

Anyone who wishes to comment, provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. Documents will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington, DC, office.

The Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, conduct further reviews, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: November 26, 1999.

A.J. Eggenberger,
Vice-Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that 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.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

William E. Burrow,
Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: The Study of Personnel Needs in Special Education (SPeNSE).

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 8,083

Burden Hours: 5,578

Abstract: The Study of Personnel Needs in Special Education (SPeNSE) will describe the number and qualifications of personnel serving students with disabilities. SPeNSE will explore variation in workforce adequacy and identify working conditions, State and local policies, preservice education, and continuing professional development practices that explain that variation.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO IMG Issues@ed.gov or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Sheila Carey at 202-708-6287 or electronically mail her at internet address sheila_carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Withdrawal of Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the High Flux Beam Reactor at the Brookhaven National Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal.

SUMMARY: On November 24, 1997, the Department of Energy announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the High Flux Beam Reactor (HFBR) at the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) in Upton, New York. The EIS would evaluate the range of reasonable alternatives regarding the future of the reactor including resumption of operation at a power level of up to 60 MW. On November 16, 1999, the Secretary of Energy announced that the HFBR would be permanently closed. Therefore, the preliminary draft environmental impact statement (EIS) that was under review in the Department is no longer necessary. The NEPA process is hereby terminated. The preliminary draft EIS has been released as an environmental report.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the HFBR, please contact: George Malosh, U.S. Department of Energy, 53 Bell Avenue, Bldg. 464, P.O. Box 5000, Upton, NY 11973-5000. Telephone: (516) 344-3424; facsimile (516) 344-3214; electronic mail: gmalosh@bnl.gov.

The report is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.doe.bnl.gov>, or a hard copy may be requested through Dr. Nand Narain at (516) 344-5435.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0119. Telephone: (202) 586-4600 or leave a message on (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Brookhaven National Laboratory was established in 1947 as a multi-disciplinary scientific research center. It is located close to the geographic center of Suffolk County, Long Island, about 56 miles (91 kilometers) east of New York City. The HFBR is centrally located within the BNL site. HFBR was commissioned in 1965 as a scientific facility dedicated to neutron scattering research and other research programs in solid state physics, nuclear physics,

materials technology, structural biology, medicine, and chemistry.

On December 21, 1996, the HFBR was shut down for refueling and maintenance. Before the reactor returned to scheduled scientific operations, monitoring indicated that a plume of tritiated water was contaminating the groundwater in excess of drinking water standards south and down gradient of the reactor, within the site boundary. Data collection and analysis identified the HFBR spent fuel pool as the likely source of the tritium plume. Cleanup of this contamination has been incorporated into the site's overall cleanup program. All fuel was removed from the reactor and the pool and shipped off-site. The pool was drained and decontaminated to eliminate the source of the tritium to the groundwater beneath the HFBR.

After analysis of the time and expense to restart the HFBR, the Department has decided to permanently close the HFBR. This decision is categorically excluded under DOE's NEPA regulations. Therefore, preparation of the draft EIS has been stopped. Additional NEPA review will be necessary in the future for a proposal to decontaminate and decommission the reactor.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of November, 1999.

Patricia M. Dehmer,

Associate Director of the Office of Science for the Office of Basic Energy Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Los Alamos

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), Los Alamos. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, December 15, 1999, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Service, 2040 Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1640 Old Pecos Trail, Suite H, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone: 505-989-1662; Fax: 505-989-1752; E-

mail: adubois@doeal.gov; or Internet <http://www.nmcab.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda

1. Public Comment, 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
2. Committee Reports:
 - Environmental Restoration
 - Monitoring and Surveillance
 - Waste Management
 - Community Outreach
 - Budget
3. Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

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 Ann DuBois 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 Deputy 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 at the beginning of the meeting.

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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Ann DuBois at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 24, 1999.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. 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: Thursday, December 16, 1999: 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Paducah Information Age Park Resource Center, 2000 McCracken Boulevard, Paducah, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John D. Sheppard, Site Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441-6804.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration and waste management activities.

Tentative Agenda

- 5:30 p.m. Call to order/Discussion
- 6:00 p.m. Approve Meeting Minutes
- 6:05 p.m. Public Comments/Questions
- 6:30 p.m. Presentations
- 7:15 p.m. Sub Committee Reports
- 8:15 p.m. Administrative Issues
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn.

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 John D. Sheppard 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 Deputy 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 at the end of the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying