



## NEWS YOU CAN USE--March 11, 1999

### Energy and Environment To Be Raised at U.S.-Africa Ministerial

Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson will address the importance of energy and the environment to economic development in Africa next week at the U.S.-African Ministerial Partnership for the 21st Century. At the March 16-18 meetings at the State Department, the Department of Energy (DOE) will join other U.S. agencies and business executives in discussions with officials from 46 African nations. The ministerial will explore shared interests and opportunities for expanding cooperation in economic development, trade and investment, and other areas. Secretary Richardson will lead an energy and environment roundtable, including a discussion of investment in the energy sector and the development of clean energy sources that contribute to climate change and other environmental goals. *Note: Media wishing to cover the opening and closing plenaries and daily media availabilities must register with the Washington Foreign Press Center by March 12. For details, see the [DOE Home Page](#).*

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### DOE Issues Preliminary Notice of Violation for Nuclear Safety Practices

DOE has issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation to International Technology Corporation (IT), Las Vegas, Nevada for failing to follow worker radiological protection requirements while conducting environmental monitoring activities at the Salmon, MS site. DOE's Nevada Operations Office found that IT had failed to use personnel dosimeters and radiation survey meters as required by its safety plan. While the Severity Level III violation was not accompanied by a civil penalty, IT is required to document specific actions taken or planned to prevent recurrence. Salmon is a site of former underground nuclear testing activities that is now being monitored to assure environmental protection. Additional information on this and other enforcement actions is available at <http://www.eh.doe.gov/enforce>.

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### Ambassador Malloy Joins Nonproliferation Office

Ambassador Eileen Malloy has joined the DOE as an advisor to Rose Gottemoeller, Director of the Office of Nonproliferation and National Security. On detail from the State Department, Ambassador Malloy will provide counsel on DOE's efforts to secure Russian nuclear materials. She will also address the risk of former Soviet weapons scientists aiding rogue regimes or terrorist groups in their efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction.

Ambassador Malloy's most recent assignment was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs, with an emphasis on Central and Eastern Europe. She served previously as Chief of Mission in the Kyrgyz Republic and the head of the Arms Control Implementation Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. A career foreign service officer, Ambassador Malloy served in the United Kingdom and Ireland, and was the director of the Secretariat Staff of the Department of State. She is a graduate of the Foreign Service School at Georgetown University and is fluent in Russian.

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## **Energy Department Solicitation Aims To Improve Buildings' Energy Efficiency**

DOE asked for proposals for research and development projects that will significantly improve the energy efficiency of residential and commercial buildings. Proposals are due to the Federal Energy Technology Center by April 13, 1999, and were announced in a March 3 Federal Register notice. Projects may be up to four years in duration, and funding of \$7 million is available in fiscal year 1999. The Department is open to a wide range of new ideas for research and development on building materials, components, and systems for buildings. Projects will be selected for technologies such as water heating, lighting and space cooling. Building energy use is a major contributor to environmental problems, including acid rain, smog, and global warming. The solicitation is available on the Internet. For information on the energy efficient buildings programs and partnerships, please see:

<http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings>.

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## **Free Lecture to Discuss Energy Efficiency and the Next Generation of Commercial Buildings**

How will the next generation of commercial buildings be more energy efficient? How will they increase worker productivity? These questions will be discussed at the continuing DOE/National Building Museum lecture series, Buildings for the 21st Century. Vivian Loftness, head of the School of Architecture at Carnegie Mellon University, will speak on The Next Generation of Commercial Buildings. Her presentation will introduce new approaches to commercial building design and their success in improving energy efficiency, organizational flexibility, technological adaptability, individual comfort, motivation, and productivity. The free lecture is from 12:30 -1:30 p.m., March 17, at the National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. Information on the lecture series and DOE's programs on energy efficient building research, design, and deployment, is posted on the web at: <http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings>. Or, you may call 1-800-363-3732.

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## **DOE PRESS RELEASES ((MARCH 6 - MARCH 10)**

Hoosiers to Breathe Cleaner Air

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Powering the 21st Century: Energy Department Awards Funds for Fuel Cell and Engine Research

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Energy Department Seeks Industry Input Into Plan to Convert Nuclear Material to a More Environmentally Benign Form

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Richardson Receives Report of the Chiles Commission

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Richardson Announces Agreement to Keep North Dakota's Great Plains Plant Operating

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Ohio Schools See Sunny Days: Energy Department Officials Participate in Solar Array Dedication and Home Weatherization Tour

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Secretary Richardson Recommends Dismissal of Los Alamos Worker

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DOE Completes Policy Analysis on Use of Commercial Disposal Facilities

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