

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, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: August 23, 2005.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

**Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Pre-Elementary Education Longitudinal Study (PEELS).

*Frequency:* Varies.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 6,757.

*Burden Hours:* 4,597.

*Abstract:* PEELS will provide the first national picture of experiences and outcomes of three to five year old children in early childhood special education. The study will inform special education policy development

and support Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) measurement and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) reauthorization with data from parents, service providers, and teachers.

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 2861. 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., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6621. 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 Kathy Axt at her e-mail address [Kathy.Axt@ed.gov](mailto:Kathy.Axt@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.

**Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS)—Kindergarten Cohort, Eighth Grade Followup.

*Frequency:* One time.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 900.

*Burden Hours:* 375.

*Abstract:* Starting in the Fall and Spring of the 1998-99 school year with a cohort of kindergartners, this cohort was contacted again in the Fall and in the Spring of their first grade year and in their third grade and fifth grade years. This clearance is to conduct a field test and a full scale data collection for the eighth grade assessment and background questionnaires.

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 2865. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

**AGENCY:** President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Department of Education.

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda of the meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** Thursday, September 15, 2005.

*Time:* 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Board will meet at the Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001. Phone: 202-737-1234, Fax: 202-393-7927.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Leonard Dawson, Deputy Counselor, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 502-7889, fax: (202) 502-7879.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities is established under Executive Order 13256, dated February 12, 2002, and Executive Order 13316 dated September 17, 2003. The Board is established (a) to report to the President annually on the results of the participation of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in Federal programs, including

recommendations on how to increase the private sector role, including the role of private foundations, in strengthening these institutions, with particular emphasis also given to enhancing institutional planning and development, strengthening fiscal stability and financial management, and improving institutional infrastructure, including the use of technology, to ensure the long-term viability and enhancement of these institutions; (b) to advise the President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on the needs of HBCUs in the areas of infrastructure, academic programs, and faculty and institutional development; (c) to advise the Secretary in the preparation of an annual Federal plan for assistance to HBCUs in increasing their capacity to participate in Federal programs; (d) to provide the President with an annual progress report on enhancing the capacity of HBCUs to serve their students; and (e) to develop, in consultation with the Department of Education and other Federal agencies, a private sector strategy to assist HBCUs.

**Agenda:** The purpose of the meeting is to receive and deliberate on legislative and policy issues pertinent to the Board and the nation's HBCUs and to discuss relevant issues to be addressed in the Board's multiyear annual report.

**Additional Information:** Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify ReShone Moore at (202) 502-7893, no later than Thursday, September 8, 2005. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date, but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

An opportunity for public comment is available on Thursday, September 15, 2005, between 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Those members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so at the address indicated above by Thursday, September 8, 2005.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Margaret Spellings,**

*Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment Supporting the Department of Energy's Application to the Department of the Interior for a Public Land Order To Withdraw Public Lands Within and Around the Caliente Rail Corridor, Nevada, From Surface Entry and New Mining Claims**

**AGENCY:** Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability, and opportunity for public review and comment, of the environmental assessment (EA) that supports the Department of Energy's (DOE) application to the Department of the Interior, filed with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), for a Public Land Order to withdraw public lands within and surrounding the Caliente Rail Corridor. As applied for, the withdrawal would preclude surface entry and new mining claim locations for a 20 year period.

**DATES:** Comments should be received by DOE no later than September 28, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, or requests for copies of the draft EA, should be sent to Lee Bishop, EA Document Manager, United States Department of Energy, 1551 Hillshire Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89134. Requests for copies of the draft EA may also be made by calling 1-800-225-6972. The draft EA and electronic comment forms are available at <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov>. Comments may also be faxed to 1-800-967-0739.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lee Bishop, EA Document Manager, at the address above or at 1-800-225-6972.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A notice of proposed withdrawal was published in the *Federal Register* on December 29, 2003 (68 FR 74965-74968), stating that the Bureau of Land Management had received an application from DOE to withdraw for 20 years approximately 308,600 acres of public land from surface entry and mining locations while DOE evaluates the land for the potential construction, operation, and maintenance of a branch rail line. The rail line would be used for the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste as provided under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended (42 U.S.C. 10101 *et seq.*). BLM held public meetings on the application in June 2004.

In accordance with 43 CFR 2310.3-2(b)(3), DOE has prepared a draft EA to

support its application, with the BLM participating as a cooperating agency. The application seeks a Public Land Order for the purpose of precluding surface entry and the location of new mining claims which could interfere with the evaluation of the land. The proposed Public Land Order would not affect existing mining claims or other activities such as grazing rights, water rights, and recreational uses.

The draft EA may be reviewed on the Internet at <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov>. Copies of the EA may also be obtained by contacting Mr. Lee Bishop (see address above). Comments may be submitted to Mr. Bishop or through the comment form at the above website, and should be received by September 28, 2005.

Three public meetings on the draft EA will be held as follows:

Monday, September 12, 2005, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Longstreet Inn & Casino, Highway 373, Amargosa Valley, NV;

Tuesday, September 13, 2005, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Goldfield School Gymnasium, 233 Ramsey, Goldfield, NV; and

Thursday, September 15, 2005, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Caliente Youth Center, U.S. Highway 93, Caliente, NV.

Comments received will be considered in finalizing the EA. After the EA is finalized it will be formally submitted to the BLM. The BLM will subsequently make a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, who will make a final determination regarding DOE's application for a Public Land Order.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Paul M. Golan,**

*Principal Deputy Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Paducah. 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:** Thursday, September 15, 2005 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.