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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for the Approval of Nurse Education

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education (The Advisory Committee).

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

This notice invites written comments on the interim report and request for an expansion of scope of recognition submitted by The Association for Biblical Higher Education that will be reviewed at the Advisory Committee meeting to be held on December 17-19, 2007. The agency was not included in the list of accrediting agencies to be reviewed in the original notice inviting written comments published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2007.

Interim Report/Request for an Expansion of Scope of Recognition

1. The Association for Biblical Higher Education, Commission on Accreditation (Current scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of Bible colleges and institutes in the United States offering undergraduate programs.) (Requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation of institutions of biblical higher education in the United States offering undergraduate programs through both campus-based instruction and distance education.)

Where Should I Submit My Comments?

Please submit your written comments by mail, fax, or e-mail no later than September 28, 2007 to Ms. Robin Greathouse, Accreditation and State Liaison. You may contact her at the U.S. Department of Education, Room 7126, MS 8509, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 219-7011, fax: (202) 219-7005, or e-mail: Robin.Greathouse@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

What is the Authority for the Advisory Committee?

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA), as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c. One of the purposes of the Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of Education on the recognition of accrediting agencies and State approval agencies.

Will This Be My Only Opportunity to Submit Written Comments?

Yes, this notice announces the only opportunity you will have to submit written comments. However, another **Federal Register** notice will announce the meeting and invite individuals and/or groups to submit requests to make oral presentations before the Advisory Committee on the agencies that the Committee will review. That notice, however, does not offer an opportunity to submit written comment.

What Happens to the Comments That I Submit?

We will review your comments, in response to this notice, as part of our evaluation of The Association for Biblical Higher Education's compliance with the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition of Accrediting Agencies. The Criteria are regulations found in 34 CFR Part 602 (for accrediting agencies). We will also respond to your comments, as appropriate, in the staff analysis we present to the Advisory Committee at its December 2007 meeting. Therefore, in order for us to give full consideration to your comments, it is important that we receive them by September 28, 2007. In all instances, your comments regarding The Association for Biblical Higher Education must relate to the Criteria for the Recognition cited in the Secretary's letter that requested the interim report. You may obtain a copy of the Secretary's letter by calling (202) 219-7011.

What Happens to Comments Received After the Deadline?

We will treat any negative comments received after the deadline as complaints. If such comments, upon investigation, reveal that the accrediting agency is not acting in accordance with the Criteria for Recognition, we will take action either before or after the meeting, as appropriate. We will also notify the commentors of the disposition of those comments.

Where Can I Inspect Petitions and Third-Party Comments Before and After the Meeting?

All petitions and those third-party comments received in advance of the meeting will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, Room 7126, MS 8509, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone (202) 219-7011 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, until November 19, 2007. They will be available again after the December 17-19, 2007 Advisory Committee meeting. An appointment must be made in advance of such inspection.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

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Diane Auer Jones,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for 3 years, an information collection request (ICR) with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the Occupational Radiation Protection program, OMB Control Number 1910-5105.

The Office of Worker Safety and Health Policy ensures that adequate policies are in place for the protection of workers at DOE sites and operations. The Office of Worker Safety and Health Policy uses the information collected from the contractors to evaluate the adequacy of DOE policies for the protection of workers from exposure to ionizing radiation.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 13, 2007. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to: Dr. Judith D. Foulke, Office of Worker Safety and Health Policy (HS-11), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, or by fax at (301) 903-7773 or by e-mail at judy.foulke@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to the person listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR contains: (1) *OMB No:* 1910-5105; (2) *Package Title:* Occupational Radiation Protection Program; (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* The recordkeeping and reporting requirements that comprise this information collection will permit DOE and its contractors to provide management control and oversight over health and safety programs concerning worker exposure to ionizing radiation; (5) *Respondents:* 50; (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 50,000. *Statutory Authority:* Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, part 835.

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Agency Information Collection Extension.

