

Dated: November 6, 2000.

John Tressler,

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Special Education and
Rehabilitative Services**

Type of Review: Revision

Title: State Plan for Independent
Living and Center for Independent
Living Programs (SC)

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal
Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Not-for-profit
institutions; Individuals or household;
Businesses or other for-profit; Farms;
Federal Government

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour
Burden:*

Responses: 3,300

Burden Hours: 60

Abstract: Chapter 1 of Title VII of the
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended
(Act) authorizes financial assistance to
States for providing, expanding and
improving the provision of independent
living services, to develop and support
Statewide networks of Centers for
Independent Living (CIL), to improve
working relationships among State
Independent Living Services, CILs,
Statewide Independent Living Councils,
programs funded under other titles of
the Act, and other programs that address
issues relevant to individuals with
disabilities funded by Federal and non-
Federal authorities.

Requests for copies of the proposed
information collection request may be
accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or
should be addressed to Vivian Reese,
Department of Education, 400 Maryland
Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional
Office Building 3, Washington, DC
20202-4651. Requests may also be
electronically mailed to the internet
address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or
faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify
the complete title of the information
collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or
the collection activity requirements
should be directed to Sheila Carey at
(202) 708-6287 or via her 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 EDUCATION

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory
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 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should
be addressed to the Office of
Information and Regulatory Affairs,
Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting
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
Lauren_Wittenberg@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,
Regulatory 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.

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**Office of Special Education and
Rehabilitative Services**

Type of Review: New.

Title: The National Institute on
Disability and Rehabilitation Research
(NIDRR) Quality of Research Rating
Scale.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or
households.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour
Burden:* Responses: 300; Burden Hours:
100.

Abstract: To assess quality of NIDRR
funded research, a reliable, valid, and
efficient instrument needs to be
developed and tested. A form will be
administered to 300 people. Responses
will be analyzed for validity and
reliability. If the results are satisfactory,
the form will be used for future quality
of research assessment.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**National Energy Technology
Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a
Financial Assistance Solicitation**

AGENCY: National Energy Technology
Laboratory, Department of Energy
(DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a
financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the
intent to issue Financial Assistance
Solicitation No. DE-PS26-00NT41003
entitled "Infrastructure Reliability for
Natural Gas." Natural gas consumption
in the U.S. is projected to reach or
exceed 32 trillion cubic feet (TCF) per
year by 2020, increasing from 22 TCF
per year in 1997. In addition, potential
lower emission targets for greenhouse
gases could even increase the demand
for natural gas as high as 35 TCF per
year. Maintaining the integrity and
efficiency of the gas infrastructure may
be the most important challenge to
achieving a substantial increase in gas
deliverability given the age of the
existing pipelines. Technological

advances in materials, tools and operations will be needed to maintain the throughput of the current infrastructure and expansion for future system demands.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on the DOE/NETL's Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> on or about November 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal A. Sharp, Contract Specialist MS IO7, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 880, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880, E-mail Address: csharp@netl.doe.gov, Telephone Number: 304-285-4442.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The purpose of the National Gas Infrastructure Reliability program is to fund research which encourages and promotes research and development efforts resulting in the development of technology which will place the necessary tools and materials into the hands of those who maintain and enhance the integrity and operational reliability of the Nation's natural gas transmission and distribution network. DOE is requesting proposals which support technology developments in the areas of both natural gas transmission and distribution infrastructure. Specifically, proposals are requested under the following topic areas:

1. The development of technology to ensure the integrity and reliability of the design, construction and operation of the natural gas transmission infrastructure;

2. The development of technology to ensure the integrity and reliability of the design, construction and operation of the natural gas distribution infrastructure; and

3. The development of technology which may crosscut topics 1 and 2.

It is anticipated that there will be multiple awards resulting from this solicitation. DOE has determined that a minimum cost share of 35% of the total cost is required for this solicitation research. At current planning levels, and subject to the availability of funds, DOE expects to provide up to approximately \$10,000,000 to support work under this solicitation.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should register at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Provide your E-mail address and click on the "Oil and Gas" technology choice located under the heading "Fossil Energy." Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public.

Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Morgantown, WV on November 2, 2000.

Randolph L. Kesling,

Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex

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), Pantex. 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: Tuesday, November 28, 2000, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Radisson Inn of Amarillo, East Wing Ballroom, I-40 & Lakeside, Amarillo, Texas 79108.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120; phone (806) 477-3125; fax (806) 477-5896 or e-mail jjohnson@pantex.gov.

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:

10:00 Agenda Review/Approval of Minutes
10:15 Co-Chair Comments
10:30 Task Force/Subcommittee Reports
11:00 Ex-Officio Reports
11:15 Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE
11:45 Break for Lunch
12:45 Presentation (to be announced)
2:00 Questions
2:20 Public Questions/Comments
2:30 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 Jerry Johnson's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and every reasonable provision will be made to accommodate the request 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.

Minutes: Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry S. Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 7, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended), requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, November 14, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.