forthcoming, the Commission decided to simply ''maintain'' the agency's LLW program at its then-current level. Due to a number of developments in the national system for LLW disposal as well as changes in the regulatory environment over the past 10 years, the NRC's LLW program now faces new challenges, influences and issues. Among these is the fact that several governmental and national technical organizations, as well as major stakeholder and industry groups, states and Congress, have raised questions or expressed opinions regarding the current status of regulation and disposal of radioactive waste in the U.S. Though many of these groups want action to be taken on issues of concern to them, they do not necessarily hold the same views regarding what actions are needed or what issues require the most attention. Meanwhile, a number of new technical issues, involving security matters as well as protection of public health and the environment, have emerged.

As a result, the NRC staff is conducting a new strategic assessment of the agency's LLW regulatory program. The objective of this assessment is to identify and prioritize activities that the staff can undertake to ensure a stable, reliable and adaptable regulatory framework for effective LLW management, while also considering future needs and changes that may occur in the nation's commercial LLW management system. As part of this assessment, the NRC staff is soliciting public comment on what changes, if any, should be made to the current LLW program regulatory framework as well as specific actions that the staff might undertake to facilitate such changes. The staff is requesting that persons consider and address the following nine questions as they develop and provide their remarks:

Regarding the Current LLW Disposal Regulatory System

1. What are your key safety and cost drivers and/or concerns relative to LLW disposal?

2. What vulnerabilities or impediments, if any, are there in the current regulatory approach toward LLW disposal in the U.S., in terms of their effects on:

a. Regulatory system reliability, predictability, and adaptability;
b. Regulatory burden (including cost); and
c. Safety, security, and protection of the environment?

Potential Alternative Futures

3. Assuming the existing legislative and regulatory framework remains unchanged, what would you expect the future to look like with regard to the types and volumes of LLW streams and the availability of disposal options for Class A, B, C, and greater-than-class-C (GTCC) LLW five years from now? Twenty years from now? What would more optimistic and pessimistic disposal scenarios look like compared to your ''expected future''?

4. How might potential future disposal scenarios affect LLW storage and disposal in the U.S., in terms of:

a. Regulatory system reliability, predictability, and adaptability;
b. Regulatory burden (including cost); and
c. Safety, security and protection of the environment?

Can the Future Be Altered?

5. What actions could be taken by NRC and other federal and state authorities, as well as by private industry and national scientific and technical organizations, to optimize management of LLW and improve the future outlook? Which of the following investments are most likely to yield benefits:

a. Changes in regulations;
b. Changes in regulatory guidance;
c. Changes in industry practices;
d. Other (name).

6. Are there actions (regulatory and/or industry initiated) that can/should be taken in regard to specific issues such as:

a. Storage, disposal, tracking and security of GTCC waste (particularly sealed sources);
b. Availability and cost of disposal of Class B and C LLW;
c. Disposal options for depleted uranium;
d. Extended storage of LLW;
e. Disposal options for low-activity waste (LAW)/very low level waste (VLLW);
f. On-site disposal of LLW;
g. Other (name).

7. What unintended consequences might result from the postulated changes identified in response to questions 5 and 6?

Interagency Communication and Cooperation

8. Based on your observations of what works well and not-so-well, domestically and/or internationally, with regard to the management of radioactive and/or hazardous waste, what actions can the NRC and other Federal regulatory agencies take to improve their communication with affected and interested stakeholders?

9. What specific actions can NRC take to improve coordination with other Federal agencies so as to obtain a more consistent treatment of radioactive wastes that possess similar or equivalent levels of biological hazard?

On May 23 and 24, 2006, the NRC's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) sponsored a public fact-finding meeting with industry representatives and stakeholders at NRC headquarters in Rockville, MD, to: (a) Provide input to the ACNW regarding areas where NRC's regulations for near-surface disposal of LLW in 10 CFR Part 61 might be more risk-informed; and (b) provide information for NRC staff to consider in its strategic assessment of the LLW regulatory program. The transcript of the ACNW meeting is publicly available on the NRC's public Web site at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acnw/tr2006/*. The NRC staff intends to utilize the information gathered from the ACNW meeting as well as this solicitation to develop a strategic assessment of the NRC's regulatory program for low-level radioactive waste.

