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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Invention for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: U.S. Patent Number 5,858,802 entitled, "Patterning Antibodies On a Surface," is an invention assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent cited should be sent to the Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, Code 0117, 9500 MacArthur Boulevard, West Bethesda, Maryland 20817-5700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dick Bloomquist, Director Technology Transfer, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, Code 0117, 9500 MacArthur Boulevard, West Bethesda, Maryland 20817-5700, telephone (301) 227-4299.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Unmanned Vehicles for Mine Countermeasures will meet to identify and state the requirement for unmanned vehicles that would operate in support of the Mine Warfare Mission; identify the unmanned

vehicle alternatives which apply to the mine countermeasures mission, describe them, assess their pros and cons; review the current development programs and identify gaps and overlaps; and report findings and recommendations. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, May 4, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Jorge Scientific Corporation, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, 6th Floor, Suite 600, Crystal Gateway Two, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Mason-Muir, Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-6769.

Dated: April 23, 1999.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. § 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9:00 a.m., May 25, 1999.

PLACE: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board will convene the tenth quarterly briefing regarding the status of progress of the activities associated with the Department of Energy's Implementation Plans for the Board's Recommendations 95-2, Integrated Safety Management ("ISM") and 98-1, Integrated Safety Management (Response to Issues Identified by the Office of Internal Oversight). Included in this discussion will be the status of actions on the Secretary of Energy's March 3, 1999, Safety-Accountability and Performance Initiative Memorandum. Specific topics will include, but not be limited to, the following.

- Recommendation 98-1 implementation progress, including EH-2 review of evaluation protocols, the Corrective Tracking System, modification of directives, disposition of legacy issues, and the Integrated Corrective Action Management team charter.

- Recommendation 95-2 overall progress, including the Manual of Functions and Responsibilities, implementation of Policy 450.5, Line Environment, Safety and Health Oversight, issues tracking systems, applications of lessons learned, and performance measurement as it relates to department of Energy Acquisition Regulations.

- The Secretary of Energy's Safety-Accountability and Performance Memorandum of March 3, 1999.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Richard A. Azzaro, General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: April 28, 1999.

John T. Conway,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Implementation Plan for Recommendation 98-2 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Safety Management at the Pantex Plant

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 98-2, concerning the safety management at the Pantex plant, on October 7, 1998 (63 FR 53884). Under section 315(e) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e), the Department of Energy must transmit an implementation plan on Recommendation 98-2 to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board after acceptance of the Recommendation by the Secretary. The Department's implementation plan was sent to the Safety Board on April 22, 1999, and is

available for review in the Department of Energy Public Reading Rooms.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the implementation plan to: Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gene Ives, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application and Stockpile Management, Defense Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC, 20585.

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Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

April 22, 1999.

The Honorable John T. Conway,
Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman: We are pleased to forward the Department of Energy implementation plan for addressing the issues raised in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 98-2, "SAFETY MANAGEMENT AT THE PANTEX PLANT." The DNFSB Recommendation 98-2 is consistent with the Department's focus on the Pantex Plant safety management enhancements in the development of the Pantex Plant integrated safety management system as part of the Department's implementation plan for the DNFSB Recommendation 95-2, "SAFETY MANAGEMENT."

We understand that the objective of Recommendation 98-2 is to strengthen and simplify the Pantex Plant safety management and work practices. The primary objectives of this implementation plan are to ensure practical and timely implementation of safety improvements and to better allow for tailoring of Seamless Safety-21 principles. The activities delineated in the plan should simplify and standardize activity level safety management practices and processes for all work involving nuclear explosives at the Pantex Plant.

Mr. Gene Ives, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application and Stockpile Management, is the responsible manager for this implementation plan. Mr. Ives can be contacted at 202-586-4879.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Richardson

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Record of Decision for a Multi-Purpose Canister or Comparable System for Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Spent Nuclear Fuel

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: This Record of Decision announces the Department of Energy's (DOE's) decision to use a multi-purpose canister or comparable system for spent nuclear fuel at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). Except for those fuels that may be processed (e.g., sodium bonded fuel) and a small fraction of spent nuclear fuel (10% or less) that may be suitable for shipment using existing transportation casks, a multi-purpose canister or comparable system will be used for the loading and storage of DOE-owned spent nuclear fuel at the INEEL, and transportation of this spent nuclear fuel for ultimate disposition outside the State of Idaho. This decision is based on analyses contained in two Environmental Impact Statements: the Department of Energy Programmatic Spent Nuclear Fuel Management and Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Programs Final Environmental Impact Statement (SNF & INEL EIS), dated April 1995 (DOE/EIS-0203-F); and the Final Environmental Impact Statement for a Container System for the Management of Naval Spent Nuclear Fuel (Container System EIS), dated November 1996 (DOE/EIS-0251), in which DOE participated as a cooperating agency and then adopted (61 FR 59435, October 9, 1996). DOE recently prepared a Supplement Analysis for a Container System for the Management of DOE Spent Nuclear Fuel Located at the INEEL (March 1999) under 10 CFR 1021.314(c), and determined that no further NEPA documentation is needed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information on DOE's use of a multi-purpose canister or comparable system for INEEL spent nuclear fuel, or to receive a copy of the Supplement Analysis and Determination, please contact Mr. Ron Ramsey, Mail Stop 1154, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, 83401, or phone (208) 526-1545. The SNF & INEL and Container System EISs, the Supplement Analysis and supporting documentation are available for review on request at the Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office

located at 850 Energy Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Copies of the SNF & INEL and Container System EISs and the Supplement Analysis also are available for review at the Idaho Falls and Pocatello, Idaho, Public Libraries. The Supplement Analysis and Determination also are available on the INEEL Website at: <http://www.inel.gov/environment/em/nepa.html>.

For information on DOE's NEPA process, please contact Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, or phone (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In litigation that began in 1991, the State of Idaho asserted that DOE had violated NEPA by not conducting a thorough analysis of environmental impacts associated with spent nuclear fuel storage and transportation. During the litigation, DOE completed the SNF & INEL EIS in April 1995. The litigation was settled when DOE, the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy), and the State of Idaho executed a Settlement Agreement that was subsequently incorporated into a federal court order [*Consent Order in United States of America v. Batt, Civil No. 91-0054-S-ELJ (D.Id.)* dated October 17, 1995] (Idaho Settlement Agreement). Section F.4. of the Idaho Settlement Agreement requires, in part, that DOE and the Navy shall use multi-purpose canisters or comparable systems to prepare spent nuclear fuel for shipment and ultimate disposal outside the State of Idaho, and that the Record of Decision on the NEPA analysis shall be completed by April 30, 1999.

The Navy as lead agency and DOE as a cooperating agency prepared and issued the final Container System EIS in November 1996. The Navy issued a Record of Decision on the Container System EIS on January 8, 1997 (62 FR 1095), selecting a dual-purpose canister system for the management of post-examination naval spent nuclear fuel and special case low-level waste. On May 1, 1997, the Navy issued a second Record of Decision on the Container System EIS (62 FR 23770) that announced that naval spent nuclear fuel that is or will be stored at the Idaho Nuclear Technology Engineering Center (INTEC) (formerly the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant) will be loaded into dual-purpose canisters at the Naval Reactors Facility (NRF). Both INTEC and the NRF are located at INEEL. The second Record of Decision also announced that all dual-purpose