

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2018-ICCD-0018. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, LBJ, Room 216-34, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubzdela, 202-245-7377.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in

response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: 2008/18 Baccalaureate and Beyond (B&B: 08/18) Full-Scale.

OMB Control Number: 1850-0729.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 15,336.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 7,202.

Abstract: The Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the U.S. Department of Education, examines students' education and work experiences after they complete a bachelor's degree, with a special emphasis on the experiences of K-12 school teachers. The B&B-eligible cohort is initially identified in the National Postsecondary Study Aid Study (NPSAS). The first cohort (B&B:93) was identified in NPSAS:93, and consisted of students who received their bachelor's degree in the 1992-93 academic year. The second cohort (B&B:2000) was selected from the NPSAS:2000, and the third cohort (B&B:08) was selected from NPSAS:2008, which became the base year for follow-up interviews in 2009 and 2012. The B&B:08/18 data collection will be the third and final follow-up for the third cohort of the B&B series (OMB# 1850-0729). The fourth cohort of baccalaureate recipients (B&B:16/17), identified in NPSAS:2016, entered full-scale data collection in 2017 (OMB# 1850-0926). The request to conduct the B&B:08/18 field test in 2017, which collected data from B&B:08 sample members after they were first surveyed 10 years earlier, was approved in May 2017 (OMB# 1850-0729 v.11-12). This request is to conduct the full-scale B&B:08/18 from July 2018 through March 2019.

Dated: February 15, 2018.

Stephanie Valentine,
Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 23, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bethesda—Washington, DC, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katie Runkles; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (301) 903-6529.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of this Board is to make recommendation to DOE-SC with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

Tentative Agenda:

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of the Agenda
- News from the Office of Science
- News from the Office of Basic Energy Sciences
- Discussion of the BES 40th Report Preparation
- Materials Sciences and Engineering Division COV meeting announcement
- Public Comments
- Adjourn

Breaks Taken as Appropriate

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Katie Runkles at (301) 903-6594 (fax) or katie.runkles@science.doe.gov (email). Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at by contacting Ms. Runkles at the address or email above.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 14, 2018.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration Project and Western New York Nuclear Service Center, Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement, and Draft Scope

AGENCY: New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent and draft scope.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) announce their intent to jointly prepare a *Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration Project and Western New York Nuclear Service Center* (DOE/EIS-0226-S1), hereinafter referred to as the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the West Valley Site, and to conduct a public scoping process. The West Valley Site, for the purposes of this SEIS and associated documents, includes the DOE West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) or Project Premises, and the retained premises, which includes the Western New York Nuclear Service Center (WNYNSC), and the State-Licensed Disposal Area (SDA). In 2010, DOE and NYSEDA decided to implement the Phased Decision-making Alternative, which was the preferred alternative in the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration Project and Western New York Nuclear Service Center* (DOE/EIS-0226) (2010 Final EIS). With this Notice of intent and draft scope, DOE and NYSEDA are initiating the public scoping process for the SEIS and requesting comments to help define the environmental issues and the range of reasonable alternatives to be analyzed.

DATES: DOE and NYSEDA are inviting public comments on the scope and content of the SEIS for the West Valley Site during a public scoping period starting with the date of publication of

this Notice and ending on April 23, 2018. Comments must be submitted during this time period to ensure consideration; late comments will be considered to the extent practicable. DOE and NYSEDA will hold public scoping meetings on the SEIS in West Valley, NY (March 19, 2018), in Buffalo, NY (March 20, 2018), and in Irving, NY (March 21, 2018). Further information about the public scoping meetings is contained under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the SEIS, requests to be placed on the SEIS mailing list, and requests for information may be submitted by U.S. mail to the DOE Document Manager, Mr. Martin Krentz, West Valley Demonstration Project, U.S. Department of Energy, 10282 Rock Springs Road, AC-DOE, West Valley, New York 14171-9799, by email to SEISWestValleySite@emcbc.doe.gov, or via the SEIS website at www.SEISWestValleySite.com. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available. If you wish for DOE to withhold your name and/or other personally identifiable information, please state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. You may also submit comments anonymously. The “Public Reading Room” section under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** lists the address of the reading room where documents referenced herein are available. Documents and information about the SEIS process are also available online at the SEIS website at www.SEISWestValleySite.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the West Valley Demonstration Project or the SEIS, contact Mr. Martin Krentz at the address given above; telephone: (716) 942-4007; or email: martin.krentz@emcbc.doe.gov. For general information on DOE’s NEPA process, contact Mr. Brian Costner (GC-54), Acting Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; telephone: (202) 586-4600; facsimile: (202) 586-7031; or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756, toll-free. Questions for NYSEDA should be directed to Dr. Lee Gordon, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, 9030-B Route 219, West Valley, New York 14171; telephone: (716) 942-9960, ext. 4963; facsimile:

(716) 942-9961; or email: Lee.Gordon@nyserda.ny.gov. Those seeking general information on the SEIRA process should contact Ms. Janice Dean, Deputy Counsel, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203-6399; telephone: (518) 862-1090, ext. 3117; facsimile: (518) 862-1091; or email: Janice.Dean@nyserda.ny.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In 2010, DOE and NYSEDA decided to implement the Phased Decision-making Alternative, which was the preferred alternative in the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration Project and Western New York Nuclear Service Center* (DOE/EIS-0226) (2010 Final EIS). The Phased Decision-making Alternative is described in the 2010 Final EIS, DOE’s associated Record of Decision (ROD) (75 FR 20582; April 20, 2010), and NYSEDA’s associated Findings Statement (May 12, 2010). During implementation of Phase 1 of the Phased Decision-making Alternative, which is ongoing, a number of highly contaminated facilities at the West Valley Site are being removed via decontamination and demolition and off-site disposal. The Phased Decision-making Alternative deferred decisions (known as Phase 2 decisions) on several facilities for 10 years (the expected time frame to complete Phase 1 decommissioning activities) while DOE and NYSEDA gather additional information and perform additional analyses (Phase 1 Studies) to foster inter-agency consensus and inform the decisions. DOE and NYSEDA intend to make Phase 2 decisions in 2022 on the disposition of the facilities and areas that would remain after completion of Phase 1 decommissioning. The remaining facilities include the Waste Tank Farm, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)-Licensed Disposal Area (NDA), non-source area of the North Plateau Groundwater Plume, Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill, Cesium Prong, contaminated stream sediments, balance of the WNYNSC property, and SDA.

DOE and NYSEDA intend to jointly prepare an SEIS to inform Phase 2 decision-making for the West Valley Site. The SEIS process will be structured to meet DOE and NYSEDA’s respective environmental review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the New York