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April 26, 1991

The Honorable James D. Watkins  
Secretary of Energy  
Washington, D.C. 20585

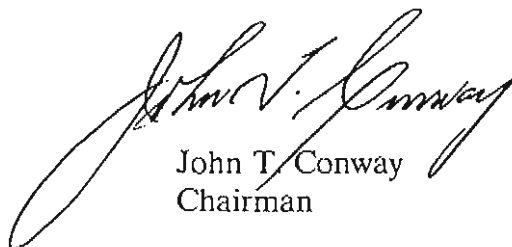
Dear Mr. Secretary:

On April 25, 1991, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, in accordance with Section 312(5) of Public Law 100-456, approved Recommendation 91-3 which is enclosed for your consideration.

Section 315(A) of Public Law 100-456 requires the Board, after receipt by you, to promptly make this recommendation available to the public in the Department of Energy's regional public reading rooms. Please arrange to have this recommendation placed on file in your regional public reading rooms as soon as possible.

The Board will publish this recommendation in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,



John T. Conway  
Chairman

Enclosure

RECOMMENDATION TO THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY  
pursuant to Section 312(5) of the  
Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

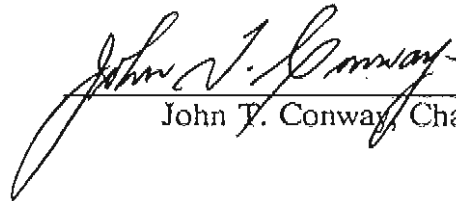
Dated: April 25, 1991

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During a recent briefing on the WIPP Project, Department of Energy (DOE) personnel described twelve separate reviews, appraisals, and assessments by various DOE offices, contractor, and State oversight organizations that have been conducted at WIPP since October 1988. Since DOE's review of the readiness at WIPP was spread over approximately a three year period, the Board is concerned that DOE does not intend to perform a final comprehensive readiness review, after completion of the contractor's readiness review, prior to the initiation of the test phase. Therefore, the Board recommends:

1. that an independent and comprehensive DOE readiness review be carried out at WIPP prior to initiation of the test phase. As indicated in item 2, members of the review team may include some personnel from the line organization;
2. that the team constituted to carry out the readiness review consist of experienced individuals whose backgrounds collectively include all important facets of the unique operations involved and that the majority of the team members be independent of WIPP programmatic or line management responsibilities to ensure an independent and unbiased assessment;
3. that the DOE readiness review team confer with the DOE teams that are currently performing readiness reviews at other DOE facilities to determine what procedures for conducting readiness reviews have or have not been effective, recognizing that a tailored approach is required for WIPP; and
4. that the review include, but not be limited to, the following items:
  - a. assessment of the adequacy and correctness of waste handling and utility systems normal and abnormal operating, and emergency procedures;
  - b. assessment of level of knowledge achieved during operator qualification as evidenced by review of examination questions and examination results, and by selective oral examinations of operators by members of the review team;

- c. assessment of conduct of operations by observation of actual waste handling operations using simulated waste containers, and the response to simulated abnormal and emergency situations;
- d. assessment of the interrelationships and the delineation of roles and responsibilities among the various DOE (Carlsbad and Albuquerque) and contractor (Westinghouse and Sandia National Laboratory) organizations involved in the test phase;
- e. examination of records of tests and calibration of safety systems and other instruments monitoring Limiting Conditions of Operations or that satisfy Operating Safety Requirements; and
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John T. Conway, Chairman

reducing the turnaround time for coal between the mining areas and its export from the Lamberts Point Terminal in Norfolk, Virginia. The capacity for storage at the proposed facility would be 40 million gross tons (mgt) annually. This activity will require a Corps of Engineers permit pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Pub. L. 95-217).

2. *Alternatives:* Alternatives which will be investigated will include, but will not be limited to sites adjacent to the main corridor of the Norfolk and Western Railway line within a 12 hour loop of the Lamberts Point Terminal. Alternative construction and access methods which would avoid or minimize wetland impacts will be investigated.

3. *Scoping Process:* Several pre-scoping meetings have been held with Federal, state, and local agency representatives. Some of the alternatives developed during this process included a facility located off of the main line, alternative sites along the main line, and no action. The public scoping process may add to or subtract from this list.

4. *Public Scoping Meeting:* Because of the numerous pre-scoping meetings held with the Federal, State, and local representatives, no additional scoping meetings are anticipated at this time. Since there has been no opportunity for

public input to this point, a public notice of the pertinent maps will be sent to the adjacent property owners, newspapers having circulation in the area, and individuals and organizations having previously asked to receive copies of Corps public notices. Written comments on the scope of the DEIS will be accepted from any interested agency, organization, or individual through July 18, 1991.

5. *DEIS Availability:* It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public for review and comment in the fall of 1991.

