

used for research involving deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and protein, often fluorescently labeled with rhodamine, and to investigate interactions among DNA, core histone proteins (H1, H2A, H3, H4), and NAP-1 (Nucleosome Assembly Protein 1) and their involvement in the assembly and disassembly of chromatin. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 28, 2003.

**Gerald A. Zerdy,**

*Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Notice of Request for an Extraordinary Challenge Committee

**AGENCY:** NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for an Extraordinary Challenge Committee to review the binational NAFTA Panel decisions of March 27, 2002; October 15, 2002; April 28, 2003 and June 24, 2003 in the matter of Pure Magnesium from Canada—Full Sunset Review, Secretariat File No. USA/CDA-2000-1904-06.

**SUMMARY:** On September 24, 2003, the Office of the United States Trade Representative filed a Request for an Extraordinary Challenge Committee to review decisions as stated above with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Committee review was requested of the full sunset review of the antidumping duty order made by the International Trade Administration, respecting Pure Magnesium From Canada. These determinations were published in the **Federal Register**. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number ECC-2003-1904-01USA to this request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in

antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A Request for an Extraordinary Challenge Committee was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on September 24, 2003, requesting panel review of the full sunset review of the antidumping duty order described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or participant in the panel review who proposes to participate in the extraordinary challenge proceeding shall file with the responsible Secretariat a Notice of Appearance within 10 days after the filing of the first Request for Extraordinary Challenge Committee (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is October 6, 2003); and

(b) All briefs shall be filed within 21 days after the Request for Extraordinary Challenge Committee (the deadline for filing briefs is October 15, 2003); Dated: September 25, 2003.

Dated: September 25, 2003.

**Caratina L. Alston,**

*United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariate.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 030910229-3240-02]

### Minority Business Financing

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) publishes this notice to extend the comment period on a notice requesting comments

on the direction of minority business financing published on Monday, September 22, 2003 (68 FR 55032). MBDA extends the comment period by 15 days to provide the public more time to submit comments. The new deadline for comments is October 22, 2003.

**DATES:** All comments must be received or postmarked by October 22, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to the following address: Ms. Anita Cooke Wells, Chief, Office of Business Development, HCHB, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or e-mailed to: [awells@mbda.gov](mailto:awells@mbda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact Ms. Anita Cooke Wells, Chief, Office of Business Development, at (202) 482-1940.

Dated: September 26, 2003.

**Ronald N. Langston,**

*National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

**Title:** Admittance to Practice and Roster of Registered Patent Attorneys and Agents Admitted to Practice Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

**Form Number(s):** PTO-158, PTO-158A, PTO-275, PTO-107A, PTO-1209, PTO 2125, PTO 2126, PTO 2149.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0651-0012.

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

**Burden:** 97,282 hours annually.

**Number of Respondents:** 72,280 responses per year.

**Avg. Hours per Response:** The USPTO estimates that it will take the registered practitioner or agent approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to complete the forms for annual practitioner registration renewal, the request for

voluntary inactive status, and the request for restoration to active status from voluntary inactive status. It is estimated to take 2 hours (2.0) to complete the continuing education program by a registered attorney or agent with delinquency. It is estimated to take 2 hours and 10 minutes (2.17 hours) to complete the continuing education program by a registered attorney or agent with delinquency and reinstatement, and 2 hours and 15 minutes (2.25 hours) for the paper-based version of the annual practitioner registration/continuing legal education program—15 minutes (0.25 hours) to request the materials and an average of 2 hours (2.0) to complete the continuing legal education exam on paper. It is estimated to take 15 minutes (0.25 hours) for a sponsor to complete the application for pre-approval of a continuing education program. It is expected to take 6 hours (6.0) to complete the registration examination to become a registered patent practitioner. It is expected to take 40 hours (40.0) to complete the petition for reinstatement after disciplinary removal. These times include time to gather the necessary information, and prepare and submit the forms and requirements in this collection.

**Needs and Uses:** This information is required by 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2)(D), administered by the USPTO through 37 CFR 10.5–10.11 and 10.170. The information is used by the Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) to determine if the applicant for registration is of good moral character and repute; has the necessary legal, scientific, and technical qualifications; and is otherwise competent to advise and assist applicants in the presentation and prosecution of applications for patent grants. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a proposed rulemaking, “Changes to Representation of Others Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office” (RIN 0651–AB55). In this notice of proposed rulemaking, the USPTO is proposing to update the rules and procedures regarding the enrollment and recognition of individuals to practice as attorneys and agents before the USPTO in patent, trademark, and other non-patent matters. These proposed changes are also expected to improve how the USPTO handles applications for registration and petitions.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; the Federal Government; and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain benefits.

**OMB Desk Officer:** David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, (703) 308–7400, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313, Attn: CPK 3 Suite 310, or by e-mail at [susan.brown@uspto.gov](mailto:susan.brown@uspto.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before October 31, 2003 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) Program Solicitation Number DE–PS07–03ID14540

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of solicitation for awards of financial assistance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, is soliciting applications for research and development grant awards in nuclear engineering topics. It is anticipated that on September 25, 2003, a full text for Solicitation Number DE–PS07–03ID14540 for the 2004 NEER Program will be made available at the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site at: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The deadline for receipt of applications will be on November 12, 2003. Applications are to be submitted via the IIPS Web site. Directions on how to apply and submit applications are detailed under the solicitation on the Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Seb Klein, Contract Specialist at [kleinsm@id.doe.gov](mailto:kleinsm@id.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The solicitation will be issued in accordance with 10 CFR part 600.6(b), eligibility for awards under this program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities with nuclear engineering degree programs or options or an operating research reactor, because the purpose of the Nuclear Engineering

Education Research (NEER) program is to (1) support basic research in nuclear engineering; (2) assist in developing nuclear engineering students; and (3) contribute to strengthening the academic community's nuclear engineering infrastructure.

The statutory authority for this program is Pub. L. 95–91.

Issued in Idaho Falls on September 22, 2003.

**Michael L. Adams,**

*Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. 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:** Thursday, October 16, 2003, 5:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dianna Feireisel, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO), Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441–6812.

#### 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 and waste management activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

5:30 p.m. Informal Discussion

6 p.m. Call to Order; Introductions;

Approve September Minutes;

Review Agenda

6:10 p.m. DDFO's Comments

- ES & H Issues
- Budget Update
- Environmental Management Project Updates
- Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Status
- Other

6:30 p.m. Federal Coordinator Comments

6:40 p.m. Ex-officio Comments

6:50 p.m. Public Comments and Questions