

data on teaching practices and opportunity-to-learn factors.

Additional Information: Clearance for this information collection is requested for February 14, 1995. An expedited review is requested in order to implement the program before the start of the new year.

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National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; 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: March 2-4, 1995.

TIME: March 2, 1995—Subject Area Committee #2, 1:30 P.M.–2:00 P.M. (open); 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M. (closed); Achievement Levels Committee, 1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M. (open); Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M. (open); Subject Area Committee #1, 4:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M. (open); Design and Methodology Committee, 4:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M. (open); Executive Committee, 6:30 P.M.–8:00 P.M. (open). March 3, 1995—Full Board, 8:45 A.M.–12:30 P.M. (open), 12:30 P.M.–2:00 P.M. (closed), 2:30 P.M.–4:00 P.M. (open). March 4, 1995—Full Board, 9:00 A.M. until adjournment, approximately, 12:00 Noon (open).

LOCATION: The Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets NW., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street NW., Washington, D.C., 2002-4233, 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.

On March 2, all subcommittees of the National Assessment Governing Board will be in session. The Subject Area Committee (SAC) #2 will meet from 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. SAC #2 will meet in open session from 1:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. to hear a report on state arts education assessment efforts. From 2:00 P.M. until adjournment, 3:30 P.M., the SAC #2 meeting will be closed to the public to permit the Committee to receive a briefing on the 1995 NAEP field test. This briefing will include display and discussion of secure test items and materials. This portion of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because premature disclosure of the information presented for review might 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.

The Achievement Levels Committee will meet in open session from 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. The Committee will discuss preliminary results of the 1994 NAEP student performance standards in the U.S. history and world geography.

The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet in open session from 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. to discuss the release of future NAEP reports and Board policy on the collection, analysis, and reporting of background data.

Beginning at 4:00 P.M., until 6:00 P.M., the Subject Area Committee #1, and the Design and Methodology committees will meet in open session. Subject Area Committee #1 will hear about plans for the new NAEP Civic Consensus Project. The Design and Methodology Committee will discuss NAEP sampling plans for 1996, policy issues related to the use of background data in NAEP, and below state-level NAEP assessments.

A meeting of the Executive Committee will conclude the subcommittee meetings of the National Assessment Governing Board scheduled for March 2. The Executive Committee will meet in open session from 6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Agenda items for this meeting include discussion of 1996 budget; schedule of NAEP assessments; and policy considerations for NAEP district level reporting.

On March 3, the full Board will convene in open session at 8:45 A.M. The morning session of the full Board meeting includes approval of the

agenda, the Executive Director's Report, a presentation by Honorable Michael N. Castle, Congressman from the State of Delaware, an update on NAEP activities, a presentation on the State of Maryland's approach to the attainment of World Class Standards, and Board discussion on strategic planning.

Beginning at 12:30 P.M., until 4:00 P.M., the full Board will meet in partially closed session. From 12:30 P.M., until 2:00 P.M., the meeting will be closed to the public. The Board will hear a report on the 1994 NAEP Reading Report which will include references to specific items from the assessment. This portion of the meeting must be closed because reference may be made to data which may be misinterpreted, incorrect, or incomplete. Premature disclosure of these data might 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. From 2:30 P.M., until 4:00 P.M., the meeting will be open to the public. The Board will hear reports on the New Standards Projects, and proposed NAEP evaluations. The Board will continue discussion of strategic planning, also.

On March 4, at 9:00 A.M., the full Board will reconvene. The agenda for this session includes a report on an equating project being conducted by the State of Kentucky with its assessment program and NAEP, and reports from the Boards standing committees-Subject Area Committees #1 and #2, Achievement Levels, Reporting and Dissemination, Design and Methodology, and Executive. This meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board will be adjourned at approximately 12:00 Noon.