II. Further Information

If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737 or by e-mail to *pdr@nrc.gov*.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 29th day of June, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Scott Flanders,

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Executive Office of the President; Acquisition Advisory Panel; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget announces two meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel (AAP or ''Panel'') established in accordance with the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

DATES: There are two conditional meetings announced in this **Federal Register** Notice. A Public meeting of the Panel will be held on July 24, 2006 if the Panel does not complete its work at the previously published public meeting on July 21, 2006. Another public meeting of the Panel will be held on July 25, 2006 if the Panel does not complete its work at the July 24th meeting. Both meetings, if held, will begin at 9 a.m. Eastern Time and end no later than 5 p.m. The public is urged to call (202) 208–7279 after 5 p.m. the work day before these meetings for a pre-recorded message to learn if the meeting is cancelled. The public may also visit the Panel's Web site the morning of the meeting for cancellation messages (*http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html*). There are additional public meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel for July 2006 previously published in the **Federal Register**. For a schedule of all public meetings, visit *http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html* and select the link called ''Schedule.''

ADDRESSES: Both the July 24th and 25th, 2006 meetings, if held, will be at the new FDIC Building, 3501 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA in the new auditorium Room C3050D. This facility is ¼ block off of the orange line metro stop for Virginia Square. The public is asked to pre-register one week in advance of the meeting due to security and/or seating limitations (see below for information on pre-registration).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public wishing further information concerning these meetings or the Panel itself, or to pre-register for the meeting, should contact Ms. Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: *laura.auletta@gsa.gov*, phone/voice mail (202) 208–7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F. Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) *Background:* The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The Panel's statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting.

Meetings: The focus of these meetings will be discussions of and voting on working group findings and recommendations from selected working groups, established at the February 28, 2005 and May 17, 2005 public meetings of the AAP (see *http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html* for a list of working groups).

(b) *Posting of Draft Reports:* Members of the public are encouraged to regularly visit the Panel's Web site for draft reports. Currently, the working groups are staggering the posting of various sections of their draft reports at *http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html* under the link for ''Working Group Reports.'' The most recent posting is from the Commercial Practices Working Group. The public is encouraged to submit written comments on any and all draft reports.

(c) *Adopted Recommendations:* The Panel has adopted recommendations presented by the Small Business, Interagency Contracting, and Performance-Based Acquisition Working Groups. While additional recommendations from some of these working groups are likely, the public is encouraged to review and comment on the recommendations adopted by the Panel to date by going to *http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html* and selecting the link for ''Adopted Recommendations.''

(d) *Availability of Meeting Materials:* Please see the Panel's Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas and minutes. Questions/issues of particular interest to the Panel are also available to the public on this web site on its front page, including ''Questions for Government Buying Agencies,'' ''Questions for Contractors that Sell Commercial Goods or Services to the Government,'' ''Questions for Commercial Organizations,'' and an issue raised by one Panel member regarding the rules of interpretation and performance of contracts and liabilities of the parties entitled ''Revised Commercial Practices Proposal for Public Comment.'' The Panel encourages the public to address any of these questions/issues in written statements to the Panel.

(e) *Procedures for Providing Public Comments:* It is the policy of the Panel to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. Please see previously published **Federal Register** Notices for July 2006 opportunities for oral public comments at the Panel's Web site under the link for **Federal Register** Notices (*http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html*). The Panel Staff expects that public statements presented orally or in writing will be focused on the Panel's statutory charter and working group topics, and not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion.

Written Comments: Written comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information given in this **Federal Register** Notice in one of the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files, in IBM–PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). *Please note:* Because the Panel operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the Panel's Web site.

(f) *Meeting Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meetings listed above should contact Ms. Auletta at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Laura Auletta,

Designated Federal Officer (Executive Director), Acquisition Advisory Panel.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549–0004.

Extension: Rule 27f–1 and Form N–27F–1; SEC File No. 270–487; OMB Control No. 3235–0546.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for approval.

Section 27(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (''Act'') (15 U.S.C. 80a–27(f)) provides that ''[w]ith respect to any periodic payment plan (other than a plan under which the amount of sales load deducted from any payment thereon does not exceed 9 per centum of such payment), the custodian bank