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Dated: September 17, 1997.

**Charles E. Hansen,**

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Office of Educational Research and Improvement**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Voluntary National Tests in Reading and Mathematics.

*Abstract:* The American Institutes for Research, under contract with the Office of Educational Research and Improvement, is coordinating the development of the Voluntary National Tests in Reading and Mathematics. Each Fall from 1997 to 2001, a pilot study of developed test items will help detect procedural problems and aid item selection for field tests conducted the following Spring.

*Additional Information:* The Department is requesting an emergency clearance for the Pilot Test of the Voluntary National Tests in Reading and Mathematics by October 21, 1997. If normal clearance procedures were followed, it would prevent the pilot tests from occurring this Fall which, in turn, would prevent the final tests being ready in the Spring, 1999, as called for by the President.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:*  
Responses: 46,000.  
Burden Hours: 53,800.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

##### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection

requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this

collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 17, 1997.

**Charles E. Hansen,**

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Office of Educational Research and Improvement**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* 1999 National Study of Postsecondary Faculty (NSOPF-99): Faculty Questionnaire.

*Frequency:* One Time.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:*  
Responses: 25,000.

Burden Hours: 19,550.

*Abstract:* The third cycle of the NSOPF is being conducted in response to a continuing need for data on faculty and instructors. The study will provide information about faculty in postsecondary institutions which is key to learning about the quality of education and research in these institutions. This study will expand the information about faculty and instructional staff in two ways—allowing comparisons to be made over time and examining critical issues surrounding faculty that have developed since the first two studies. This clearance request covers field test and full scale activities for the second phase of the study—collection of information from a nationally representative sample of faculty and instructional staff at postsecondary institutions. This information, together with information collected in the first phase of the study (1850-0665) on the institutions themselves, will provide a source of descriptive, analytical, trend and policy relevant research on the way postsecondary education functions.

#### **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Uniform Data System for Assistive Technology Devices and Services.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:  
Responses: 1,346.  
Burden Hours: 271.

*Abstract:* Assistive technology (AT) devices and the services can increase opportunities for education, employment, independence, and integration for persons with disabilities.

However, many of these individuals have not gained access to AT, despite several federal initiatives to address their AT needs. This data collection will allow the Department of Education to assemble information on the types of AT currently used by this nation's disabled and the funding sources for these devices and services, as specified in the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act, as amended. Subjects will represent two groups: AT service providers (e.g., district special education coordinators, vocational rehabilitation counselors, and state AT project personnel) and (B) consumers of AT devices and services. [FR Doc. 97-25159 Filed 9-22-97; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Board Committee Meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site.

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, October 21, 1997—6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

**Address:** San Juan County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 117 South Main, Monticello, Utah 84535.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Audrey Berry, Public Affairs Specialist, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO, 81502 (970) 248-7727.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to advise DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

##### Tentative Agenda

Update on Operable Unit I project; reports from subcommittees on local training and hiring, health and safety, and future land use.

##### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda

items should contact Audrey Berry's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

##### Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Audrey Berry, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO 81502, or by calling her at (303) 248-7727.

Issued at Washington, DC on September 18, 1997.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Research

#### Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Wednesday, October 8, 1997—8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.; Thursday, October 9, 1997—8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Gaithersburg Holiday Inn, #2 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. Patricia M. Dehmer, Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, ER-10, GTN, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, Telephone: (301) 903-3081.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Purpose of the Meeting

The Committee will provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

##### Tentative Agenda

The meeting will be devoted to the report of the Synchrotron Radiation Light Source Panel. Presentations and discussion will cover synchrotron radiation light sources. After an overview of synchrotron radiation light sources, each facility will make a brief presentation. Members of the Synchrotron Radiation Light Source Panel then will make presentations summarizing their findings followed by the Chair of the Panel, Professor Robert Birgeneau, presenting the Panel's recommendations.

A detailed agenda will be available two weeks before the meeting from the Office of Basic Energy Sciences.

##### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in his judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Patricia Dehmer 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. Public comment will follow the 10 minute rule.

##### Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Research

#### Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.