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Dated: January 5, 2006.

Margaret Spellings,

Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education

AGENCY: A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education (Commission). The notice also describes the functions of the Commission. 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 their opportunity to attend.

DATES: Thursday, February 2, 2006, and Friday, February 3, 2006.

TIME: February 2, 2006: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; February 3, 2006: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Commission will meet in San Diego, CA, at Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road, San Diego, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Oldham, Executive Director, A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, 400 Maryland

Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-3510; telephone: (202) 205-8741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission is established by the Secretary of Education to begin a national dialogue about the future of higher education in this country. The purpose of this Commission is to consider how best to improve our system of higher education to ensure that our graduates are well prepared to meet our future workforce needs and are able to participate fully in the changing economy. The Commission shall consider federal, state, local and institutional roles in higher education and analyze whether the current goals of higher education are appropriate and achievable. The Commission will also focus on the increasing tuition costs and the perception of many families, particularly low-income families, that higher education is inaccessible.

The agenda for this third meeting will include panel presentations discussing five areas of innovation. The five areas are: innovation and the economy, innovative national and international models for delivery, innovative teaching and learning strategies, innovative financing, and innovative public/private sector models. There will also be a panel presentation of nontraditional college students. A written report to the Secretary is due by August 1, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at Active Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of the acceptance of Title X claims for reimbursement in fiscal year (FY) 2006 and the acceptance of plans for subsequent remedial action.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Department of Energy (DOE) acceptance of claims in FY 2006 from eligible active uranium and thorium processing sites for reimbursement under Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. For FY 2006, Congress has appropriated approximately \$20 million for reimbursement of certain costs of remedial action at these sites. The approved amount of claims submitted during FY 2005 and unpaid approved balances for claims submitted in FY 2004 will be paid by April 28, 2006, subject to the availability of funds. If the available funds are less than the total approved claims, these payments will be prorated, if necessary, based on the amount of available FY 2006 appropriations, unpaid approved claim balances (approximately \$0.45 million), and claims received in May 2005 (approximately \$22 million).

This also provides notice of the continuing DOE acceptance of plans for subsequent decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action (Plans for Subsequent Remedial Action). If Title X licensees expect to incur remedial action costs for remedial action after December 31, 2007, licensees must submit a Plan for Subsequent Remedial Action during calendar year (CY) 2005 or 2006, and DOE must approve a Plan submitted by a licensee by the end of CY 2007, if the costs incurred after CY 2007 are to be eligible for reimbursement.

DATES: The closing date for the submission of claims in FY 2006 is May 1, 2006. These new claims will be processed for payment by April 27, 2007, together with unpaid approved claim balances from prior years, based on the availability of funds from congressional appropriations. Plans for Subsequent Remedial Action must be submitted no later than December 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Claims and Plans for Subsequent Remedial Action should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the U.S. Department of Energy, 19901

Germantown Rd., EM-12/CLF, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, or by express mail to the U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Rd., EM-12/CLF, Germantown, MD. All claims should be addressed to the attention of Mr. David Mathes. Three copies of the claim should be included with each submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact David Mathes at (301) 903-7222 of the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, Office of Commercial Disposition Options.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE published a final rule under 10 CFR part 765 in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1994, (59 FR 26714) to carry out the requirements of Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (sections 1001-1004 of Public Law 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*) and to establish the procedures for eligible licensees to submit claims for reimbursement. DOE amended the final rule on June 3, 2003, (68 FR 32955) to adopt several technical and administrative amendments (e.g., statutory increases in the reimbursement ceilings). Title X requires DOE to reimburse eligible uranium and thorium licensees for certain costs of decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action incurred by licensees at active uranium and thorium processing sites to remediate byproduct material generated as an incident of sales to the United States Government. To be reimbursable, costs of remedial action must be for work which is necessary to comply with applicable requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 *et seq.*) or, where appropriate, with requirements established by a State pursuant to a discontinuance agreement under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021). Claims for reimbursement must be supported by reasonable documentation as determined by DOE in accordance with 10 CFR part 765. Funds for reimbursement will be provided from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund established at the United States Department of Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

Authority: Section 1001-1004 of Public Law 102-486, 106 Stat. 2776 (42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*).

Issued in Washington DC on this 30th of December, 2005.

David E. Mathes,

*Office of Commercial Disposition Options,
Office of Logistics and Waste Disposition
Enhancements.*

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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, intends to extend for three years the information collection packages listed at the end of this notice. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collections, 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 collections 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 Office of Management and Budget review and approval of these information collections; they also will become a matter of public record.

DATES: Comments regarding these proposed information collections must be received on or before March 13, 2006. 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: Jeffrey Martus, IM-11/ Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290 or by fax at 301-903-9061 or by e-mail at Jeffrey.martus@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jeffrey Martus at the address listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collection packages listed in this notice for public comment include the following:

1. (1) OMB No.: 1910-0300. (2) *Package Title:* Environment, Safety and Health. (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal. (4) *Purpose:* This information is required to ensure that environment, safety, and health resources and requirements are managed efficiently and effectively and to exercise management oversight of DOE contractors. (5) *Respondents:* 11,344. (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 269,475.

2. (1) OMB No.: 1910-0500. (2) *Package Title:* Financial Management. (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal. (4) *Purpose:* This information is required by the Department to ensure that financial management resources and requirements are managed efficiently and effectively and to exercise management oversight of DOE contractors. (5) *Respondents:* 12,626. (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 152,704.

3. (1) OMB No.: 1910-5101. (2) *Package Title:* U.S. Dept. of Energy: Annual Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Report for State Government & Alternative Fuel Provider Fleets. (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal. (4) *Purpose:* This collection is critical to ensure the Government has sufficient information to ensure that covered fleets are complying with annual reporting and acquisition requirements under the Alternative Fuel Transportation Program. (5) *Respondents:* 310. (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 1,550.

4. (1) OMB No.: 1910-5102. (2) *Package Title:* Make-or-Buy Plans. (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal. (4) *Purpose:* This information is required by the Department to ensure the Department's management and operations are sub-contracting in the most cost-effective and efficient manner and to exercise management and oversight of DOE contractors. (5) *Respondents:* 36. (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 5,350.

5. (1) OMB No.: 1910-5111. (2) *Package Title:* Purchasing by DOE Management and Operating Contractors from Contractor Affiliated Sources. (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal. (4) *Purpose:* This information is critical to ensure the Government has sufficient information to judge the degree to which awardees meet the terms of their agreement and ensure that improper organization conflicts are not created. (5) *Respondents:* 20. (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 100.

6. (1) OMB No. 1910-5121. (2) *Package Title:* End-Use Certificate. (3)