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Dated: July 16, 1997.

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Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Title: Student Aid Report (SAR).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 9,395,776.

Burden Hours: 3,806,796.

Abstract: The Student Aid Report (SAR) is used to notify all applicants of their eligibility to receive Federal student aid for postsecondary education. The form is submitted by the applicant to the institution of their choice.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: July 31–August 2, 1997.

TIME: July 31—Subject Area Committee Item Review Session, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (closed); Achievement Levels Committee, 2:00–4:15 p.m. (closed), 4:15–5:00 p.m. (open); Executive

Committee, 5:00–6:30 p.m. (open), 6:30–7:00 p.m. (closed). August 1—Full Board, 8:00–10:00 a.m., (open); Subject Area Committees #1 and #2 in a joint session, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon (open); Design and Methodology Committee, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon (open); Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon (open); Full Board, 12:00–1:15 p.m. (open); 1:15–3:30 p.m. (closed); 3:30–4:15 p.m., (open). August 2—Full Board, 9:00 a.m. until adjournment, approximately 12:00 Noon (open).

LOCATION: Ritz Carlton Hotel, Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On Thursday, July 31, 1997, the Subject Area Committee will meet in closed session from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Committee will be reviewing items for the 1998 writing assessment. This meeting must be conducted in closed session because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)B of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Also, there will be partially closed meetings of the Achievement Levels and the Executive Committees. The Achievement Levels Committee will meet in partially closed session from 2:00–4:15 p.m. During the closed portion of this meeting, the Committee will continue discussion of the results of the current 1996 science level-setting activities, review the current analysis of data and proposed exemplar items, the new description to interpret the levels, and formulate recommendations for

Board action. This meeting must be closed because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. In open session, 4:15–5:00 p.m., the Achievement Levels Committee will hear a briefing on the new contract to set levels in civics and writing.

The Executive Committee will meet in closed session from 6:30–7:00 p.m., to discuss the development of cost estimates for NAEP and future contract initiatives. Public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. In the open session from 5:00–6:30 p.m., the Executive Committee will be briefed by staff on NAEP reauthorization and the Voluntary National Test initiative.

On August 1, the full Board will convene in open session at 8:30 a.m. The agenda for this session of the full Board meeting includes approval of the agenda, the Executive Director's Report, a discussion on the status of the Voluntary National Test and its relationship to NAEP, and an update on the NAEP project. Between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, there will be open meetings of the following subcommittees: Design and Methodology, Reporting and Dissemination, and a joint meeting of Subject Area Committees #1 and #2. The Design and Methodology Committee will continue discussion of redesign issues and formulate final recommendations for Board consideration. Agenda items for the Reporting and Dissemination Committee include review of the Board policy on market basket reporting, and briefings on the reporting of the NAEP Arts Assessment, and the release plan for 1996 Long-Term Trends Report.

The Joint Subject Area Committees #1 and #2 will discuss issues related to the NAEP redesign. State-NAEP linking and the draft Board policy on framework development are the agenda items.

The full Board will reconvene in open session at 12:00 noon to hear a briefing on the 1996 TIMSS 4th Grade Science Report. The full Board will then meet in closed session from 1:15–3:30 p.m. From 1:15–2:15 p.m., the Board will

hear a report with recommendations from the Achievement Levels Committee on setting levels for the 1996 science assessment. This portion of the meeting must be closed because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The Board will remain in closed session from 2:15–2:30 p.m. to hear a briefing on the 1996 report on Long Term Trends in Academic Progress. This report will include references to specific items from the assessments. This portion of the meeting must be closed because reference may be made to data which may be misinterpreted, incorrect, or incomplete. Premature disclosure of these data might significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

From 2:30–3:30 p.m., the full Board, still in closed session, will hear a briefing on the 1998 Writing Assessment. This portion of the meeting must be closed because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. The Board will meet in open session from 3:30–4:15 p.m. for a discussion on redesign issues.

On Saturday, August 2, the Board will meet in open session from 9:00 a.m. until adjournment, approximately, 12:00 noon. The agenda for this session includes continued discussion on redesign issues, and presentation of reports from the various Board committee meetings.

The public is being given less than fifteen days notice of this meeting because the administrative process delayed clearance of the closed portions.

A summary of the activities of the closed and partially closed sessions and other related matters which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of the section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North

Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: July 18, 1997.

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Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Disposal of the S3G and D1G Prototype Reactor Plants; Notice of Availability and Announcement of a Public Hearing

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Naval Reactors (Naval Reactors) has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Disposal of the S3G and D1G Prototype Reactor Plants. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021). Naval Reactors will conduct public hearings to receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which addresses the potential environmental impacts related to the disposal of the S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants, located in West Milton, New York.

This Notice announces that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available to the public at the Saratoga Springs Public Library in Saratoga Springs, New York, the Schenectady County Public Library in Schenectady, New York, or by mail upon request. Upon completion of general distribution of the document, Naval Reactors will file the Draft Environmental Impact Statement with the Environmental Protection Agency, which will then publish a notice in the **Federal Register** to start the formal comment period.

DATES: Naval Reactors invites interested agencies, organizations, and the general public to provide oral or written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. All written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are due by September 8, 1997. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Oral comments will be accepted at two public hearings to be held at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on August

13, 1997 at the Town of Milton Community Center at the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Mr. A. S. Baitinger, Chief, West Milton Field Office, Office of Naval Reactors, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 1069, Schenectady, New York 12301; telephone (518) 884–1234. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement may also be requested from Mr. Baitinger. The public hearings will be held at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on August 13, 1997 at the Town of Milton Community Center, 310 North Line Road, Ballston Spa, New York.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants are located on the Kesselring Site in West Milton, New York, approximately 17 miles north of Schenectady. The S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants first started operation in 1958 and 1962, respectively, and served for more than 30 years as facilities for testing reactor plant components and equipment and for training Naval personnel. As a result of the end of the Cold War and the downsizing of the Navy, the S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants were shut down in May 1991 and March 1996, respectively. Since then, the S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants have been defueled, drained, and placed in a stable protective storage condition. The Kesselring Site will not be released for other uses in the foreseeable future since two active prototype reactor plants continue to operate to perform training of U.S. Navy personnel and testing of Naval nuclear propulsion plant equipment.

Alternatives Considered

1. Prompt Dismantlement

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement identifies this as the preferred alternative. If selected, this alternative would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. This alternative would involve the prompt dismantlement of the S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants. All S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plant systems, components and structures would be removed from the Kesselring Site. To the extent practicable, the resulting low-level radioactive metals would be recycled at existing commercial facilities that recycle radioactive metals. The remaining low-level radioactive waste would be disposed of at the DOE Savannah River Site in South Carolina. The Savannah River Site currently receives low-level radioactive waste