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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs Meeting

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) Chairs Meeting. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: February 1-2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Augusta Hotel, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, GA 30909.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Science Technology & Management Division, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, PO Box A, Aiken, SC 29802, (803) 725-5374.

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

Friday, February 1

- 8-8:30 a.m. Opening remarks
- 8:30-10 a.m. Presentation by DOE HQ Representative
- 10-10:15 a.m. Morning break
- 10:15-11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion—Participants will make a brief presentation and address specific issues on ground water across the DOE complex.
- 11:30-12 a.m. Site-Specific Information—Participants will view displays, obtain information and discuss site-specific issues.
- 12-1 p.m. Lunch
- 1-1:30 p.m. Site-Specific Information
- 1:30-1:45 p.m. Plenary Session—Participants will meet to finalize core topic areas and receive assignments for breakout sessions.
- 1:45-3:45 p.m. Core Topic Breakout Discussions—Groups will discuss

information from DOE and site-specific presentations and develop statements for consideration from the group.

3:45-4 p.m. Break

4-5 p.m. Plenary Session—Reports from Core Topic Breakout Groups

5 p.m. Adjourn

Saturday, February 2

8-8:15 a.m. Plenary Session

8:15-9:15 a.m. Site-Specific Breakout Session—Delegations will discuss statements developed by the core topic breakout groups.

9:15-10:30 a.m. Core Topic Breakout Sessions—Groups will refine their statements.

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45-11:45 a.m. Final Plenary Discussion of Core Topic Statements—Each group will present its final statements for consideration by the entire group.

11:45-12 a.m. Workshop wrap-up and evaluation

12 noon 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 Gerri Fleming at the address or telephone number listed above. 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 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 at the end of the meeting.

Minutes

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 by writing or calling Gerri Flemming at the address or telephone number listed above.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

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

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

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

SUMMARY: The EIA has submitted the energy information collection listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing under section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) by January 14, 2002. The reason for this emergency clearance request is that the American Gas Association (AGA) plans to discontinue collecting and releasing weekly underground natural gas storage statistics at the end of April 2002. The Secretary of Energy announced on October 30, 2001, that EIA would begin to survey weekly storage activities when AGA discontinues its data collection. Storage estimates will be provided for three multi-state regions comprising the lower 48 States. These regions were chosen because they are familiar to both respondents and data users. Normal clearance procedures would prevent the timely collection of this storage information by EIA when AGA discontinues its survey.

DATES: Comments must be filed by January 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Bryon Allen, OMB Desk Officer for DOE, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX at 202-395-7285 or e-mail to BAllen@omb.eop.gov is recommended. The mailing address is 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-7318. (A copy of your comments should also be provided to EIA's Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller. Copies of the materials submitted to OMB may be obtained at http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/natural_gas/survey_forms/eia912package.pdf or by contacting Herbert Miller at (202) 287-1711. To ensure receipt of the comments by the

due date, submission by FAX at 202-287-1705 or e-mail to herbert.miller@eia.doe.gov is recommended. The mailing address is Statistics and Methods Group (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This section contains the following information about the energy information collection submitted to OMB for review: (1) The collection number and title; (2) the sponsor (i.e., the Department of Energy component); (3) the current OMB docket number (if applicable); (4) the type of request (i.e., new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (5) response obligation (i.e., mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (6) a description of the need for and proposed use of the information; (7) a categorical description of the likely respondents; and (8) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (i.e., the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

1. Forms EIA-912, "Weekly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report"
2. Energy Information Administration
3. OMB Number 1905-NEW
4. New (emergency clearance request)
5. Mandatory
6. The EIA-912 will collect data on natural gas inventories held in underground storage facilities in the United States. EIA will release weekly summary information on the EIA web site along with analyses of the data. Respondents will be a sample of 50 natural gas underground storage operators.

7. Businesses or other for-profit
8. 2,600 hours (50 respondents x 52 reports x 1 hour per response)

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC01-566-001 FERC Form 566]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

December 11, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of May 8, 2001 (66 FR. 23240). The Commission has responded to these comments in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202)208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by E-mail: mike.miller@fer.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC Form 566 "Annual Report of a Utility's Twenty Largest Purchasers"

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0114. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of Section 305 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by Title II, section 211 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). FPA section 305—Officials Dealing in Securities-Interlocking Directorates defines the annual reporting requirements for public utility officers and directors to report office and director positions they hold with, among other entities, a public utility's top twenty customers of electric energy. FPA section 305(c)(2) states "each public utility shall publish a list, pursuant to rules prescribed by the Commission * * * This statutory requirement to publish the customers" list allows the public the opportunity to compare the customers listed with the interlocking directorate information filed in FERC Form 561 (1902-0099), by public utility officers and directors, for identification of positions where the relationship may be employed, for example to the detriment of the utility, or the public interest. The required public utility filers, the necessary filing information, the requirement to publish the information and the filing deadline are all specifically mandated by the FPA. The Commission is not empowered to amend or waive these statutory requirements. Requirements the Commission has the authority to amend, such as the filing format and the number of required copies are found at 18 CFR 46.3.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average approximately 175 public utilities.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 1,050 total burden hours, 175 respondents, 1 response annually, 6 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 1,050 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$117,041 per year = \$ 59,083, average cost per respondent = \$338.

Statutory Authority: Sections 211 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) (16 U.S.C. 825d as amended and 16 U.S.C. 2601) and