

Dated: November 6, 2000.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* Revision

*Title:* State Plan for Independent  
Living and Center for Independent  
Living Programs (SC)

*Frequency:* Annually

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal  
Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Not-for-profit  
institutions; Individuals or household;  
Businesses or other for-profit; Farms;  
Federal Government

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour  
Burden:*

*Responses:* 3,300

*Burden Hours:* 60

*Abstract:* Chapter 1 of Title VII of the  
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended  
(Act) authorizes financial assistance to  
States for providing, expanding and  
improving the provision of independent  
living services, to develop and support  
Statewide networks of Centers for  
Independent Living (CIL), to improve  
working relationships among State  
Independent Living Services, CILs,  
Statewide Independent Living Councils,  
programs funded under other titles of  
the Act, and other programs that address  
issues relevant to individuals with  
disabilities funded by Federal and non-  
Federal authorities.

Requests for copies of the proposed  
information collection request may be  
accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or  
should be addressed to Vivian Reese,  
Department of Education, 400 Maryland  
Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional  
Office Building 3, Washington, DC  
20202-4651. Requests may also be  
electronically mailed to the internet  
address [OCIO\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov) or  
faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify  
the complete title of the information  
collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or  
the collection activity requirements  
should be directed to Sheila Carey at  
(202) 708-6287 or via her internet  
address [Sheila\\_Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila_Carey@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 EDUCATION**

#### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory  
Information Management Group, Office  
of the Chief Information Officer invites  
comments on the submission for OMB  
review as required by the Paperwork  
Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to  
submit comments on or before  
December 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should  
be addressed to the Office of  
Information and Regulatory Affairs,  
Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting  
Desk Officer, Department of Education,  
Office of Management and Budget, 725  
17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New  
Executive Office Building, Washington,  
DC 20503 or should be electronically  
mailed to the internet address  
[Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**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 Leader,  
Regulatory Information Management  
Group, Office of the Chief Information  
Officer, 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: November 6, 2000.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* The National Institute on  
Disability and Rehabilitation Research  
(NIDRR) Quality of Research Rating  
Scale.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or  
households.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour  
Burden:* Responses: 300; Burden Hours:  
100.

*Abstract:* To assess quality of NIDRR  
funded research, a reliable, valid, and  
efficient instrument needs to be  
developed and tested. A form will be  
administered to 300 people. Responses  
will be analyzed for validity and  
reliability. If the results are satisfactory,  
the form will be used for future quality  
of research assessment.

Requests for copies of the proposed  
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should be addressed to Vivian Reese,  
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8339.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### **National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation**

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology  
Laboratory, Department of Energy  
(DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a  
financial assistance solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the  
intent to issue Financial Assistance  
Solicitation No. DE-PS26-00NT41003  
entitled "Infrastructure Reliability for  
Natural Gas." Natural gas consumption  
in the U.S. is projected to reach or  
exceed 32 trillion cubic feet (TCF) per  
year by 2020, increasing from 22 TCF  
per year in 1997. In addition, potential  
lower emission targets for greenhouse  
gases could even increase the demand  
for natural gas as high as 35 TCF per  
year. Maintaining the integrity and  
efficiency of the gas infrastructure may  
be the most important challenge to  
achieving a substantial increase in gas  
deliverability given the age of the  
existing pipelines. Technological

advances in materials, tools and operations will be needed to maintain the throughput of the current infrastructure and expansion for future system demands.

**DATES:** The solicitation will be available on the DOE/NETL's Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> on or about November 9, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Crystal A. Sharp, Contract Specialist MS IO7, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 880, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880, E-mail Address: [csharp@netl.doe.gov](mailto:csharp@netl.doe.gov), Telephone Number: 304-285-4442.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the National Gas Infrastructure Reliability program is to fund research which encourages and promotes research and development efforts resulting in the development of technology which will place the necessary tools and materials into the hands of those who maintain and enhance the integrity and operational reliability of the Nation's natural gas transmission and distribution network. DOE is requesting proposals which support technology developments in the areas of both natural gas transmission and distribution infrastructure. Specifically, proposals are requested under the following topic areas:

1. The development of technology to ensure the integrity and reliability of the design, construction and operation of the natural gas transmission infrastructure;

2. The development of technology to ensure the integrity and reliability of the design, construction and operation of the natural gas distribution infrastructure; and

3. The development of technology which may crosscut topics 1 and 2.

It is anticipated that there will be multiple awards resulting from this solicitation. DOE has determined that a minimum cost share of 35% of the total cost is required for this solicitation research. At current planning levels, and subject to the availability of funds, DOE expects to provide up to approximately \$10,000,000 to support work under this solicitation.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should register at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Provide your E-mail address and click on the "Oil and Gas" technology choice located under the heading "Fossil Energy." Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public.

Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored.

Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Morgantown, WV on November 2, 2000.

**Randolph L. Kesling,**

*Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, November 28, 2000, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Radisson Inn of Amarillo, East Wing Ballroom, I-40 & Lakeside, Amarillo, Texas 79108.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120; phone (806) 477-3125; fax (806) 477-5896 or e-mail [jjohnson@pantex.gov](mailto:jjohnson@pantex.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

*Tentative Agenda:*

10:00 Agenda Review/Approval of Minutes  
10:15 Co-Chair Comments  
10:30 Task Force/Subcommittee Reports  
11:00 Ex-Officio Reports  
11:15 Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE  
11:45 Break for Lunch  
12:45 Presentation (to be announced)  
2:00 Questions  
2:20 Public Questions/Comments  
2:30 Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either

before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Jerry Johnson's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and every reasonable provision will be made to accommodate the request in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry S. Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 7, 2000.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended), requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, November 14, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.