

As Commission staff advised the CBT's Task Force during its deliberations, the CBT alternative raises several important issues and it differs from the Commission's in a number of significant respects. The CBT alternative restricts the delivery area to only the northern portion of the Illinois River. Unlike the Commission's suggested Illinois River Shipping Certificate alternative, the CBT river-based delivery area would not be in addition to the existing delivery points on the contracts—including St. Louis and Toledo—but in lieu of them. Moreover, the CBT alternative does not provide for locational price differentials. Finally, unlike the contracts' current specifications for loading against warehouse receipts, the CBT is considering requiring that originators of shipping certificates maintain separate queues, giving takers under the futures contract priority over other load-out commitments.

In order to assist the Commission in its consideration of these issues, the Commission requests written data, views or arguments from interested members of the public. Commenters are requested to analyze and compare the relative merits of the CBT working alternative. Commenters are specifically requested to address the following issues:

1. Does the potential economic deliverable supplies or capacity on the contract under the CBT working alternative meet the requirement of the section 5a(a)(10) notification that the CBT modify the contracts' specifications in order that they "will tend to prevent or diminish price manipulation, market congestion, or the abnormal movement of such commodity in interstate commerce"? In particular, how does the potential increase in delivery supplies or capacity which results from the addition of the Illinois River shipping certificate compare to deletion of deliverable supplies or capacity at Toledo? Is the net result sufficient to prevent market disruption under foreseeable market circumstances?

2. How should the net change in economic deliverable supplies or capacity be measured? How much of the load-out capacity of the barge-loading facilities on the northern Illinois River likely will be made available for delivery, particularly in light of the queuing aspect of the CBT working alternative? In this respect, within the defined delivery area is there a sufficient number of facilities, and is their ownership sufficiently dispersed?

3. Are the regularity eligibility requirements a significant factor in determining the economic delivery

capacity under the CBT working alternative's terms? Are they sufficient or necessary to assure performance on the contract?

4. What are the implications of the working alternative's proposed single delivery area, even if total deliverable supplies or capacity were increased?

5. What are the implications of the absence of locational price differentials? In particular, is the working alternative consistent with the pricing of corn and soybeans in the cash market of the proposed delivery area? What are the implications for the availability of registered certificates?

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 10th day of March 1997, by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: Published February 24, 1997, 62 FR 8222.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9:00 a.m., March 19, 1997.

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

STATUS: Open.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: The meeting has been postponed until 9:00 a.m. on April 16, 1997.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board will reconvene and continue the open meeting conducted on February 5, 1997, regarding the status of DOE's Implementation Plan for Board Recommendation 95-2, Integrated Safety Management. Specifically, the Board will be given status reports by DOE relative to the Department's efforts to improve the technical expertise necessary to review and implement safety management systems, including establishment of a Core Technical group, and the development of guidance for implementation of the Safety Management System.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Robert M. Anderson, 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: March 11, 1997.

John T. Conway,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Recognition of Accrediting Agencies

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for comments on an accrediting agency appealing a previous recommendation of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity to withdraw its recognition.

DATES: Commentors should submit their written comments by April 14, 1997 to the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and State Liaison Division, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3915 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-7417.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUBMISSION OF THIRD-PARTY COMMENTS:

The Secretary of Education is required by law to publish a list of accrediting agencies that he determines to be reliable authorities regarding the quality of education or training offered by institutions or programs they accredit. The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (the "Advisory Committee") advises the Secretary on specific accrediting agencies that seek to be recognized by the Secretary.

The National League for Nursing was reviewed by the Advisory Committee at its June 1996 meeting, at which time it recommended that the agency's recognition be withdrawn. The agency appealed that recommendation, in accordance with the provisions set forth in 34 CFR 602.13 of the regulations governing the recognition of accrediting agencies. The Secretary has reviewed the agency's appeal and has decided to remand the matter to the Advisory Committee for review. The Advisory

Committee will consider the case at its June 16–18, 1997 meeting.

The purpose of this notice is to invite interested third parties to present written comments on the National League for Nursing. In order for Department staff to give full consideration to the comments received, the comments must arrive at the address listed above not later than April 14, 1997. Comments must relate directly to the Secretary's Criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies. All written comments received by the Department in response to this notice will be considered by both the Advisory Committee and the Secretary.

A subsequent Federal Register notice will announce the meeting and invite individuals and/or groups to submit requests for oral presentation before the Advisory Committee on this agency and the other agencies being reviewed at that meeting. That notice, however, does not constitute another call for written comment. This notice is the only call for written comment on the National League for Nursing, which, as indicated above, is appealing the previous recommendation of the Advisory Committee to withdraw its recognition.

Public Inspection of Petitions and Third-Party Comments

All third-party comments received in response to this call for comment, as well as the agency's original petition and supporting documentation, the Department staff analysis of that petition, the agency's appeals materials, and its most recent submission, which the Secretary requested by March 1, 1997, will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, ROB–3, Room 3915, 7th and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20202–5244, telephone (202) 708–7417 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until June 2, 1997.

Dated: March 10, 1997.

David A. Longanecker,
Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Draft Solicitation for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of comment period for Draft Solicitation for Waste

Acceptance and Transportation Services.

SUMMARY: The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) announced the availability of a Draft Request For Proposals (RFP) for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services in the December 23, 1996 Commerce Business Daily (Section V, Page 10) and in the December 27, 1996 Federal Register (Vol. 61, #250, page 68250). The draft solicitation was made available by requesting a copy directly from the Contracting Officer and via the Internet on the OCRWM Home Page and the Headquarters Procurement Operations Home Page at the following addresses: <http://www.rw.doe.gov/> and <http://www.pr.doe.gov/solicit.html>, respectively.

The announcement requested that comments regarding the RFP be submitted to the address listed below no later than March 31, 1997. This notice hereby extends that comment period until May 15, 1997. All comments should be sent to U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Attn: Michelle Miskinis, HR–561.21, Washington, DC 20585.

All comments received will be made available at the U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room located at the above address, at the end of the comment period.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on March 5, 1997.

Scott E. Sheffield,
Acting Associate Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Headquarters Procurement Operations.
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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 25, 1997: 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Boatmen's First National Bank, Centennial Room, Amarillo, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Williams, Program Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477–3121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

Tentative Agenda:

- 1:00 p.m.—Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes
- 1:10 p.m.—Co-Chair Comments
- 1:20 p.m.—West Texas A&M University Update
 - Results of Board Interviews by West Texas Facilitators
- 1:50 p.m.—West Texas A&M University Budget Discussion
- 2:20 p.m.—Subcommittee Reports
 - Policy & Personnel
 - Nominations & Membership
- 2:40 p.m.—Task Force Reports
 - Environmental Restoration
 - Transition
- 3:00 p.m.—Break
- 3:15 p.m.—Budget Discussions (Focus on the '97 Budget)
 - David Humbert, Administrative Services
- 4:15 p.m.—Ex-Officio Reports
- 4:30 p.m.—Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE
- 5:00 p.m.—Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Tom Williams' office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official 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 a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371–5400. Hours of operation are