

- Irretrievable and irreversible commitment of resources.

Potentially Significant Adverse Impacts

- Impacts to the general population and onsite workers from radiological and non-radiological releases from decommissioning and/or long-term stewardship activities. Transportation impacts from shipments of radioactive, hazardous, mixed, and clean waste generated during decommissioning activities.
- Impacts to the general population and onsite workers from radiological and non-radiological releases at radiological and non-radiological waste disposal sites receiving waste generated during site decommissioning and/or long-term stewardship activities.
- Impacts from postulated accidents.
- Disproportionately high and adverse effects on low-income and minority populations (environmental justice).
- Socioeconomic impacts to local communities.
- Areas of concern to the Seneca Nation of Indians related to culturally-specific considerations.
- Short-term and long-term land use impacts.
- Short-term and long-term environmental impacts, including air and water quality, from decommissioning and/or long-term stewardship activities.
- Impacts to floodplains and wetlands (the SEIS will contain an assessment of potential floodplain and wetland impacts in accordance with DOE requirements (10 CFR part 1022)).
- Impacts to groundwater quality.
- Impacts on threatened and endangered species.

Other Agency Involvement

DOE and NYSERDA invite Federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise to participate in the SEIS as cooperating or involved agencies. At this time, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), NRC, and NYSDEC will participate as cooperating agencies under NEPA. NYSDEC and NYSDOH will also participate as involved agencies under SEQRA with respect to NYSEDA's proposed actions.

Public Scoping Process

The purpose of scoping is to encourage public involvement and to solicit public comments on the proposed scope of the SEIS. DOE and NYSEDA invite interested parties to participate in the scoping process to help identify the range of reasonable alternatives and the environmental

issues to be analyzed. Written comments may be provided by any of the means described under **ADDRESSES**, or orally at public scoping meetings. Both oral and written comments will be considered and given equal weight by DOE and NYSEDA regardless of how submitted. Comments must be provided by April 23, 2018, to ensure consideration in preparation of the Draft SEIS. DOE and NYSEDA will consider late comments to the extent practicable.

DOE and NYSEDA will hold three public scoping meetings on the West Valley SEIS on the following dates:

- Monday, March 19, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the West Valley Volunteer Hose Company, Inc., Firemen's Memorial Hall and Training, 9091 Route 240, West Valley, NY 14171, in the Main Hall.
- Tuesday, March 20, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Erie Community College, City Campus, Post Office Building, 121 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY 14203, in the Minnie Gillette Auditorium.
- Wednesday, March 21, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Cattaraugus Council Chambers, 12837 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081.

Further information about these meetings is available on the SEIS website at www.SEISWestValleySite.com and will be announced in the local media.

Requests to speak at the public meeting should be made to the DOE Document Manager (see **ADDRESSES**).

Speakers will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals may sign up at the door to speak and will be accommodated as time permits. Written comments will also be accepted at the meeting. Speakers are encouraged to provide written versions of their oral comments for the record.

The meetings will be facilitated by a moderator. Time will be provided for meeting attendees to ask clarifying questions. Individuals requesting to speak on behalf of an organization must identify the organization. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes to present comments unless more time is requested and available. Comments will be recorded by a court reporter and will become part of the scoping meeting record.

SEIS Process and Schedule

DOE and NYSEDA will consider comments received during the public scoping period in defining the alternatives and issues to be analyzed in detail in the Draft SEIS, which is planned for issuance by the end of 2020. After the document is distributed to the public, EPA will publish a notice of

availability of the Draft SEIS in the **Federal Register**, and NYSEDA will publish notice of availability in the *State Environmental Notice Bulletin*, which will begin a 6-month public comment period. DOE and NYSEDA will announce how to comment on the Draft SEIS and will hold at least three public hearings during the public comment period, but no sooner than 15 days after EPA's notice of availability and NYSEDA's notice are published. In preparing the Final SEIS, which is planned for issuance in 2022, DOE and NYSEDA will respond to comments received on the Draft SEIS. DOE may issue its ROD no sooner than 30 days after EPA publishes a notice of availability of the Final SEIS. NYSEDA Findings and Decisions can be made no sooner than 10 days after the Notice of Completion of the Final SEIS is published. DOE and NYSEDA intend to complete the SEIS process to inform Phase 2 decisions in 2022.

Notice of Floodplain and Wetland Involvement: Because the proposed project may involve actions in floodplains and wetlands, in accordance with DOE's 10 CFR part 1022, the Draft SEIS will include a floodplain and wetland assessment, and, as appropriate, the Final SEIS or ROD will include a floodplain statement of findings.

Public Reading Room

Documents referenced in this Notice of Intent and Draft Scope and related information are available online at www.SEISWestValleySite.com and at the Ashford Community and Training Center, 9377 NY-240, West Valley, New York 14171, (716) 942-6016.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 14th day of February, 2018.

James M. Owendoff,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, March 12, 2018 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Crystal City Marriott at Reagan National Airport, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Potomac Ballroom, Arlington, Virginia 22202, 703–413–5500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda L. May, U.S. Department of Energy; SC–26/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (301) 903–0536 or email: brenda.may@science.doe.gov

The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the website: <http://science.gov/np/nsac/meetings/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis to the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on scientific priorities within the field of basic nuclear science research.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following:

Monday, March 12, 2018

- Perspectives from Department of Energy and National Science Foundation
- Update from the Department of Energy and National Science Foundation's Nuclear Physics Offices
- Presentation of the Mo–99 Subcommittee Report
- Discussion of the Mo–99 Subcommittee Report

Note: The NSAC Meeting will be broadcast live on the internet. You may find out how to access this broadcast by going to the following site prior to the start of the meeting. A video record of the meeting, including the presentations that are made, will be archived at this site after the meeting ends: <http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/DOE/180312/>.

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 these items on the agenda, you should contact Brenda L. May, (301) 903–0536 or Brenda.May@science.doe.gov (email). You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provisions 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.

The minutes of the meeting will be available for review on the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Physics website at: <http://science.gov/np/nsac/meetings/>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 14, 2018.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18–1–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–598); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC–598 (Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator Status or Foreign Utility Company Status) and submitting the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission published a Notice in the **Federal Register** in Docket No. IC18–1–000 on December 11, 2017 requesting public comments. FERC received no comments in response to the Notice and is indicating that in its submittal to the OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due March 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by OMB Control No. 1902–0166, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oira_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202–395–0710.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC18–1, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502–8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC–598, Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator Status or Foreign Utility Company Status.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0166.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–598 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Commission uses the data in the FERC–598 information collection to implement the statutory provisions of Title XII, subtitle F of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005).¹

EPAct 2005 repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA 1935),² and adopted in its place the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 (PUHCA 2005).³ While providing for the Commission's regulation of holding companies, PUHCA 2005 also provided an exemption from such regulation for those holding companies that are subject to Commission regulation as holding companies solely due to their holding exempt wholesale generators (EWG) and foreign utility companies (FUCO).⁴ To carry out this statutory directive, the Commission amended its

¹ Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109–58, 119 Stat. 594, 972 *et seq.* (2005) (codified at 42 U.S.C. 16451 *et seq.*).

² *Id.* § 1263, 119 Stat. 594, 974.

³ *Id.* § 1261, 119 Stat. 594, 972.

⁴ *Id.* § 1266(a), 119 Stat. 594, 975 (codified at 42 U.S.C. 16454(a)).