

**Authority:** The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 24, 2021.

**Samuel D. Rauch III,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for  
Regulatory Programs, National Marine  
Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Recording Assignments

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**Title:** Recording Assignments.

**OMB Control Number:** 0651-0027.

**Form Numbers:**

- PTO-1594 (Trademark Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet)
- PTO-1595 (Patent Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet)

**Type of Review:** Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 649,880 respondents per year.

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 649,880 responses per year.

**Estimated Time per Response:** The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 30 minutes (.5 hours) to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

**Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:** 324,941 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Cost Burden:** \$3,968,075.

**Needs and Uses:** This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 261 and 262 for patents and 15 U.S.C. 1057 and 1060 for trademarks. These statutes authorize the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to record patent and trademark assignment documents, including transfers of properties (*i.e.*, patents and trademarks), liens, licenses, assignments of interest, security interests, mergers, and explanations of transactions or other documents that record the transfer of ownership of a particular patent or trademark property from one party to another. Assignments are recorded for applications, patents, and trademark registrations.

The USPTO administers these statutes through 37 CFR 2.146, 2.171, and 37 CFR 3. These regulations permit the public, corporations, other federal agencies, and Government-owned or Government-controlled corporations to submit patent and trademark assignment documents and other documents related to title transfers to the USPTO to be recorded. In accordance with 37 CFR 3.54, the recording of an assignment document by the USPTO is an administrative action and not a determination of the validity of the document or of the effect that the document has on the title to an application, patent, or trademark.

In order to record an assignment document, the respondent must submit an appropriate cover sheet along with copies of the assignment document to be recorded. Once the assignment documents are recorded, they are available for public inspection. The public uses these records to conduct ownership and chain-of-title searches. The public may view these records either at the USPTO Public Search Facility or at the National Archives and Records Administration, depending on the date they were recorded. The public may also search patent and trademark assignment information online through the USPTO website. The only exceptions are those documents that are sealed under secrecy orders according to 37 CFR 3.58 or related to unpublished patent applications maintained in confidence under 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14.

This information collection covers assignments submitted by paper and online through the use of the Electronic Patent Assignment System (EPAS) and the Electronic Trademark Assignment System (ETAS). The electronic systems allow customers to complete the required cover sheet information online using web-based forms and then attach the electronic assignment documents to be submitted for recordation. The

electronic systems are available through the USPTO website at <https://epas.uspto.gov/> and <https://etas.uspto.gov/>.

**Affected Public:** Private sector; individuals or households.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651-0027.

Further information can be obtained by:

- **Email:** [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0027 information request" in the subject line of the message.
- **Mail:** Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**Kimberly Hardy,**

*Information Collections Officer, Office of the  
Chief Administrative Officer, United States  
Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open in-person/virtual hybrid meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an in-person/virtual hybrid meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021; 4:00 p.m.–7:35 p.m. PT.

The opportunity for oral public comment for those attending in-person

is at 4:10 p.m. PT and written public comment received prior to the meeting will be read into the record.

This time is subject to change; please contact the Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) Administrator (below) for confirmation of time prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** This hybrid meeting will be open to the public virtually via Microsoft Teams only. To attend, please contact the NSSAB Administrator (below) no later than 4:00 p.m. PT on Monday, July 19, 2021.

Board members, Department of Energy (DOE) representatives, agency liaisons, and support staff will participate in-person, strictly following COVID-19 precautionary measures, at: Molasky Building, 15th Floor Conference Room, 100 North City Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89106.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, by Phone: (702) 523-0894 or Email: [nssab@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:nssab@emcbc.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda:*

1. Interactive Public Information website—Work Plan Item #5
2. Public Access of EM History in Nevada—Work Plan Item #7

*Public Participation:* The in-person/online virtual hybrid meeting is open to the public virtually via Microsoft Teams only. Written statements may be filed with the Board by no later than 4:00 p.m. PT on Monday, July 19, 2021 or within seven days after the meeting by sending them to the NSSAB Administrator at the aforementioned email address. Oral comments may be given by in-person attendees during the aforementioned time. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make or submit public comments should follow as directed above.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, U.S. Department of Energy, EM Nevada Program, 100 North City Parkway, Suite 1750, Las Vegas, NV 89106; Phone: (702) 523-0894. Minutes will also be available at the following website: [http://www.nnss.gov/NSSAB/pages/MM\\_FY21.html](http://www.nnss.gov/NSSAB/pages/MM_FY21.html).

Signed in Washington, DC on June 24, 2021.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open virtual meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an online virtual meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this online virtual meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Monday, July 26, 2021; 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** Online Virtual Meeting. To attend, please send an email to: [srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov](mailto:srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov) by no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on Friday, July 23, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Amy Boyette, Office of External Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802; Phone: (803) 952-6120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda:*

- Chair Update
- Agency Updates
- Budget Update and Budget Priorities List
- Savannah River Ecology Laboratory Update
- Board Discussion on Budget Priority List Letter to DOE
- Reading of Public Comments
- Voting: Budget Priority List Letter to DOE

*Public Participation:* The online virtual meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board via email either before or after the meeting as there will not be opportunities for live public comment during this online virtual meeting. Public comments received by no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on Friday, July 23,

2021, will be read aloud during the virtual meeting. Comments will be accepted after the meeting, by no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on Monday, August 2, 2021. Please submit comments to [srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov](mailto:srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov). The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to submit public comments should email them as directed above.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Amy Boyette at the address or telephone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://cab.srs.gov/srs-cab.html>.

Signed in Washington, DC on June 24, 2021.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC21-15-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-716); Comment Request; Extension**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on a renewal of currently approved information collection FERC 716 (Good Faith Requests for Transmission Service and Good Faith Responses by Transmitting Utilities Under Sections 211(a) and 213(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA)), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due July 29, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC-716 to OMB through [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number (1902-0170) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this