

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology Meeting****AGENCY:** Department of Energy, DoE.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a partially closed meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App.

**DATES:** July 19, 2012.**ADDRESSES:** National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC in Room 125.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information regarding the meeting agenda, time, location, and how to register for the meeting is available on the PCAST Web site at: <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. A live video webcast and an archive of the webcast after the event are expected to be available at <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. The archived video will be available within one week of the meeting. Questions about the meeting should be directed to Dr. Deborah D. Stine, PCAST Executive Director, at [dstine@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:dstine@ostp.eop.gov), (202) 456-6006. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is an advisory group of the nation's leading scientists and engineers, appointed by the President to augment the science and technology advice available to him from inside the White House and from cabinet departments and other Federal agencies. See the Executive Order at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. PCAST is consulted about and provides analyses and recommendations concerning a wide range of issues where understandings from the domains of science, technology, and innovation may bear on the policy choices before the President. PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John P. Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, The White House; and Dr. Eric S. Lander, President, Broad Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard.

*Type of Meeting:* Open and Closed.*Proposed Schedule and Agenda:* The President's Council of Advisors on

Science and Technology (PCAST) is scheduled to meet in open session on July 19, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Open Portion of Meeting:* During this open meeting, PCAST is tentatively scheduled to hear from speakers who will provide information on nuclear physics and neuroscience. PCAST will also receive an update on the status of several of its studies including those on the Future of the U.S. Science and Technology Research Enterprise and Agriculture Preparedness and U.S. Agricultural Research. Additional information and the agenda, including any changes that arise, will be posted at the PCAST Web site at: <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>.

*Closed Portion of the Meeting:* PCAST may hold a closed meeting of approximately 1 hour with the President on July 19, 2012, which must take place in the White House for the President's scheduling convenience and to maintain Secret Service protection. This meeting will be closed to the public because such portion of the meeting is likely to disclose matters that are to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

*Public Comments:* It is the policy of the PCAST to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The PCAST expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

The public comment period for this meeting will take place on July 19, 2012 at a time specified in the meeting agenda posted on the PCAST Web site at <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. This public comment period is designed only for substantive commentary on PCAST's work, not for business marketing purposes.

*Oral Comments:* To be considered for the public speaker list at the meeting, interested parties should register to speak at <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>, no later than 12 p.m. Eastern Time on July 12, 2012. Phone or email reservations will not be accepted. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of 30 minutes. If more speakers register than there is space available on the agenda, PCAST will randomly select speakers from among those who applied. Those not selected to present oral comments may always file written comments with the committee. Speakers are requested to bring at least 25 copies

of their oral comments for distribution to the PCAST members.

*Written Comments:* Although written comments are accepted continuously, written comments should be submitted to PCAST no later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 12, 2012 so that the comments may be made available to the PCAST members prior to this meeting for their consideration. Information regarding how to submit comments and documents to PCAST is available at <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast> in the section entitled "Connect with PCAST."

Please note that because PCAST operates under the provisions of FACA, all public comments and/or presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including being posted on the PCAST Web site.

*Meeting Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this public meeting should contact Dr. Stine at least ten business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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**Carol A. Matthews,***Committee Management Officer.*

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**BILLING CODE 6450-01-P****DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy****Wind and Water Power Program****AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, DOE.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) Wind and Water Power Program is planning a coordination workshop to exchange information among parties engaged in Mid-Atlantic marine ecological survey, modeling, and database efforts. This meeting will be a technical discussion to provide those involved in these activities with information regarding the current efforts of others involved in similar or related efforts.

