

Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, September 9, 2004, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Friday, September 10, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Double Tree Guest Suites, 16500 South Center Parkway, Seattle, WA 98188, Phone: (206) 575-8220, Fax: (206) 575-4743.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yvonne Sherman, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA, 99352; Phone: (509) 376-6216; Fax: (509) 376-1563.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda:*

Thursday, September 9, 2004

- Annual Face-to Face Check-in with the Tri-Party Agreement Agencies
- End States Workshop
- River Corridor Contract
- Hanford Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision

Friday, September 10, 2004

- Tank Waste Fact Sheet
- Status of Technical Assistance

Request

- Board Leadership

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either

before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Yvonne Sherman's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Yvonne Sherman, Department of Energy, Richland Operation Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA 99352, or by calling her at (509) 376-1563.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 5, 2004.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### DOE Response to Recommendation 2004-1 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Oversight of Complex, High-Hazard Nuclear Operations

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2004-1, concerning oversight of complex, high-hazard nuclear operations was published in the **Federal Register** on June 7, 2004 (69 FR 31815). In accordance with section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b), the Secretary transmitted the following response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on July 21, 2004.

**DATES:** Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before September 7, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Theodore D. Sherry, Deputy Manager, Department of Energy, NNSA Y-12 Site Office, 200 Administration Road, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 2, 2004.

**Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.,**

*Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.*

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**The Secretary of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

July 21, 2004

The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department has thoroughly reviewed Recommendation 2004-1 regarding oversight of complex, high-hazard nuclear operations issued by the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) on May 21, 2004.

The Department remains firmly committed to its Integrated Safety Management (ISM) program as the foundation for performing work safely throughout the Department. The Department's response will include actions to enhance the effectiveness of our ISM program. We remain committed to safety as our top priority and will not sacrifice safety to meet production goals. In January, we highlighted our commitment to continued safety improvement by establishing safety as one of the seven Department-wide Management Challenges for 2004.

As you observed as background to the recommendation, the Columbia accident and the Davis-Besse incident provide valuable lessons from which the Department can learn as we continue to improve our safety management. The lessons from these events will be key inputs in our action planning in response to your recommendation.

The Department accepts Recommendation 2004-1 and will develop an implementation plan to accomplish the following actions for nuclear operations at defense nuclear facilities:

1. Clarify and/or establish formal requirements regarding delegation of authority on safety matters to ensure that delegations are made with clear criteria. Ensure that adequate oversight and technical capability are in place to fulfill these safety responsibilities at all levels of the Department.
2. Identify applicable lessons from the Columbia accident and Davis-Besse incident and implement corrective actions to improve safety throughout the organization.
3. Establish a technically-competent, central authority or authorities with core safety responsibilities.

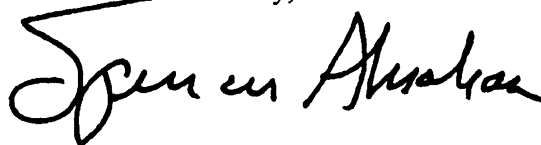
4. Identify safety research, analysis, and testing needs and institute a program to ensure effective management, integration, and execution of efforts to address these needs.
5. Revise and implement the Functions, Responsibilities and Authorities documents and Quality Assurance Plans, as needed, to achieve the actions described above and to ensure direct and unbroken lines of roles and responsibilities for the safety of nuclear operations.
6. Validate that safety responsibilities, capabilities, and authorities are implemented and consistent with requirements.

The Department's understanding is that Recommendation 2004-1 does not require changes to the structure of the directives management system or to the existing DEAR clauses.

Regarding delegations of authority on defense nuclear safety matters, I have directed the Department's senior managers to make no new field delegations, except as approved by me or the Deputy Secretary until the Department completes the applicable actions identified in the Department's 2004-1 implementation plan. To clarify, this restriction does not apply to delegation modifications that may be required as a result of personnel changes or delegation expirations.

I have asked Mr. Ted Sherry, Deputy Manager, National Nuclear Security Administration Y-12 Site Office, to lead the response team that will develop the Department's 2004-1 implementation plan. If you have questions, please contact him at (865) 576-0752.

Sincerely,



Spencer Abraham

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-421-000]

#### ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 3, 2004.

Take notice that on July 30, 2004, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective September 1, 2004:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 100

Third Revised Sheet No. 101 revised title page.

ANR states that the purpose of this filing is to revise its tariff in order to comply with the Commission's Order No. 2004 and part 358 of the Commission's Regulations. Additionally, ANR submits proposed revised tariff sheets to clarify that the information required to be posted pursuant Order No. 2004 and part 358 as well as the appropriate contact information for complaints regarding service pursuant to ANR's tariff is available via ANR's Internet Web site. Finally, ANR submits proposed revised tariff sheets to clarify that the contact information for any person desiring information on the availability, pricing, or other terms of transportation services is available via ANR's Internet Web site.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date