

their response "Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]]. Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

**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 Management, 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: March 10, 2008.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

#### **Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program Application.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 100.

Burden Hours: 3,500.

*Abstract:* Collection of this information is necessary so that the Secretary of Education can carry out the Hispanic-Serving Institutions program under Title IV, Part J of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act. The information will be used in the evaluation process to determine whether proposed activities are consistent with legislated activities and to determine the dollar share of the

Congressional appropriation to be awarded to successful applicants.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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 3619. 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., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. 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 [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto: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**

### **Proposed Agency Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of Civil Rights and Diversity, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for OMB review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection will measure perceptions of DOE and contractor employees regarding the Employee Concerns Program, as well as measure the effectiveness of the Employee Concerns Program as experienced by clients.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before April 14, 2008. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice,

please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, and to Stan Branch, Employee Concerns Manager, Richland Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 550, M.S. A1-61, Richland, WA 99352, or by fax at (509) 372-0998, or by e-mail at [stanley\\_o\\_branch@rl.gov](mailto:stanley_o_branch@rl.gov).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to William A. Lewis, Jr., Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights and Diversity, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, or by fax at (202) 586-0888, or by e-mail at [bill.lewis@hq.doe.gov](mailto:bill.lewis@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. {enter "New"}; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Employee Concerns Program Federal/ Contractor Survey; (3) Type of Request: New Collection; (4) Purpose: Prepare and perform an agency-wide Employee Concerns Program survey measuring perceptions of DOE and contractor employees regarding the Employee Concerns Program, as well as measuring the effectiveness of the Employee Concerns Program as experienced by clients; (5) Type of Respondents: DOE federal and contractor employees; (6) Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,000; (6) Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 10,000.

#### **Statutory Authority**

DOE ECP Order 442.1A, section 4(F). This order implements an Employee Concerns Program. DOE, federal and contractor employees, including supervisors and managers at any level in an organization, may report employee concerns related to the environment, safety, health, and management of DOE and National Nuclear Security Administration programs and facilities to Headquarters or field elements' Employee Concerns Programs. This independent, objective survey will help determine if employees feel free to express concerns to management.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**William A. Lewis, Jr.,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights and Diversity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy; Office of Science.

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a teleconference meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. 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:** Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. E.D.T.

**ADDRESSES:** Participants may call Ms. Joanne Corcoran at (301) 903-6488 to receive a call-in number by April 1, 2008. Public participation is welcomed; however, the number of teleconference lines is limited and available on a first come basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dr. David Thomassen, Designated Federal Officer, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-23/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, (301) 903-9817 or [david.thomassen@science.doe.gov](mailto:david.thomassen@science.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

**Tentative Agenda**

- DOE Perspectives, Raymond L. Orbach, Under Secretary for Science.
- Discussion of joint ASCAC/BERAC subcommittee report to identify the key computational and information technology obstacles to advancing climate change science, improving climate change projections using state-of-the-science coupled climate models, and how progress could be accelerated

through targeted investments in applied mathematics, computer science, and computational climate science. See complete BERAC Charge dated June 26, 2007.

- New business.
- Public Comment.

Copies of the Charge letters may be found at <http://www.sc.doe.gov/ober/berac/charges.html>.

Draft Subcommittee reports are not public documents and are only made publicly available after BERAC approval. All BERAC reports, once approved, are posted on the BERAC Web site at: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/Reports.html>.

*Public Participation:* The teleconference 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 David Thomassen at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before 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, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Renewal of the Climate Change Science Program Product Development Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy; Office of Science.

**ACTION:** Notice of Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 102-3.65, and

following consultation with the other Federal agencies responsible for preparing Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment Products that are required to comply with Section 106 of the Global Change Research Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-606), notice is hereby given that the Climate Change Science Program Product Development Advisory Committee has been renewed for a two-year period.

The Committee will draft a specific CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Product on climate modeling at the request of the Department of Energy in accordance with the Guidelines for producing the CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Products. The Committee will update the Department of Energy on the progress during the development of the product and will agree upon the contents of the product before advising the Department to adopt the language. The Committee will function solely as an advisory body. The Secretary of Energy has determined that renewal of the Climate Change Science Program Product Development Advisory Committee is essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law upon the Department of Energy. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Rachel Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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**Carol A. Matthews,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2165-022]

### Alabama Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 7, 2008.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No.