

described in this Proposed Plan based on the information available at this time. The final decision on the remedy to be implemented will be documented in a Record of Decision (ROD) only after consideration of all comments received and any new information presented.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the SLDS FS/PP may be directed to Mr. Chris Haskell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, FUSRAP Project Office, 9170 Latty Avenue, Berkeley, Missouri 63134, by phone (314) 524-3334, or by e-mail at "Chris.Haskell@MVS01.usace.army.mil".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, issued the SLDS Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan (FS/PP) for public comment on April 8, 1998. The site became contaminated as a result of activities in support of the nation's early atomic energy program in the 1940s. The sites are being addressed under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). Cleanup of these sites is now managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The alternatives evaluated in the Feasibility Study are summarized in the Proposed Plan. Inaccessible soils are not included as part of the operable unit.

2. Project Alternatives

a. Alternative 1—No Action. Mandated by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabilities (CERCLA), periodic environmental monitoring would be conducted, but no remedial action would be conducted.

b. Alternative 2—Institutional Controls and Site Maintenance. Institutional controls and site maintenance would be implemented to prevent unacceptable exposures to site contamination.

c. Alternative 3—Containment. Alternative 3 incorporates containment, institutional controls, and environmental monitoring to reduce further spread of contaminants and reduce the potential for direct exposure. Under this alternative, accessible soils from SLDS and vicinity properties would be excavated and consolidated and capped at a downtown location such as the City Property or Plant 2 area.

d. Alternative 4—Partial Excavation and Disposal. This alternative includes excavation of accessible soils in the upper 2 feet to the composite criteria of 5 pCi/g in surface soil (top 6 inches) and 15 pCi/g in shallow subsurface soil (top 2 feet) (for Ra-226, Ra-228, Th-230, and

Thj-232) and 50 pCi/g for U-238. Site-specific dose and risk-based target removal levels of 50 pCi/g Ra-226, 100 pCi/g Th-230 and 150 pCi/g U-238 would be used for excavation of soils below 2 feet for most site areas.

e. Alternative 5—Complete Excavation and Disposal. This alternative involves excavating soil contaminated above the composite criteria regardless of depth.

f. Alternative 6—Selective Excavation and Disposal. This alternative focuses on reducing the need for future studies, designs, and remedial actions, in addition to protection of human health and the environment relative to Alternative 4. It is anticipated that excavation to the composite criteria would proceed to a depth of 6 feet of the St. Louis Terminal Railroad Association tracks and the former locations of Buildings 116, 117, 704-707. Excavation for the composite criteria would stop at 4 feet at all other areas at SLDS including the vicinity properties and under the roads.

The Corps of Engineers has identified alternative 4 as preferred.

3. Scoping Process

Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to participate in the scoping process to determine the range of issues and alternatives to be addressed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public meeting to receive oral and written comments at the Henry Clay Elementary School Gymnasium, 3820 North 141th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63107 on April 21, 1998 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. In addition, written comments will also be accepted until May 8, 1998 by Dr. R. L. Mullins at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, FUSRAP Project Office, 9170 Latty Avenue, Berkeley, Missouri 63134, (314) 524-4083.

4. Availability of FS/PP

Copies of the FS/PP are available for review from April 8, 1998 until May 8, 1998 during business hours at the following locations:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, FUSRAP Project Office, 9170 Latty Avenue, Berkeley, Missouri 63134

St. Louis Public Library, Government Information Section, 1301 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103
Henry Clay Elementary School, 3820 N. 14th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63107
Prairie Commons Branch Library, 915 Utz Lane, Hazelwood, Missouri 63042
Washington University Library of Biological Sciences, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63130

Julia Davis Branch Library, 4415 Natural Bridge, St. Louis Missouri 63115
St. Louis County Library, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63131

The FS/PP is also available for review on the world wide web at <http://144.3.144.51/engr/fusrap/index.htm>.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: May 7-9, 1998.

