• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
• Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
• Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection
The Department of State uses Form DS–157, Petition for Special Immigrant Classification for Afghan SIV Applicants, in the adjudication of special immigrant visa applications under section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”) (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4)), as provided for under section 602(b)(1) of the AAPA. The information requested on the form is limited to that which is necessary to adjudicate the applicant’s petition for classification.

Methodology
Form DS–157 is available in an electronic PDF format at travel.state.gov and must be submitted via email to the Department of State.

Julia M. Stufl,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
[Public Notice: 12345]
Clean Energy Resources Advisory Committee

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of State announces renewal of the charter of the Department of State Clean Energy Resources Advisory Committee (CERAC), in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Murray, 771–205–0994, MurrayMJ@state.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
[Public Notice: 12346]

Clean Energy Resources Advisory Committee

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of State will host a virtual, open meeting of the Clean Energy Resources Advisory Committee (CERAC). There will not be an in-person option for this meeting.

DATES: CERAC will meet virtually March 22, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. (EST).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Energy Resources, Energy Officer Mark Murray at CERAC@state.gov, 771–205–0994.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Purpose: This Committee will provide input and advice regarding energy minerals and metals, their supply chains, and end uses. This meeting will focus on the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP) and Minerals Investment Network for Vital Energy Security and Transition (MINVEST) efforts, as well as outcomes and results from COP28, and the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) one year on.

Participation: Members of the public wishing to participate must RSVP by March 20, 2024, via email to CERAC@state.gov (subject line: RSVP). The Department will provide login information prior to the meeting. Requests for reasonable accommodation should be submitted no later than March 15, 2024. Reasonable accommodation requests received after that date will be considered but may not be possible to fulfill.

Any written comments should be emailed to CERAC@state.gov with “PUBLIC COMMENT” as the subject line at least 48 hours before the start of the meeting. During this meeting, there will not be an option for members of the public to make oral statements.

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Nature and Purpose: The Committee provides input and advice on major issues and problems in regard to energy minerals, their supply chains, and end uses.

Other information: It is anticipated that CERAC will meet at least once per year and at such other times and places as are required to fulfill the objectives of the committee. The Department of State affirms that the advisory committee is necessary and in the public interest.

Mark J. Murray,
Energy Officer, Bureau of Energy Resources, Department of State.