

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

NTIA is the executive branch agency responsible for developing and articulating domestic and international telecommunications policy. NTIA is the principal advisor to the President on telecommunications policies pertaining to the Nation's economic and technological advancement and to the regulation of the telecommunications industry. The request for comment on the deployment of broadband and advanced services is a part of NTIA's ongoing effort to obtain more information about broadband issues. The comments submitted in this proceeding will be used to assist the Administration in developing a domestic telecommunications policy and NTIA's continuing support for removing obstacles to broadband deployment.

Due to the complexity of the issues in this proceeding and to facilitate a fully developed record, NTIA allowed interested parties to submit comments after the December 19, 2001 deadline. Since that time, NTIA received a substantial number of comments. Effective January 18, 2002, however, NTIA will no longer accept or place in the public record comments in this proceeding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, at (202) 482-7002.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to section 3506(c)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The package covers collections of information concerning the public and the management and administration of DOE's government-owned contractor-

operated (GOCO) facilities and offsite contractors. The information is used by Departmental management to exercise management oversight with respect to the implementation of applicable statutory and contractual requirements and obligations. The collection of this information is critical to ensure the Government has sufficient information to judge the degree to which contractors meet contractual requirements; that public funds are being spent in the manner intended, and that fraud, waste, and abuse are immediately detected and eliminated.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed collections of information must be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer, within February 25, 2002. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this Notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3087. In addition, please notify the DOE contact listed in this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to Susan L. Frey, Director, Records Management Division, Office of the Deputy Associate CIO for Architecture Standards & Policy, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for copies of the Department's Paperwork Reduction Act Submission should be directed to James Renjilian, Office of the General Counsel (GC-80), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1522. Any other information should be directed to Ms. Susan L. Frey, (see above address), by telephone at (301) 903-3666 or e-mail at Susan.Frey@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package contains: (1) Current OMB No. 1910-0800; (2) Title: Legal Collections Packages; (3) Summary: Request for a three-year extension of the existing clearance; (4) Purpose: This information is required by DOE to ensure that programmatic and administrative management requirements and resources are managed efficiently and effectively and to exercise management oversight over DOE M&O contractors of the Department's GOCO facilities, and off-site contractors. (5) Type of

Respondents: DOE management and operating contractors and off-site contractors; (6) Estimated Number of Responses: 1,894. Estimated number of Burden Hours: 14,100.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

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Susan L. Frey,

Director, Records Management Division, Office of Deputy Associate Architecture Standards & Policy, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Environmental Management, Environmental Management Advisory Board; Renewal**

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65(a), and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Management Advisory Board has been renewed for a two-year period beginning on January 18, 2002. The Board will provide advice to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

The Board provides the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management with information and strategic advice on corporate issues, with a focus on achieving closure of selected sites by 2006. It recommends options to resolve difficult issues faced in the Environmental Management program including: public and worker health and safety, integration and disposition of waste, regulatory agreements, roles and authorities, risk assessment and cost-benefit analyses, program performance and functionality, and science requirements and applications. Consensus recommendations to the Department of Energy from the Board on programmatic nationwide resolution of numerous difficult issues will help achieve the Department's objective of the safe and efficient cleanup of its contaminated sites.

Additionally, the renewal of the Environmental Management Advisory Board has been determined to be essential to the conduct of Department of Energy business and to be in the public interest in connection with the

performance of duties imposed on the Department of Energy by law and agreement. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and rules and regulations issued in implementation of those Acts.

Further information regarding this Advisory Board may be obtained from Ms. Rachel Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Number DE-PS07-02ID14278]

Chemical Industry of the Future

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost shared research and development (R&D) of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce environmental impacts of the domestic chemical industry. The research is to address priorities identified by the U.S. chemical industry in Technology Vision 2020: The U.S. Chemical Industry and associated technology roadmaps.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-02ID14278 will be on or about January 21, 2002. The deadline for receipt of applications will be approximately on April 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation in its full text will be available on the Internet at the following URL address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) provides the medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained on the IIPS Homepage and then clicking on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seb Klein, Contract Specialist, kleinism@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Approximately \$3 million in federal

funds are expected to be available to fund the first 12 months of selected research projects. Subject to the availability of funds, approximately \$6 million is planned to fund the remaining years of the projects. DOE anticipates making 6 to 8 cooperative agreement awards, each with a duration of three to five years or less. A minimum of three industrial chemical companies must be involved. Collaborations among industry, university, and National Laboratory participants are encouraged. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

Issued in Idaho Falls on January 15, 2002.

R. J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Fernald

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Fernald. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, February 11, 2002, 6:00 p.m.—12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Public Environmental Information Center, 10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison, OH

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Sarno, Phoenix Environmental, 6186 Old Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, at (703) 971-0030 or (513) 648-6478, or e-mail; djsarno@theperspectivesgroup.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

6:00 p.m. Call to Order
6:00–6:15 p.m. Chair's Remarks and Ex Officio Announcements
6:15–6:45 p.m. Current Remediation Issues, Silos, Efficiency Efforts

6:45–7:15 p.m. Site Technology Coordination Group Overview and Update on Alpha Monitor
7:15–7:30 p.m. Break
7:30–8:00 p.m. Progress Tracking Materials
8:00–8:45 p.m. Planning for Public Records Workshop
8:45–9:00 p.m. Public Comment
9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board chair either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board chair at the address or telephone number listed below. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Gary Stegner, Public Affairs Office, Ohio Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 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 five 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 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board, Phoenix Environmental Corporation, MS-76, Post Office Box 538704, Cincinnati, OH 43253-8704, or by calling the Advisory Board at (513) 648-6478.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 18, 2002.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Submission for OMB review; comment request.