TIME: May 7—Design and Methodology Committee, 9:00-11:30 a.m., (open); Joint Meeting Design and Methodology and Reporting and Dissemination Committees, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., (open); Subject Area Committee #2, 2:00-4:00 p.m., (open), Executive Committee, 4:00-6:00 p.m., (open) May 8—Full Board, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m., (open); Subject Area Committee #1, 10:00-10:30 a.m. (closed), 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., (open); Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., (open); Achievement Levels Committee, 10:00-11:00 a.m., (open); Design and Methodology Committee, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., (open); Full Board, 12:00-1:30 p.m. (closed), 1:30-4:00 p.m., (open). May 9—Full Board, 8:00-11:30 a.m., (open), 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (closed); adjournment, 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons. Under P.L. 105-78, the National Assessment Governing Board is also granted exclusive authority over developing the Voluntary National Tests pursuant to contract number RJ97153001.

On May 7, the Design and Methodology Committee will meet in open session from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The Committee will be reviewing the plan for research studies on the Voluntary National Tests, and the pilot test design.

From 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. the Design and Methodology and Reporting and Dissemination Committees will meet jointly in open session. The Committees will be reviewing the work plan for accommodations and adaptations on the Voluntary National Tests. There will be an open meeting of Subject Area Committee #2 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The agenda for this meeting includes review of math issues and timeliness for the Voluntary National Tests, and an update on 1998 NAEP assessment in civics.

Also on May 7, the Executive Committee will meet in open session from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The Executive Committee will receive updates on Voluntary National Tests activities and decisions on the Voluntary National Tests contract. Also, the Committee will hear updates on reauthorization and NAEP redesign activities. The Committee will begin discussion on augmenting the schedule of NAEP assessments to include grade 4 reading in the year 2000.

On May 8, the full Board will convene in open session from 8:30-10:00 a.m. In addition to a report from the Executive Director of the National Assessment Governing Board, and an update on NAEP activities, the agenda for this session of the meeting includes the release of the NAEP-TIMSS Linking Report on 8th Grade Mathematics and Science.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. there will be meetings of the standing committees. Subject Area Committee #1 will meet in partially closed session. From 10:00-

10:30 a.m., the meeting will be closed to permit the Committee to review proposed items for the Voluntary National Test in reading. This portion of the meeting must be closed because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9) (B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

In open session, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., the Committee will review Voluntary National Test reading issues and timelines. Also, the Committee will receive an update on the 1998 NAEP assessment in reading and writing.

The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The Committee will be considering the schedule and plans for the release of NAEP reports; reporting district-level results from existing state samples; and work plans for reporting and utilization of the results for the Voluntary National Tests.

There will be open meetings of the Achievement Levels Committee and the Design and Methodology Committee. The Achievement Levels Committee will meet from 10:00-11:00 a.m. to prepare recommendations to the Board on the preliminary achievement levels descriptions for NAEP. The Committee will receive a briefing on the status of the 1998 achievement levels setting activities. The Committee will discuss the achievement levels issues on the Voluntary National Tests, such as reliable classification of individual student performance.

The Design and Methodology Committee will meet from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to review the plans for research studies on the Voluntary National Tests, and the pilot test design.

The Full Board will reconvene in partially closed session from 12:00-4:00 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 12:00-1:30 p.m. for the Board to hear a presentation on the results of the NAEP Instructional Reports for Mathematics and Science. This portion of the meeting must be closed because references may be made to data, which may be misinterpreted, incorrect, or incomplete. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. The agenda for the open portion of this session of the Full Board meeting includes an update on work plans for the Voluntary National Tests and comments about the NAEP and the Voluntary National Tests by representatives of the National Alliance of Business.

On May 9, the Full Board will meet in partially closed session. In open session, from 8:00-11:30 a.m., the Board will receive a briefing on the Mathematics Content Analysis Project; hear a presentation from ACHIEVE, Inc. on the work being conducted in Benchmarking, and be given reports from the NAGB standing committees. The Board will meet in closed session from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to receive the report from the Nominations Committee regarding recommendations to submit to the Secretary of Education for Board appointments in the following categories: general public, secondary school principal, elementary school principal, eighth grade teacher, fourth grade teacher, chief state school officer, and state legislator (Democrat). This session must be closed because the Board will be considering qualifications of nominees for appointment to Board membership. The review and subsequent discussion of this information will touch upon matters that relate solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency and would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Conduct Policy Analysis; Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct policy analysis; request for public comment.
