

D16. EM GROUP EXPLORES PRIVATIZATION ISSUES

Private-sector participation in DOE operations and projects has been increasing steadily over the past several years. In light of decreasing federal budgets, the cost and schedule savings from privatization may be pivotal in meeting milestones and regulatory requirements.

In October 1993, the Environmental Management Private Sector Working Group was formed to improve coordination among DOE sites involved in privatization. Members identify and evaluate key issues and obstacles related to privatization of EM operations and recommend feasible solutions.

Participants include DOE management and contractor representatives. All DOE organizations are invited to participate. The group meets through regular conference calls and quarterly meetings.

In December 1995, the group issued a "Privatization Resource Document" with lessons learned, issues and process which can be applied across the DOE complex. Topics include labor, budgeting, financing, liability, property, regulatory issues and stake-holder communication.

For more, "EM Group Explores Privatization Issues," DOE This Month, pg.11, April 1996. For more information, contact Kimberly Collins, Tel:(423)483-5698.