Dated: April 19, 1991.

R. F. Sliwoski,  
Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers,  
District Engineer.

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## DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

[Recommendation 91-3]

### DOE's Comprehensive Readiness Review Prior to Initiation of the Test Phase at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)

ENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities  
Safety Board.

**ACTION:** Notice; recommendation.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board has made a recommendation to the Secretary of Energy pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286a concerning the need for a comprehensive readiness review by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) prior to initiation of the test phase at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The Board requests public comments on this recommendation.

**DATES:** Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning this recommendation are due on or before May 31, 1991.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning this recommendation to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth M. Pusateri or Carole J. Council, at the address above or telephone (202) 208-6400.

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Appendix—Transmittal Letter to the  
Secretary of Energy

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John T. Conwav,

Chairman.

Enclosure

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.040]

### Invitation for Fiscal Year 1991 Applications Under the School Construction in Areas Affected by Federal Activities Program for Fiscal Year 1992 Funds

**Purpose of Program:** To help compensate school districts for the cost of educating children when enrollment and the availability of revenues from local sources have been adversely affected by Federal activities, the Secretary provides direct grants for the construction, or remodeling of urgently needed minimum school facilities. Section 5 of Public Law 81-815 authorizes assistance for school construction in local educational agencies experiencing an increase in membership due to Federal activity carried on either directly or through a contractor. Eligibility is determined by the increase in the number of children residing on Federal property or with a parent employed on Federal property. Section 9 authorizes construction assistance to school districts experiencing a temporary Federal impact, either directly or through a contractor. Section 14 authorizes assistance for certain school districts that serve children residing on Indian lands, or that are significantly burdened by the presence of nontaxable Federal property and have a substantial number of inadequately housed pupils. Section 8 authorizes assistance that supplements certain awards made under sections 5, 9, and 14 of Public Law 81-815.

Notice is given that the Secretary of Education has established a closing date for the transmittal of applications for assistance under sections 5 and 9 of Public Law 81-815, based on increase periods ending June 1991 or June 1992. (An increase period is a period of four consecutive regular school years during which a school district has experienced a substantial increase in school membership as a result of new or increased Federal activities.) This closing date also applies to applications for assistance under section 14 and for supplemental assistance under section 8 of Public Law 81-815.

Approval of these applications is subject to availability of funds.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** July 2, 1991.

**Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:** September 3, 1991.

**Available Funds:** For fiscal year 1992, the Administration has requested \$5,000,000 for sections 5 and 14(c), and \$5,000,000 for sections 14(a) and 14(b). However, the actual level of funding is contingent upon final Congress action. The fiscal year 1991 appropriation was \$9,759,000 for sections 14(a) and 14(b) and \$6,831,000 for sections 5 and 14(c).

**Applications available:** Application forms may be obtained from the State educational agency that serves the applicant local educational agency.

**Applicable Regulations:** (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85 and 86; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 221.

**For Information Contact:** School Facilities Branch, Impact Aid Program, Program Operations Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 2117, Washington, DC 20202-6244. Telephone: (202) 401-0660. Deaf and hearing impaired individuals may call the Federal Dual Party Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 (in the Washington, DC 202 area code, telephone 708-9300) between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 631-645. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 84.040 School Assistance in Federally Affected Areas—Construction)

Dated: April 25, 1991.

John T. MacDonald,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Conservation and Renewable Energy

#### Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Joint Ventures Advisory Committee, Open Meeting

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 80 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

**Name:** Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Joint Ventures Advisory Committee (REEE) [VAC].

**Date and Time:** May 21, 1991, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; May 22, 1991, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Place:** Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Rosslyn, VA.

**Contact:** Elaine S. Guthrie, Office of Technical Assistance (CE-54), Conservation and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: 202-566-1719.

**Purpose of Committee:** To advise the Secretary of Energy on the development of the solicitation and evaluation criteria for joint ventures, and on otherwise carrying out his responsibilities under the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technology Competitiveness Act of 1989 (Pub. L. 101-218, 42 U.S.C. 12005).

**Tentative Agenda:** Briefings and discussions of:

- Introduction of Committee Members and Appointment of Committee Chair;
- Board's statutory responsibilities;
- Committee Procedures;
- Background Information on Public Law 101-218, Joint Ventures, Procurement, and Specific Technologies;
- Establishment of a Working Executive Committee;
- Criteria for Selection of Joint Venture Projects;
- Other Matters Requiring Board Consideration and Public Comment Period (10 minute rule).

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Elaine Guthrie at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral presentations must be received 5 days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

**Transcripts:** The transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on April 20, 1991.

Howard H. Raiken,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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## Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 90-83-NG]

### Chippewa Gas Corp.; Order Granting Blanket Authorization To Import Canadian Natural Gas

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of an order granting blanket authorization to import Canadian natural gas.