

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to SMC/GPERC, 2420 Vela Way, Suite 1467, El Segundo CA 90245-4659. A comment matrix is provided for your convenience at the web site and is the preferred method of comment submittal. Comments may be submitted to the following Internet address: smc.gperc@losangeles.af.mil. Comments may also be sent by fax to 1-310-363-6387.

DATES: The suspense date for comment submittal is November 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GPERC, GPS JPO System Engineering Division at 1-310-363-2883, or write to the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The civilian and military communities use the Global Positioning System, which employs a constellation of 24 satellites to provide continuously transmitted signals to enable appropriately configured GPS user equipment to produce accurate position, navigation and time information.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is 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. Patent application 10/662,169: FAST RESPONSE FLUID CONTROL VALVE/NOZZLE.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the invention cited should be directed to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OCF, Bldg 64, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Darrell Boggess, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OCF, Bldg 64, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001, telephone (812) 854-1130. To download an application for license, see: http://www.crane.navy.mil/newscommunity/TechTrans_CranePatents.asp?bhcp=1. (Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.)

Dated: November 3, 2003.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions 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) two meetings described below. The Board will also conduct a series of public hearings pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286b and invites any interested persons or groups to present any comments, technical information, or data concerning safety issues related to the matters to be considered.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9 a.m., December 3, 2003, and 9 a.m., December 4, 2003.

PLACE: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004-2001.

Additionally, as a part of the Board's E-Government initiative, the meetings will be presented live through Internet video streaming. A link to these presentations will be available on the Board's Web site (<http://www.dnfsb.gov>).

STATUS: Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require that the scheduled discussions be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that open meetings in this specific case further the public interests underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board's enabling legislation.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board has been reviewing the Department of Energy's (DOE) current oversight and management of the contracts and contractors it relies upon to accomplish the mission assigned to DOE under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. We will focus on what impact, if any, DOE's new initiatives may have or might have had upon assuring adequate protection of the health and safety of the public and workers at DOE's defense nuclear facilities. The fourth and fifth public meetings will collect information needed to understand and address any health or safety concerns that may require Board action. This will include, but is not limited to, presentations by DOE and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to explain their contract management and oversight

initiatives and possibly further presentations by Board staff.

The Board has identified several key areas that will be examined in public meetings. The Board will explore in more depth the field application of Federal management and oversight policies being developed by DOE and NNSA for defense nuclear facilities. The Board will hear from NNSA Site Managers and Contractor General Managers during the December 3rd meeting and from DOE Environmental Management Site Managers and Contractor General Managers during the December 4th meeting. The information gathered will explore Federal contract management and oversight experience and will provide relevant reference experience. The public hearing portions are independently authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 2286b.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth M. Pusateri, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2901, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to speak at the hearings may be submitted in writing or by telephone. The Board asks that commentators describe the nature and scope of their oral presentation. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on December 2, 2003, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m., for the December 3rd meeting. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on December 3, 2003, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m., for the December 4th meeting. The Board will post a schedule for those speakers who have contacted the Board before each hearing. The posting will be made at the entrance to the Public Hearing Room at the start of each 9 a.m. meeting.

Anyone who wishes to comment or provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent deemed appropriate. Documents will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington, DC office. The Board will hold the record open until January 5, 2005, for the receipt of additional materials. Transcripts of the meetings will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington office and at DOE's public reading room at the DOE Federal