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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lawrence R. MacDonald, Chief, Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800. Telephone: (301) 457-1574. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of section 404(a) of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 9003(a)), which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines the average state per pupil expenditure (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education, as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) (currently 20 U.S.C. 8801(12)).

In addition to using the SPPE data as useful information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act (Title I), Impact Aid, and Indian Education. Other programs such as the Educational Technology State Grants (Title II, Part D), the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, the Teacher Quality State Grants (Title II, Part A) Program, and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I allocations.

In January 2002, the Bureau of the Census, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will mail to SEAs ED Form 2447 with instructions and request that SEAs submit data to the Bureau of the Census on March 15, 2002, or as soon as possible thereafter. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and

complete data on March 15, or as soon as possible thereafter, to facilitate timely processing. Submissions by SEAs to the Bureau of the Census will be checked for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. All data, including any revisions, must be submitted to the Bureau of the Census by an SEA not later than September 3, 2002.

Having accurate and consistent information, on time, is critical to an efficient and fair allocation process, as well as the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, NCES establishes, for allocation purposes, September 3, 2002 as the final date by which ED Form 2447 must be submitted. However, if an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that results in a lower SPPE figure, its allocations may be adjusted downward or the Department may request the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs. If an SEA submits revised data after September 3, 2002, the data may also be too late to be included in the final NCES published dataset.

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Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9003(a).

Dated: February 4, 2002.

Grover J. Whitehurst,

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Program Interest for Isotopes for Production in Support of Medical and Scientific Research

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of program interest.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces an unrestricted program which will provide identification of isotopes needed by the research community to explore and develop new and innovative uses for isotopes. These isotopes will be used for production in support of medical and scientific research. The Department's objective of this effort is to poll the research community in order to generate a list of research isotopes that DOE will consider for production for FY 2003 and beyond. A peer-review process that examines the merits of the isotope-based research as described in the Expressions of Interest in response to this Notice of Program Interest (NOPI) will be used to help determine which isotopes will be placed on the Nuclear Energy Protocol for Research Isotopes (NEPRI) list and therefore be eligible for production.

DATES: Opening date: February 18, 2002, and Closing date: March 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Complete details, instructions on how to apply, and opening and closing dates will be provided via a formal solicitation document which will be disseminated electronically as solicitation number DE-RI01-02NE00000 through the Department's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) home page located at <https://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Pantaleo, Jr., Program Manager, at (301) 903-2525, Phyllis Morgan, Contract Specialist at 202-287-1504, and Paul Gervas, Attorney and Advisor at 202-586-6918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will support its unique infrastructure for isotope production. Buyers of NEPRI isotopes must cover cost of production. Expressions of Interest will be subject to peer review by the Department's Isotope Review Advisory Panel.

Effective October 1, 1999, the IIPS system became the primary way for the Office of Headquarters Procurement Services to disseminate solicitations and receive responses in a paperless environment. All documents included in your Expression of Interest should be submitted in the Microsoft Word format. To get more information about IIPS and to register your organization, go to

<https://doe-ips.pr.doe.gov>. Follow the link on the IIPS home page to the Secure Services Page. Registration is a prerequisite to the submission of an Expression of Interest, and respondents are encouraged to register as soon as possible. When registering, all respondents should use the same North American Industry Classifications System Number: 325412. A help document, which describes how IIPS works, can be found at the bottom of the Secure Services Page.

Kevin M. Smith,

Director, Program Services Division, Office of Headquarters Procurement Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, February 25, 2002, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday, February 26, 2002, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Long; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, MD 20874-1290; Telephone: (301) 903-5565.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following: Monday, February 25, 2002

- Welcome and Introduction
- Review of the FY 2003 Budget
- Basic Energy Sciences Highlights
- Summary of BESAC-Sponsored Workshop on SC Performance Measurement
- Summary of BESAC-Sponsored Workshop on Biomolecular Materials
- Summary of BESAC Committee of Visitors

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

■ Discussion on BESAC activities related to Basic Science Needs for Energy Security

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Sharon Long at 301-903-6594 (fax) or sharon.long@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days 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 through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 5, 2002.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

North American Energy Working Group

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of postponement of public workshop.

SUMMARY: On January 17, 2002, the United States delegation to the North American Energy Working Group's Electricity Regulatory Experts Group published a notice of a public workshop to be held at the Washington, DC headquarters of the Department of Energy, in Room 1E-245, on February 13, 2002 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and a request for comments, 67 FR 2423. The workshop will be postponed until further notice because the draft discussion paper of the Electricity Regulatory Issues Group of Experts, which was to form the basis of the workshop discussions, is not yet ready for public dissemination. In addition, it is requested that no further comments be submitted pursuant to the January 17, 2002 notice.

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Vicky Bailey,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Certification Notice—205]

Office of Fossil Energy; Notice of Filings of Coal Capability Under the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Act

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Filings.

SUMMARY: The owners/operators of 30 baseload electric powerplants have submitted coal capability self-certifications pursuant to section 201 of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, as amended, in accordance with 10 CFR 501.60, 61.

ADDRESSES: Copies of self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Fossil Energy, Room 4G-039, FE-27, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title II of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), provides that no new baseload electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. In order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify, pursuant to FUA section 201(d), to the Secretary of Energy prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load electric powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with section 201(a) as of the date filed with the Department of Energy (DOE). The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that a certification has been filed. The following owners/operators of proposed new baseload electric powerplants have filed self-certifications pursuant to section 201(d) and in accordance with DOE regulations in 10 CFR 501.60, 61.