

(ranging from fully in-person to fully remote), the hours of instruction for students, and how enrollment and attendance rates vary by a number of social stratifying factors including race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, English learner status, and disability status. The work proposed in this package, the NAEP 2021 School and Teacher Questionnaire Special Study, is a more in-depth data collection. Although it will collect data only once, it allows NCES a deeper and richer understanding of how schools and teachers are faring while operating during a pandemic. Because the instruments are very much the same as the instruments used during every administration of NAEP, the data collected will also allow us to better understand trends in schools across and through the global coronavirus pandemic. In addition, a summative report will be provided at the end of the collection, relating the results to those from the NAEP 2021 School Survey.

Dated: March 18, 2021.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an online virtual meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this conference call be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:**

Tuesday, April 20, 2021; 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. EDT

Wednesday, April 21, 2021; 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. EDT

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. To attend, please contact Alyssa Harris by email, [Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov), no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

*To Submit Public Comment:* Public comments will be accepted via email prior to and after the meeting.

Comments received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 will be read aloud during the virtual meeting. Comments will also be accepted after the meeting by no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Please send comments to Alyssa Harris at [Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Alyssa Harris, EM SSAB Federal Coordinator, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. Phone (202) 430-9624 or Email: [Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda Topics:*

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

- Opening Remarks
- Update from EM Senior Leadership
- EM SSAB Chairs' Round Robin
- Reading of Public Comment
- Update from Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory & Policy Affairs
- EM Budget Update
- Communications Presentation by the Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP)

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

- Charge Presentation and Discussion
- Reading of Public Comment
- Charge Presentation and Discussion
- Open Discussion/Board Business

*Public Participation:* The online virtual meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting by sending them to Alyssa Harris at the aforementioned email address. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the conference call in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments should email them as directed above.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Alyssa Harris at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://energy.gov/em/listings/chairs-meetings>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 18, 2021.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21-8-000]

### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-512); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**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 a renewal of currently approved information collection, FERC-512 (Preliminary Permit), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due April 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC-512 to OMB through [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number (1902-0073) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21-8-000) by one of the following methods: Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- *Electronic Filing:* Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery.

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:*

Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*Hand (including courier) delivery:* Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Instructions:* OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Using the search function under the

“Currently Under Review” field, select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit,” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection.

*FERC submissions* must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

*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](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-512, Preliminary Permit. OMB Control No.: 1902-0073.

*Type of Request:* Three-year approval of the FERC-512 information collection requirements, with no changes to the current reporting requirements in Docket No. IC21-8-000.

*Abstract:* The Commission regulates nonfederal hydropower projects on navigable waters and federal lands pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>1</sup> The FERC-512 is an application for a preliminary permit or to extend a

preliminary permit term. Preliminary permits, issued for up to four years, preserve the right of permit holders to have first priority in applying for a license for a project being studied, but do not authorize construction of any facilities. Nor does a preliminary permit allow the use of eminent domain to acquire lands for the project. The preliminary permits are issued pursuant to sections 4(f), 5, and 7 of the FPA. Preliminary permits may be extended one time for up to four additional years, pursuant to section 5 of the FPA. The purpose of obtaining a preliminary permit is to maintain priority status for an application for a license while the applicant conducts site examinations and surveys to prepare maps, plans, specifications, and estimates. This period of time also provides the applicant with the opportunity to conduct engineering, economic, and environmental feasibility studies in addition to making the financial arrangements for funding the construction of the project. No other application for a preliminary permit or application for license submitted by another party can be accepted during the permit term. The application for a preliminary permit is used by Commission staff to assess the scope of the proposed project, the technology to

be used, and jurisdictional aspects of the project. The staff assessment includes a review of the proposed hydro development for conflicts with other permits or existing projects and public notice of the application to solicit public and agency comments. The application for a one-time extension, up to four years, of a preliminary permit is used by Commission staff to determine if a permittee has met the 2018 Water Infrastructure Act's good faith and reasonable diligence standard. An application for a preliminary permit includes an initial statement and three numbered exhibits, per 18 CFR 4.81. The initial statement includes information on the applicant, the project, the requested term of the permit, affected political jurisdictions, and a verification of the facts.

*Type of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit and not for-profit institutions.

In response to the Notice of Information Collection Request for comments published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2021 (86 FR 1957), the Commission received no comments on the 60-day Paperwork Reduction Act notice.

*Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>2</sup> and Cost<sup>3</sup>:* The Commission estimates as shown below in the table:

**FERC-512: (PRELIMINARY PERMIT)**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Average annual cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping.	50	1	50	24 hrs.; \$1,992 .....	1,200 hrs.; \$99,600 .....	\$1,992
Total FERC-512 ...	50	1	50	24 hrs.; \$1,992 .....	1,200 hrs.; \$99,600 .....	1,992

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those

who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 18, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0617; FRL-10018-36]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of an Existing Collection and Request for Comment; Collection of Information for TSCA Mercury Inventory Reporting**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

512 are approximately the same as the Commission's average cost. The FERC 2020 average salary plus benefits for one FERC full-time equivalent (FTE) is \$172,329/year (or \$83.00/hour).

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r (2012).

<sup>2</sup> Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further

explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>3</sup> Commission staff estimates that the industry's skill set and cost (for wages and benefits) for FERC-