

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Belinda L. Rubinstein, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110 has been issued a permit to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*), gray seals (*Halichoerus grypus*), hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*) and ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*) for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 5, 2002, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (67 FR 50632) that a request for a scientific research permit to take harbor seals, harp seals, gray seals, hooded seals, and ringed seals had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Solitary seals will be captured, tagged, sampled (including tooth extraction, blubber biopsy, blood and milk collection, anal swabs and fecal samples), and released. In addition to taking wild animals, the applicant also requests authority to sample conspecifics held in rehabilitation facilities. Samples may be exported and re-imported for analyses. The purposes of the research are to study habitat utilization using satellite telemetry and flipper tagging, determine stock association, and monitor health of phocids along the east coast of the U.S., from Maine to Virginia.

Dated: March 11, 2003.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Strategic Advisory Group Meeting of the U.S. Strategic Command

**AGENCY:** USSTRATCOM, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in a closed session on April 24 and 25, 2003.

The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command during the development of the Nation's war plans. Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, dated April 17, 1995. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having the requisite security clearances and specific need-to-know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the SAG meeting could have exceptionally grave impact on national defense.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), it has been determined that this SAG meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C., section 552b(c), and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed.

**DATES:** April 24 and 25, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** USSTRATCOM, 901 SAC Boulevard, Suite 1F7, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-6030.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Druskis, SAG, (402) 294-4102; Jerome Mahar, Joint Staff, (703) 614-6465.

Dated: March 10, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 19, 2003.

**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. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

**John Tressler,**

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

*Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services*

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Report of Children with Disabilities Exiting Special Education During the School Year.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary).

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 58.

*Burden Hours:* 30508.

*Abstract:* This package provides instructions and a form necessary for States to report the number of students aged 14 and older served under IDEA-B exiting special education. The form satisfies reporting requirements and is used by OSEP to monitor SEAs and for Congressional reporting.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the Browse Pending Collections link and by clicking on link number 02233. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address [vivian\\_reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivian_reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@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 Carey at (202) 708-6287. 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 ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge

**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), Oak Ridge Reservation. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 9, 2003, 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pat Halsey, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, PO Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 576-4025; Fax (865) 576-5333 or e-mail: [halseypj@oro.doe.gov](mailto:halseypj@oro.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide an update on remediation activities at the Molten Salt Reactor Experiment (MSRE). MSRE operated at Oak Ridge National Laboratory from 1965 to 1969 to test the concept of using molten, radioactive salt for commercial nuclear power reactors. During initial decommissioning activities it was discovered that the potential for nuclear criticality existed due to unstable carbon-fluoride compounds that had formed in the system. Remedial actions were initiated to mitigate risks at MSRE, and a Record of Decision was signed in July 1998 for removal of the fuel and flush salts.

#### *Tentative Agenda:*

- Mike Jugan, DOE-Oak Ridge, will provide a historical review of the MSRE project and an update on current and planned activities.

*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 Pat Halsey at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation 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 Department of Energy's Information Center at 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by writing to Pat Halsey, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, PO Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, or by calling her at (865) 576-4025.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 14, 2003.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-301-068]

### ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

March 12, 2003.

Take notice that on March 7, 2003, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing a notification to the Commission of a change in the termination date of a Firm Storage Service Agreement and certain associated transportation agreements.

ANR states that the notice and associated agreement reflect that the negotiated rate agreement between ANR and Reliant Energy Marketing Services, Inc. and all underlying service will be terminated on April 1, 2003 instead of March 31, 2004.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.314 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

*Comment Date:* March 19, 2003.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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