A summary 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, will be available to the public within 14 days after 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, D.C., from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Dated: February 13, 1995.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Golden Field Office; Notice of Federal Assistance Award to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of financial assistance award in response to an unsolicited financial assistance application.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.7, is announcing its intention to enter into a cooperative agreement with Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (APC), to conduct research and development activities on a Sorption Enhanced Reaction (SER) process for use with Steam Methane Reforming (SMR). The SER technology could change the basic concept and engineering design of existing hydrogen production systems based upon SMR and, as a result, reduce the cost of hydrogen.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding this announcement may be addressed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Blvd., Golden, Colorado 80401, Attention: John Motz, Contract Specialist. The telephone number is 303-275-4737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE has evaluated, in accordance with § 600.14 of the Federal Assistance Regulations, the unsolicited proposal entitled "Sorption Enhanced Reaction (SER) Process for Production of Hydrogen" and recommends that the unsolicited proposal be accepted for support without further competition in accordance with § 600.14 of the Federal Assistance Regulations.

Under this cooperative agreement, APC will develop an approach for producing hydrogen through an SER process used with SMR. The project is expected to be conducted through a three-phase effort over a period of five years. The three overall activities include Concept Feasibility (Phase I), Engineering Development (Phase II), and Process Development Unit Demonstration (Phase III).

The objective of Phase I (two years in duration) is to demonstrate the feasibility of performing SMR at a low temperature with a suitable material for the production of hydrogen and to develop the base design data for engineering development and economic evaluation. The objective of Phase II (one year in duration) is to develop engineering data and models for scale-up of SER-SMR technology and continue laboratory efforts to develop improved reaction materials. Lastly, the objective of Phase III (two years in

duration) is to design, install, and operate a Process Development Unit (PDU) for the manufacture of hydrogen using the SER concept. This PDU will be used to develop performance data, process optimization, and models for scale-up. Additionally, detailed economic analysis will be performed to confirm the merits of the process. Commercialization plans will be developed in detail.

The proposal has been found to be meritorious in the DOE evaluation. The APC program represents a unique approach to develop and demonstrate a technology which could result in reduced costs for hydrogen production with the SER-SMR process. The team proposed by APC has the technical capabilities and commitment which should provide a basis for a successful project. The proposed project is not eligible for financial assistance under a recent, current, or planned solicitation. This award will not be made for at least 14 days after publication to allow for public comment.

The project cost over five years (including three phases) is estimated to be \$8,940,000 total, with the DOE share being \$5,540,000.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on January 30, 1995.

John W. Meeker,

Chief, Procurement, GO.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP95-170-000 and CP95-181-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Assessments for the Proposed Coco Transmission Project and Coco Storage Field Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

February 9, 1995

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare environmental assessments (EAs) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Coco Transmission Project and Coco Storage Field Project.¹ The EAs will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is

¹ Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's applications were filed with the Commission under Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act.

necessary and whether to approve the projects.

Summary of the Proposed Projects

The facilities proposed to be replaced are currently in an unsafe condition due to corrosion and old age. Replacement is necessary this year in order to provide service in the upcoming winter of 1995/1996.

Coco Transmission Project (Docket No. CP95-170-000):

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) proposes to construct 6.8 miles of 30-inch-diameter replacement pipeline in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The new pipeline would replace the two deteriorating 20-inch-diameter Lines X52-M1 and X52-M1-Loop, which are in the same location. Columbia would use the facilities to transport up to 606,000,000 cubic feet per day of natural gas.

Coco Storage Field Project (Docket No. CP95-181-000):

Columbia proposes to construct 10.9 miles of various 4- to 20-inch-diameter replacement pipeline and appurtenant facilities within the existing Coco "A" Storage Field in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The new pipeline would replace 15.7 miles of deteriorating pipeline, ranging in size from 4- to 16-inch-diameter, including two looped segments of mainline, and gathering lines for wells.

Columbia would also replace and install appurtenant facilities consisting of wellhead piping and measurement facilities for 29 existing wells; install an on-line pigging system on the new 10- and 20-inch-diameter pipelines; and install fluid gathering facilities and about 12 miles of 1- and 2-inch-diameter pressurized methanol pipeline injecting system that would connect to each well.

The locations of these facilities are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed project would be built within and adjacent to existing rights-of-way. Columbia intends to use a construction right-of-way that would vary between 25 and 120 feet during construction. Following construction, 50 feet would be maintained as permanent right-of-way, and the rest would revert back to the landowner.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.