

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.

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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