

taking final action on a permit or making any irretrievable or irreversible commitment of agency resources.

Dated: January 23, 2006.

John H. Dunnigan,

Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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 March 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

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 IC Clearance Official, 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.

Dated: January 24, 2006.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.

Title: Evaluation of Math Curricula.

Frequency: Semi-Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 10,200.

Burden Hours: 5,000.

Abstract: The Evaluation of Math Curricula will assess the effectiveness of up to five early elementary math curricula. This submission includes recruitment of districts and schools only; forms will be developed and submitted in a second request.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2932. 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 ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6623. 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 the e-mail address 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

Office of Environmental Management; Environmental Management Advisory Board Renewal

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463), and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65(a), and following consultation with

the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Management Advisory Board (Board) is being renewed for a two-year period beginning on January 17, 2006. The Board will provide advice and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM).

The Board provides the Assistant Secretary for EM with information and strategic advice on a broad range of corporate issues affecting the EM program. It recommends options to resolve difficult issues faced in the EM program including, but not limited to: Project management and oversight activities; cost/benefit analyses; program performance; contracts and acquisition strategies; human capital management; and site end states activities. Consensus recommendations to the DOE from the Board on programmatic nationwide resolution of numerous difficult issues will help achieve the DOE's objective of the safe and efficient cleanup of its contaminated sites.

Additionally, the renewal of the Environmental Management Advisory Board has been determined to be essential to the conduct of the DOE's business and to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the DOE by law and agreement. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the FACA, and rules and regulations issued in implementation of that Act.

Further information regarding this Advisory Board may be obtained from Ms. Terri Lamb at (202) 586-9007.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-PS26-06NT15430, Enhanced Oil and Natural Gas Production Through Carbon Dioxide Injection

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

ACTION: Notice of release of funding opportunity announcement.

SUMMARY: The DOE will support producers of oil and gas in carrying out projects to inject carbon dioxide for the purpose of enhancing recovery of oil or natural gas, while increasing the sequestration of carbon dioxide (CO₂).

The National Energy Technology Laboratory's (NETL) Strategic Center for Natural Gas and Oil program mission is to enhance U.S. security by ensuring the Nation has a reliable energy supply. The Strategic Center for Natural Gas and Oil seeks to accomplish this critical goal by advancing environmentally responsible technological solutions that bolster domestic oil and natural gas recovery. Priority will be given to projects in the noted areas of interest—the Williston Basin in North Dakota/Montana and the Cook Inlet Basin in Alaska. This solicitation seeks to maximize U.S. oil and natural gas production in a cost-effective manner through the injection of CO₂, while at the same time sequestering significant quantities of CO₂. To promote greater use of industrial CO₂, additional consideration will be given to those proposals that use anthropogenic CO₂ from existing industrial processes for the CO₂ flood (e.g., ethanol and gas processing plants, oil refineries, petroleum coke gasification, coal liquefaction, etc.). Projects should clearly set forth the manner in which adverse environmental impacts would be minimized. Finally, the solicitation will give priority programmatic consideration to projects that involve, in a significant way, existing state/regional institutions that have a mandate or significant interest in supporting enhanced oil or natural gas recovery, and reducing the carbon intensity/CO₂ emissions in the state and/or region.

DATES:

Funding Opportunity Announcement Issue: 03 Feb 2006.

Proposal Receipt: 05 May 2006.

Selection Notification: 04 Aug 2006.

Award: 30 Sep 2006.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for additional detail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These specific demonstration projects are Congressionally mandated in the 2005 Energy Policy Act, H.R. 6, Section 354, Subsection (c), with the purpose of promoting the capture, transportation and injection of produced carbon dioxide for sequestration into oil and gas fields, while promoting oil and natural gas production.

Projects selected under this solicitation will add to the technological base by demonstrating technology methods for improving the economic viability and effectiveness of CO₂ flooding, capture and sequestration

techniques. The efforts will support national air quality goals by answering questions surrounding the increased use of CO₂ for enhanced oil and natural gas recovery, while also allowing more CO₂ to remain in the geologic formations. The results will provide additional benefits by improving the industry performance and extending the life of producing fields.

Examples of improved recovery technologies will be demonstrated at DOE's CO₂ EOR Workshop in Houston, hosted by the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council (PTTC). This workshop is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 22–23, 2006. Please refer to PTTC's Web site at <http://www.pttc.org> for finalized dates and meeting details.

Address Information: The Funding Opportunity Announcement DE–PS26–06NT15430, Enhanced Oil and Natural Gas Production through Carbon Dioxide Injection, can be found at <http://www.e-center.doe.gov> or <http://grants.gov>, after the Funding Opportunity Announcement issue date above.

Issued in Pittsburgh PA on January 19, 2006.

Richard D. Rogus,

Procurement Team Leader.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Study of the Potential Benefits of Distributed Generation**

AGENCY: National Energy Technology Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Distributed Energy Program from the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) is seeking public input for a study of the potential benefits of distributed generation required by section 1817 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. DOE invites interested parties to relate experiences, convey data, communicate results of case studies or analyses, or provide other information pertaining to the planning, installation, commissioning and operation of distributed energy systems as outlined below.

DATES: Comments, reports, case studies and other information offered in response to this Notice shall be received no later than February 23, 2006 at any of the addresses listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments

electronically (using Adobe® Acrobat® or Microsoft® Word formats) or in hard copy. Submissions should include a cover page containing the commenter's name, affiliation, telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address. DOE will consider all comments received.

Comments prepared in electronic formats may be submitted directly, via the Web at: <http://www.dg1817report.org>. Links to this Web page may also be found on the OE Web site: <http://www.electricity.doe.gov>, or the NETL Web site: <http://www.netl.doe.gov>. Written submissions may also be sent by regular mail to: Mario Sciulli, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, PO Box 10940, MS 922–342C, Pittsburgh, PA 15236; or by e-mail to: mario.sciulli@netl.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mario Sciulli, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, PO Box 10940, MS 922–342C, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, e-mail address: mario.sciulli@netl.doe.gov. Information offered by commenters in response to this Notice will be available for public inspection at the Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1E–190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background.**

Section 1817 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005) requires DOE to conduct a study in consultation with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) of the potential benefits of cogeneration and small power production. The Electricity Modernization Act § 1817, 119 Stat. 594, 1130 (2005). This study will encompass various forms of distributed energy technologies, ranging from those that produce only electricity to those that produce a combination of heat and power (CHP), installed at or near the point of use.

The first component of the DOE study will analyze potential benefits associated with expanded utilization of distributed energy technologies. For purposes of this Notice the terms “distributed generation” (DG), “cogeneration” and “small power production” are synonymous.¹ Specific

¹ The term “cogeneration facility” typically describes a facility that produces electric and/or thermal energy independent of or interconnected to the local electricity supplier (grid). 16 U.S.C. 796(18)(A). Similarly, “small power production