

priorities to better serve the needs of the field and American students.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before October 15, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit your response to this RFI through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. We will not accept submissions by postal mail, commercial mail, hand delivery, fax, or email. To avoid duplicate submissions, please submit your comments only once and include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

If you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise submit your comments via *Regulations.gov*, contact: regulationshelpdesk@gsa.gov or call 1–866–498–2945. For telecommunications relay services, dial 7–1–1.

Privacy Note: All comments will be made publicly available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Do not include personally identifiable information (PII) about others. Comments containing PII or confidential business information may be redacted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amber Northern, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 251–0077. Email: IESfeedback@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The mission of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), codified in 20 U.S.C. 9511(b)(1), is to: “Provide national leadership in expanding fundamental knowledge and understanding of education from early childhood through postsecondary study, in order to provide parents, educators, students, researchers, policymakers, and the general public with reliable information about, including the condition and progress of education in the United States, including early childhood education and special education; educational practices that support learning and improve academic achievement and access to educational opportunities for all students; and the effectiveness of Federal and other education programs.”

IES carries out its mission through four centers:

1. National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)—responsible for collecting and analyzing education-related data.
2. National Center for Education Research (NCER)—funds research that expands understanding of educational practices.
3. National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER)—focuses on improving outcomes for children with disabilities.

4. National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance (NCEEE)—evaluates federal programs and supports Regional Educational Laboratories (RELs), What Works Clearinghouse (WWC), and technical assistance efforts.

IES is currently undergoing a comprehensive assessment to strengthen its structure, priorities, and operations. This effort seeks to align the priorities of IES more closely with current state and local education needs, reduce duplication of effort, and increase the speed at which evidence is produced and used.

Purpose of This RFI

This RFI invites specific suggestions on how IES can:

- Function more cohesively across its four centers to ensure shared goals drive data collection, research funding, and technical assistance.
- Better meet the needs of state and local leaders, educators, parents, researchers, and state education agencies.
- Improve the timeliness, accuracy, and accessibility of its statistics and research products.
- Maximize the utility of federal and other education program evaluations.
- Strengthen partnerships with other federal agencies or between state agencies to align data and reduce redundancy.
- Improve mechanisms for disseminating and scaling evidence-based practices, including the work of the RELs, WWC, and R&D Centers.
- Modernize its peer review, grantmaking, and contracting processes to encourage innovation while maintaining rigor.

Specific Areas of Interest

We especially welcome comments on how IES should:

1. Prioritize and streamline federal data collections to balance burden and benefit.
2. Leverage its grantmaking to advance impactful, practitioner-relevant research on pressing topics, with specific input on the identification of those topics.
3. Improve the reach and utility of evidence dissemination.
4. Support states and districts through more responsive technical assistance and capacity building, including building states' capacity for using evidence and creating a culture of continuous improvement.

Important Notes

- This is a request for information only. It is not a request for proposals (RFP), nor does it indicate a commitment to issue an RFP or make funding available.
- The Department will not provide direct responses to comments, nor will it return submitted materials.

- Submission of comments is voluntary and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the Department.

Responses should be concrete and solution oriented.

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Matthew Soldner,

Acting IES Director, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho Cleanup Project

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person/virtual meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, October 23, 2025; 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. MDT.

ADDRESSES: Residence Inn, 635 West Broadway, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402. This meeting will be open to the public in-person at the Residence Inn and

virtually via Zoom. To attend virtually, please contact Cecelia Hruska, ICP Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Administrator, by email at idahoCAB@icp.doe.gov or phone (208) 533-3800, no later than 5 p.m. MDT on Monday, October 20, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cecelia Hruska, ICP CAB Administrator, by email at idahoCAB@icp.doe.gov or phone (208) 533-3800 or visit the Board's internet homepage at <https://energy.gov/em/icpcab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on other EM program components. The Board also provides an avenue to fulfill public participation requirements outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Federal Facility Agreements, Consent Orders, Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements.

Tentative Agenda (agenda topics are subject to change; please contact Cecelia Hruska for the current agenda):

- Recent Public Outreach
- ICP Progress Updates
- Public Comment Period
- Board Business

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public and public comment can be given orally or in writing. Fifteen minutes are allocated during the meeting for public comment and those wishing to make oral comment will be given a minimum of two minutes to speak. To sign up for public comment, please contact the ICP CAB Administrator (above) no later than 5 p.m. MST on Monday, October 20, 2025. Written comments received at least two working days prior to the meeting will be provided to the members and included in the meeting minutes. Written comments received within two working days after the meeting will be included in the minutes. For additional information on public comment and to submit written comment, please contact the ICP CAB Administrator. The EM SSAB, Idaho Cleanup Project, welcomes the attendance of the public at its meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical

disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the ICP CAB Administrator at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

Meeting conduct: The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Questioning of board members or presenters by the public is not permitted.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Cecelia Hruska, ICP Administrator, phone (208) 533-3800 or email idahoCAB@icp.doe.gov. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/em/icpcab/listings/cab-meetings>.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 22, 2025, by David Borak, Committee Management Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned **Federal Register Liaison Officer** has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC on September 23, 2025.

Jennifer Hartzell,

Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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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 meeting.

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

DATES: Tuesday, October 28, 2025; 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: To register to attend and receive the virtual access information, please send an email to: emssabhq@em.doe.gov

em.doe.gov no later than 3 p.m. EDT on Friday, October 24, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelly Snyder, EM SSAB Designated Federal Officer, by phone: (702) 918-6715 or email: kelly.snyder@em.doe.gov or visit the Board's website at www.energy.gov/emssab.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on other EM program components. The Board also provides an avenue to fulfill public participation requirements outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Federal Facility Agreements, Consent Orders, Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements.

Tentative Agenda:

1. EM Program Updates
2. EM SSAB Chairs Round Robin
3. Board Business

Public Participation: The virtual meeting is open to the public via Microsoft Teams and public comment can be given orally or in writing. Fifteen minutes are allocated during the meeting for public comment and those wishing to make oral comment will be given a minimum of two minutes to speak. To sign up, please note in your registration email that you would like to make a public comment during the meeting. Written comments received at least two working days prior to the meeting will be provided to the members and included in the meeting minutes. Written comments received within two working days after the meeting will be included in the minutes. For additional information on public comment and to submit written comment, please contact the EM SSAB Designated Federal Officer at kelly.snyder@em.doe.gov.

Meeting conduct: The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Questioning of board members or presenters by the public is not permitted.

Minutes: Minutes will be available on the EM SSAB website at www.energy.gov/emssab.