

experts will rate the quality of a sample of products and services from each Center along three dimensions: adherence to scientifically based standards, relevance to the field, and usefulness. The IHE Study will collect data through a survey of proposed Project Directors of funded and non-funded projects, as well as a collection of materials documenting improvement of funded courses of study. It will address (a) status; (b) focus; (c) entry and completion requirements; (d) grant support for students; (e) changes to the course of study since the time of the application; (f) enrollment and completion information; (g) standardized exit exam scores; (h) allocation of PDP grant funds; and (i) information about formal data collection from program.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3963. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@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

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, intends to extend for three years an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning health and safety reporting requirements for DOE contractors. The information collected will be used by DOE to exercise

management oversight and control over Management and Operating (M&O) contractors of DOE's Government-Owned Contractor-Operated (GOCO) facilities, and offsite contractors. The contractor management oversight and control function concerns the ways in which DOE contractors provide goods and services for DOE organizations and activities in accordance with the terms of their contract; the applicable statutory, regulatory and mission support requirements of the Department; and regulations in the functional area covered in this request. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB review and approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before April 27, 2009. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to: Vincent Le, HS-1.22, Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. Or by fax at 301-903-6081 or by e-mail at vinh.le@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed information collection instrument and instructions may be obtained at <http://www.hss.energy.gov/pr.html>.

Alternatively, requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to the person listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collection request contains the following: (1) *OMB No:* 1910-0300. (2) *Package Title:* Environment, Safety and Health. (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal. (4) *Purpose:* for DOE

management oversight and control over its contractors ensuring that environment, safety and health resources and requirements are managed efficiently and effectively. (5) *Respondents:* 2,469. (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 68,136; and *Estimated Annual Cost Burden:* \$12,741,432.

Statutory Authority: Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law No. 95-91, 91 Stat. 565 (1977).

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Director, Office of Resource Management, Office of Health, Safety and Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs

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

DATES: Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites, Two Tenth Street, Augusta, Georgia, Phone: (706) 722-8900, Fax: (706) 823-6513.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine Alexander Brennan, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; Phone: (202) 586-7711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda Topics:

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

- EM Visions and Priorities—2009 and Beyond Discussion.

- Round Robin: Top Three Site-Specific Issues and EM SSAB Accomplishments.

- EM Headquarters Update and Initiatives: EM Budget and Technology Issues.