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Office of Health, Safety and Security.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Amended Record of Decision: Storage of Surplus Plutonium Materials at the Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Amended Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is amending the Record of Decision (ROD) for the *Storage and Disposition of Weapons—Usable Fissile Materials Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0229, 1996; Storage and Disposition PEIS). Specifically, DOE has decided to take the actions necessary to transfer approximately 2,511 additional 3013-compliant packages¹ containing surplus non-pit weapons-usable plutonium metals and oxides to the Savannah River Site (SRS), near Aiken, South Carolina. Approximately 2,300 containers will be transferred from the Hanford Site (Hanford) near Richland, Washington; 115 containers will be transferred from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in California; and 96 containers will be transferred from the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in New Mexico. All 3013 containers will be shipped inside Type B shipping packages (e.g., 9975 packages) in Safe Secure Transports (SSTs). In addition, DOE could transfer the equivalent of about one thousand 3013 containers, in the form of unirradiated fuel assemblies originally intended for the Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) at Hanford, and miscellaneous fuel pins that were not put into fuel assemblies, to the SRS.² At a lower priority and only if adequate storage space is available, DOE will transfer approximately five hundred additional 3013 containers from LLNL and LANL to provide operational flexibility in the laboratories and to alleviate the demands there on storage capacity needed to support nuclear weapons research missions. Surplus plutonium in 3013-compliant containers will be stored in the K-Area Material Storage (KAMS) facility and FFTF fuel will be stored in the K-Area complex.

This action will consolidate storage of surplus, non-pit weapons-usable plutonium from Hanford, LANL, and LLNL at SRS, pending disposition.³

¹ A container that complies with DOE-STD-3013, Stabilization, Packaging, and Storage of Plutonium-Bearing Materials.

² The use of FFTF and the unirradiated fuel currently at Hanford is being considered in conjunction with the evaluation of reasonable alternatives in the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP) Programmatic EIS. The planned shipment of the FFTF unirradiated fuel to SRS is scheduled for the second half of Fiscal Year 2009. If FFTF is still being considered as part of GNEP following completion of the PEIS (expected in 2008), DOE may choose not to ship the unirradiated FFTF fuel to SRS.

³ Based on DOE's current surplus plutonium disposition plans, DOE expects to disposition the surplus plutonium stored in KAMS in less than 20 years. DOE has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of storage of such plutonium in KAMS for up to 50 years.

DOE has prepared a Supplement Analysis (SA), *Storage of Surplus Plutonium Materials at the Savannah River Site* (DOE/EIS-0229-SA-4, August 2007), in accordance with DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (10 CFR 1021.314) to determine whether consolidated storage of this plutonium is a substantial change to the proposed action or whether there are significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns such that a supplemental EIS or a new EIS would be needed. Based on the SA, DOE has determined that no further review under NEPA is required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of NEPA documents related to this decision, including this Amended ROD, are available on DOE's NEPA Web site at: <http://www.eh.doe.gov/nepa>. To request copies of these documents, please contact: The Center for Environmental Management Information, P.O. Box 23769, Washington, DC 202-586-3769, Telephone: 800-736-3282 (in Washington, DC: 202-863-5084).

For further information concerning the storage of surplus, non-pit plutonium at the SRS, contact: Andrew R. Grainger, NEPA Compliance Officer, Savannah River Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box B, Aiken, South Carolina 29802, Telephone: (803) 952-8001, E-mail: drew.grainger@srs.gov.

For information on DOE's NEPA process, contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0119, (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

At the end of the Cold War, the United States declared large quantities of plutonium and uranium surplus to the defense needs of the nation. At that time, materials were in various forms and various stages of the material manufacturing and weapons fabrication processes and located at several weapons complex sites that DOE had operated in the preceding decades. DOE began the process of placing these materials in safe, stable configurations suitable for storage until disposition strategies could be developed and implemented. Through a series of decisions supported by appropriate NEPA analyses, DOE has decided to store surplus, non-pit, weapons-usable