**DATES:** DOE will hold a workshop on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, July 25, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Silver Spring, MD. RSVP is required by July 7, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at NOAA's Silver Spring headquarters

located at 1305 East-West Hwy, SSMC-4, Room 1W611, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Patrick Gilman, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-3449. Email: [patrick.gilman@ee.doe.gov](mailto:patrick.gilman@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this workshop is to share information among parties engaged in marine ecological survey, modeling, and database efforts in the waters off the Mid-Atlantic. The workshop aims to provide information and an opportunity to those involved to help ensure that efforts are well-coordinated, complementary and, to the greatest extent possible, that these efforts help meet baseline data and derived product needs for siting and permitting offshore wind facilities. Specifically, this workshop will address ongoing offshore ecological survey efforts and the potential for development of complementary predictive models and compatible Federal and regional databases. It is not the object of this session to obtain any group position or consensus. Participants should limit information and comments to those based on personal experience, individual advice, information, or facts regarding this topic. This meeting is an opportunity for participants to gain an individual understanding of ecological survey efforts. To most effectively use the limited time, please refrain from passing judgment on another participant's recommendations or advice and, instead, concentrate on your individual experiences.

**Public Participation:** Federal agencies, scientists, modelers, and data management experts will be in attendance. The event is open to the public based on space availability. Participants are required to pre-register and space is limited.

**Pre-Registration:** To pre-register, please contact Ms. Jenn ZiBerna via email at [Mid-atlanticworkshop@sra.com](mailto:Mid-atlanticworkshop@sra.com) or by telephone at 202.554.8480 Ext. 2932. Participants interested in attending should provide their names, company name or organization (if applicable), telephone number, email, and country of citizenship no later than the close of business on July 7, 2012. All attendees are required to pre-register.

**Agenda:** The first day of the workshop will focus on information sharing between and on-going coordination of current and recent wildlife surveys in the Mid-Atlantic. The second day will

be comprised of two tracks: one focused on identifying challenges and coordination opportunities among current biological modeling efforts for species in the Mid-Atlantic and the second focused on increasing compatibility among data systems used to house survey data.

**Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities:** Individuals requiring special accommodations at the meeting, please contact Ms. ZiBerna no later than the close of business on July 7, 2012.

**Minutes:** A summary report of the meeting will be available for printing at the DOE Wind Program Online Publication and Product Library at: [wind.energy.gov/publications.html](http://wind.energy.gov/publications.html).

Issued in Washington, DC on June 13, 2012.

**Mark Higgins,**

*Wind and Water Power Acting Program Manager, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### U.S. Energy Information Administration

#### Collection Revision

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA invites public comment on the proposed change to add a new vehicle classification code to Form EIA-886, *Annual Survey of Alternative Fueled Vehicles*, which EIA is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 27, 2012. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Cynthia Amezcua, EI-22, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, or by fax at (202) 586-9753 or by email at [cynthia.amezcua@eia.gov](mailto:cynthia.amezcua@eia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Cynthia Amezcua by phone at (202) 586-1658 or by email at the address listed above. Access to the proposed form, instructions, and internet data collection screens can be found at: <https://eiaweb.inl.gov/2013-clearance.pdf>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.*: 1905-0191;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: Annual Survey of Alternative Fueled Vehicles;
- (3) *Type of Request*: Revision of a currently approved collection;
- (4a) *Purpose*: Form EIA-886 is an annual survey that collects information on the number and type of alternative fueled vehicles (AFVs) and other advanced technology vehicles that vehicle suppliers made available in the previous calendar year and plan to make available in the following calendar year; the number, type and geographic distribution of AFVs in use in the previous calendar year; and the amount and distribution of each type of alternative transportation fuel (ATF) consumed in the previous calendar year. Form EIA-886 data are collected from suppliers and users of AFVs. EIA uses data from these groups as a basis for estimating total AFV and ATF use in the U.S. These data are needed by Federal and State agencies, fuel suppliers, transit agencies and other fleets to determine if sufficient quantities of AFVs are available for purchase and to provide Congress with a measure of the extent to which the objectives of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 are being achieved. These data serve as market analysis tools for Congress, Federal/State agencies, AFV suppliers, vehicle fleet managers, and other interested organizations and persons. These data are also needed to satisfy numerous public requests for detailed information