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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To develop
advice and guidance that promotes
research and development leading to the
production of biobased fuels and
biobased products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will
include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D
Activities
- Update on DOE, EERE, and Biomass
R&D Activities
- Update the Biomass Research and
Development Initiative
- Overview of USDA Agriculture and
Food Research Initiative (AFRI)
- Overview of DOE Office of Science,
Biological and Environmental
Research (BER) and Basic Energy
Sciences (BES)

Public Participation: In keeping with
procedures, members of the public are
welcome to observe the business of the
Biomass Research and Development
Technical Advisory Committee. To
attend the meeting and/or to make oral
statements regarding any of the items on
the agenda, you must contact Elliott
Levine at; Email: Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov and Roy Tiley at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email: rtiley@bcs-hq.com
at least 5 business days prior to the
meeting. Members of the public will be
heard in the order in which they sign up
at the beginning of the meeting.
Reasonable provision will be made to
include the scheduled oral statements
on the agenda. The Co-chairs of the
Committee will make every effort to
hear the views of all interested parties.
If you would like to file a written
statement with the Committee, you may
do so either before or after the meeting.
The Co-chairs will conduct the meeting
to facilitate the orderly conduct of
business.

Minutes: The summary of the meeting
will be available for public review and
copying at <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.html>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on May 19,
2016.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Biomass Research and Development
Technical Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy, Department of
Energy.

ACTION: Notice for solicitation of
nominations.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5
U.S.C. App. 2, the U.S. Department of
Energy is soliciting nomination for
members to fill vacancies on the
Biomass Research and Development
Technical Advisory Committee
(Committee).

DATES: Deadline for Technical Advisory
Committee member nominations is June
30, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The nominee's name,
resume, biography, and any letters of
support must be submitted via one of
the following methods:

(1) *Email:* to elliott.levine@ee.doe.gov.

(2) Overnight delivery service to the
Elliott Levine, Designated Federal
Officer for the Committee, U.S.
Department of Energy, Office of Energy
Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Mail
Stop EE-3B, 1000 Independence
Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

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Committee Web site: <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/committee.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Biomass Research and
Development Act of 2000 (Biomass Act)
[Pub. L. 106-224] requires cooperation
and coordination in biomass research
and development (R&D) between the
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).
The Biomass Act was repealed in June
2008 by section 9008 of the Food,
Conservation and Energy Act of 2008
(FCEA) [Pub. L. 110-246, 122 Stat. 1651,
enacted June 18, 2008, H.R. 6124]. The
Biomass Act was re-authorized in the
Agricultural Act of 2014.

FCEA section 9008(d) established the
Biomass Research and Development
Technical Advisory Committee and lays
forth its meetings, coordination, duties,
terms, and membership types.

Committee members are paid travel and
per diem for each meeting. The
Committee must meet quarterly and
should not duplicate the efforts of other
Federal advisory committees. Meetings
are typically two days in duration.
Three meetings are held in the
Washington DC area and the fourth is
held at a site to be determined each
year. The Committee advises DOE and
USDA points of contact with respect to
the Biomass R&D Initiative (Initiative)
and priority technical biomass R&D
needs and makes written
recommendations to the Biomass R&D
Board (Board). Those recommendations
regard whether: (A) Initiative funds are
distributed and used consistent with
Initiative objectives; (B) solicitations are
open and competitive with awards
made annually; (C) objectives and
evaluation criteria of the solicitations
are clear; and (D) the points of contact
are funding proposals selected on the
basis of merit, and determined by an
independent panel of qualified peers.

The committee members may serve
two, three-year terms and committee
membership must include: (A) An
individual affiliated with the biofuels
industry; (B) an individual affiliated
with the biobased industrial and
commercial products industry; (C) an
individual affiliated with an institution
of higher education that has expertise in
biofuels and biobased products; (D) two
prominent engineers or scientists from
government (non-federal) or academia
that have expertise in biofuels and
biobased products; (E) an individual
affiliated with a commodity trade
association; (F) two individuals
affiliated with environmental or
conservation organizations; (G) an
individual associated with state
government who has expertise in
biofuels and biobased products; (H) an
individual with expertise in energy and
environmental analysis; (I) an
individual with expertise in the
economics of biofuels and biobased
products; (J) an individual with
expertise in agricultural economics; (K)
an individual with expertise in plant
biology and biomass feedstock
development; (L) an individual with
expertise in agronomy, crop science, or
soil science; and (M) at the option of the
points of contact, other members (REF:
FCEA 2008 section 9008(d)(2)(A)). All
nominees will be carefully reviewed for
their expertise, leadership, and
relevance to an expertise. Appointments

will be made for three-year terms, as dictated by the legislation.

Nominations this year are needed for the following categories in order to address the Committee's needs: (E) An individual affiliated with a commodity trade association; and (J) an individual with expertise in agricultural economics. Nominations for other categories will also be accepted. Nomination categories C, D, H, I, J, K, L, and M are considered special Government employees and require submittal of an annual financial disclosure form. In addition to the required categories, other areas of expertise of interest to the Committee are individuals with expertise in process engineering related to biorefineries, or biobased coproducts that enable fuel production.

Nominations are solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, universities, and companies that represent a wide variety of biomass research and development interests throughout the country. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category of interest. Each nominee must submit their resume and biography along with any letters of support by the deadline above. If you were nominated in previous years, but were not appointed to the committee and would still like to be considered, please submit your nomination package again in response to this Notice with all required materials. All nominees will be vetted before selection.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by DOE, membership shall include (to the extent practicable), minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Please note that registered lobbyists serving in an "individual capacity," individuals already serving another Federal Advisory Committee and Federal employees are ineligible for nomination.

Appointments to the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee will be made by the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture.

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Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2012-0333; FRL-9946-96-OEI]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (Renewal)" (EPA ICR No. 2300.17, OMB Control No. 2060-0629) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through May 31, 2016. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** (80 FR 68534) on November 5, 2015 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before June 24, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2012-0333, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to A-and-R-Docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats,

information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carole Cook, Climate Change Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs (MC-6207A), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 343-9263; fax number: (202) 343-2342; email address: GHGReporting@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: In response to the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2764; Pub. L. 110-161) and under authority of the Clean Air Act, the EPA finalized the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule (GHG Reporting Rule) (74 FR 56260; October 30, 2009). The GHG Reporting Rule, which became effective on December 29, 2009, establishes reporting requirements for certain large facilities and suppliers. It does not require control of greenhouse gases. Instead, it requires that sources emitting above certain threshold levels of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) monitor and report emissions.

Subsequent rules have promulgated requirements for additional facilities, suppliers, and mobile sources; provided clarification and corrections to existing requirements; finalized confidentiality business information (CBI) determinations, amended recordkeeping requirements, and implemented an alternative verification approach. Collectively, the GHG Reporting Rule and its associated rulemakings are referred to as the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP).

The purpose for this ICR is to renew and revise the GHG Reporting Rule ICR to update the burden and cost imposed by the current ICR under the GHGRP.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: The respondents in this information collection include owners and operators of facilities that must report their GHG emissions and other data to EPA to comply with the rulemaking. To facilitate the analysis, EPA has divided