disposition of the fuel.

##### **Purpose and Need for Action**

DOE's purpose and need for this action is to support the U.S. policy objective to reduce, and eventually to eliminate, HEU from civil commerce. This action would help achieve the U.S. HEU minimization objective by removing up to approximately 900 kg of U.S.-origin HEU from Germany and returning it to the United States for safe storage and disposition in a form no longer usable for an improvised nuclear

device, a radiological dispersal device, or other radiological exposure device.

##### **Proposed Action and Alternatives**

Under the proposed action, the German government would work with DOE to transport the used fuel by ocean-going vessel to the United States in DOE/U.S. Department of Transportation-certified Type B casks. The used fuel would be received at Joint Base Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina, and then the casks would be transported by rail to SRS. DOE estimates that this could involve approximately 455 casks received over a period of approximately 3 years.

DOE will analyze alternatives for unloading and storage of the transport casks at SRS. DOE will analyze any necessary improvements to the rail spur and roads at SRS needed to safely unload the casks and transport them on-site. Storage alternatives for the transport casks containing the used fuel may include construction of a new covered concrete storage pad and use of existing concrete pads (that may require modification).

DOE would install a capability in H-Canyon at SRS to chemically remove the graphite from the fuel kernels via a molten salt technique ("chemical digestion") being developed by the Savannah River National Laboratory. DOE currently estimates that it would take approximately 3 years to complete removal of the graphite from all the used fuel. The fuel kernels would be stored in H-Canyon. After all the fuel kernels have been extracted, they would be processed through the H-Canyon. This would separate the uranium from thorium and fission products.

DOE has identified three alternatives for disposition of the HEU that would be separated from the fuel kernels.

- Dissolution, purification, and down blending the HEU to low-enriched uranium (LEU) for reuse as reactor fuel (if the LEU can meet applicable specifications);
- Separating the uranium, down blending, and disposing of the uranium in an appropriate radioactive waste disposal facility; and
- Disposal of the uranium as waste without down blending via vitrification in the Defense Waste Processing Facility at SRS.

The EA also will evaluate alternatives for disposition of the empty transport casks and containers used to package the used fuel. Currently identified alternatives include on-site disposal in the E-Area at SRS and, potentially, pursuing reuse of the transport casks. In addition, the EA will analyze a no action alternative under which DOE

<sup>1</sup> To request a copy of this Statement of Intent, contact Mr. Grainger as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

would not accept or process the used fuel.

**Potential Areas of Environmental Analysis**

DOE has tentatively identified the following areas for analysis in the German HEU Fuel EA. The list is presented to facilitate comment on the scope of the EA and is not intended to be comprehensive or to predetermine the potential impacts to be analyzed.

- Impacts to the general population and workers from radiological and nonradiological releases, and other worker health and safety impacts.
- Impacts of emissions on air and water quality, including impacts of greenhouse gas emissions on climate change.
- Impacts on ecological systems and threatened and endangered species.
- Impacts of waste management activities.
- Impacts of the transportation of radioactive materials, including transport across the ocean.
- Impacts that could occur as a result of postulated accidents and intentional destructive acts (terrorist actions and sabotage).
- Potential disproportionately high and adverse effects on low-income and

minority populations (environmental justice).

- Short-term and long-term land use impacts, including potential impacts of disposal.
- Cumulative impacts.

**NEPA Process**

Following the public scoping period and after consideration of all comments received during scoping, DOE will prepare a Draft German HEU Fuel EA. DOE will announce its availability to the public for comment, provide a public comment period, and conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EA. All comments submitted on the Draft EA during the public comment period will be considered and addressed in the Final German HEU Fuel EA. DOE will address comments submitted after the close of the public comment period on the Draft EA to the extent practicable. Based on the EA analysis, DOE will either issue a Finding of No Significant Impact or announce its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS).

If DOE determines that an EIS is needed, either during preparation of the EA or after completing the EA, DOE would issue in the **Federal Register** an NOI to prepare an EIS. In that case, the

current scoping process would serve as the scoping process that normally would follow an NOI to prepare an EIS. DOE would not solicit additional scoping comments but would consider any comments on the scope of the EA received during this scoping process in preparing the EIS.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 29, 2014.

**David Huizenga,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.*

[FR Doc. 2014-12933 Filed 6-3-14; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6450-01-P**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**[DOE/EIS-0487; DOE/EIS-0488; DOE/EIS-0489; et. al.]**

**Draft Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports of Natural Gas From the United States**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Draft Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports of Natural Gas from the United States.

Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P. and FLNG Liquefaction, LLC	[DOE/EIS-0487].
Cameron LNG, LLC	DOE/EIS-0488].
Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P	DOE/EIS-0489].
Lake Charles Exports, LLC and Trunkline LNG Export, LLC	DOE/EIS-0491].
LNG Development Company, LLC (d/b/a Oregon LNG)	DOE/EIS-0492].
Cheniere Marketing, LLC	DOE/EIS-0493].
Excelerate Liquefaction Solutions I, LLC	DOE/EIS-0494].
CE FLNG, LLC	DOE/EIS-0497].
Magnolia LNG, LLC	DOE/EIS-0498].
Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP	DOE/EA-1942].
Southern LNG Company, L.L.C	DOE/EA-1963].
Golden Pass Products LLC	DOE/EA-1971].
Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC	DOE/EA-1983].

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the *Draft Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports of Natural Gas From The United States* (Addendum) for public review and comment. The purpose of this Addendum is to provide additional information to the public regarding the potential environmental impacts of unconventional natural gas exploration and production activities. DOE has received many comments in related proceedings expressing concerns about the potential impacts from increased development of unconventional natural gas resources in the United States, particularly production that involves hydraulic fracturing. While not required by the National Environmental Policy

Act (NEPA), DOE has prepared this Addendum in an effort to be responsive to the public and provide the best information available. DOE is making this draft Addendum available for public review and comment, and will consider comments prior to finalizing this Addendum.

**DATES:** Comments are to be filed using procedures detailed in the Public Comment section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, July 21, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Electronic Filing Using Online Form:* <http://energy.gov/fe/Draft-Upstream-Addendum>.

*Regular Mail:* U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Attn: Addendum Comments, Office of Oil & Gas Global Security & Supply, Office of Fossil

Energy, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, DC 20026-4375

*Hand Delivery or Private Delivery Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.):* U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Attn: Addendum Comments, Office of Oil & Gas Global Security & Supply, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

John Anderson, U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-0521.

Edward LeDuc, U.S. Department of Energy (GC-51), Office of the