

encouraging national or regional planning, coordination, and uniformity.

It may be necessary to apply a combination of options to encompass the wide array of objectives outlined in the NWPAs. This range was discussed above in part III.B.8, Combination of Elements from the Previous Groups.

#### C. Applicability of Section 180(c) to Private Shipments

Many States, counties, and regional groups urged that the Section 180(c) program should apply to all commercial spent nuclear fuel or defense high-level radioactive waste shipments ultimately destined for a NWPAs facility, whether or not those shipments are transported to and stored on an interim basis at a private facility. Commenters cited that any large-scale shipping campaign of such materials will have virtually the same impact on States and tribes as that envisioned in the NWPAs.

The Department does not currently have the legal authority to implement a program of financial and technical assistance for shipments other than those outlined by the NWPAs. However, the many comments on this issue have been noted.

#### D. Policy Development Process

A few commenters questioned the Department's plans to issue a Notice of Policy and Procedures rather than establish the program in regulations. They voiced concern that implementation of Section 180(c) through regulations is necessary to ensure stability through changes of leadership within the Department and that an interpretation of policy and procedures is "less robust." An expedited rulemaking process was suggested to accommodate time constraints.

The Department's response to these comments is that development of the Interpretation of Policy and Procedures has followed and will continue to follow Notice and Comment Procedures of the Federal Rulemaking process. At some future date the option of converting Policy and Procedures to a rulemaking may be acted upon. In development, however, it was the Department's intent to remain flexible in order to work through unforeseen problems without rulemaking requirements.

#### V. Conclusion and Request for Submission

This paper has presented a discussion of options for Section 180(c) policy and procedures. The subjects discussed here should not be viewed as the only potential options for the program.

Comments received on this Notice and continuing research on these options may still identify aspects of the program not discussed here that will be included in the Notice of Proposed Policy and Procedures, which the Department intends to publish in 1996. The purpose of this document has been to share with stakeholders the research to date and request additional comments from interested parties.

The Department solicits comments from the public on all aspects of Section 180(c) implementation.

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#### Office of Fossil Energy

##### National Petroleum Council; Notice of Open Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

*Name:* National Petroleum Council (NPC).  
*Date and Time:* Wednesday, August 9, 1995 at 9:00 am.

*Place:* Four Seasons Hotel, Corcoran Ballroom, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

*Contact:* Margie D. Biggerstaff, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-5), Washington, DC. 20585, Telephone: 202/586-3867.

#### Purpose

To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and gas or the oil and gas industry.

#### Tentative Agenda

- Call to order and introductory remarks by H. Laurance Fuller, Chair of the NPC.
- Consider and approve the proposed report of the NPC Committee on Research and Development.
- Consider and approve the proposed report of the NPC Committee on Future Issues.
- Remarks by the Honorable Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary of Energy.
- Administrative matters.
- Discussion of any other business properly brought before the NPC.
- Public comment (10-minute rule).
- Adjournment.

#### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. The chairperson of the Council is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement with the Council will be permitted to do so, either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to

make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Margie D. Biggerstaff at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to certain programmatic issues which had to be resolved prior to publication in the **Federal Register**.

#### Transcripts

Available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room, Room IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C., between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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##### Common Sense Initiative Council, Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Common Sense Initiative Council, Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee; notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency established the Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)—Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee (CSIC-ISS) on October 17, 1994, to provide independent advice and counsel to EPA on policy issues associated with the iron and steel industry. The Subcommittee is currently working on projects that the Subcommittee has approved, reviewing work plans for a small number of pending projects, and exploring issues related to the iron and steel industry. The Subcommittee will next meet on Thursday, August 24, 1995.

**OPEN MEETING NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency is convening an open meeting of the Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee on Thursday, August 24, 1995 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. central daylight savings time at the Ambassador West Hotel, 1300 N. State Parkway, Chicago, IL 60610. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis.

The Iron and Steel Subcommittee has created four workgroups which are