

2115, Washington, DC, 20202-3601, Telephone: (202) 401-1411.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans was established under Executive Order 12900 on February 22, 1994. The Commission was established to advise on Hispanic achievements of the National Goals, as well as other educational accomplishments. This meeting of the Commission is open to the public; however advanced security clearance is required. Please call (202) 622-1500 no later than September 27, 1995 at 5 p.m. to provide date of birth and social security number. Identification will be required at the door. The Agenda includes:

September 29 and 30, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Review of FY 1994-95 Commission meetings, hearings, and activities; federal inventory; update on annual report process; discussion of Commission and White House Initiative activities for 1996.

Records are kept of all Commission proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the White House Initiative On Educational Excellence For Hispanic Education at 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2115, Washington, DC 20202-3601 from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: August 22, 1995.

**G. Mario Moreno,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs.*  
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**National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Education.

**ACTION:** Teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the Committee on Research Priorities, Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATE AND TIME:** September 12, 1995, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Room 510, Washington, DC 20208.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Christensen, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Telephone: (202) 219-2065; Fax: (202) 219-1528.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994 (the Act). The Board works collectively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (the Office) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The Act directs that the Assistant Secretary work collaboratively with the Board to develop a research priorities plan which shall recommend priorities for the investment of resources for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement. The Board has designated the Committee to work on its behalf in these matters in the interim between full meetings of the Board. The meeting of the Committee on Research Priorities is open to the public. The agenda for the meeting includes a review and discussion of a draft of the 1st report on research priorities.

A final agenda will be available from the Board's office on September 5, 1995.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: August 22, 1995.

**Sharon P. Robinson,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Educational Research and Improvement.*

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**Recognition of Accrediting Agencies**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Request for comments on agencies appealing previous recommendations of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.

**DATES:** Commentors should submit their written comments by September 27, 1995 to the address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and State Liaison Division, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3915 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-7417. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf

(TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUBMISSION OF THIRD-PARTY COMMENTS:**

The Secretary of Education is required by law to publish a list of accrediting agencies that he determines to be reliable authorities regarding the quality of education or training offered by institutions or programs they accredit. The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (the "Advisory Committee") advises the Secretary on specific accrediting agencies that seek to be recognized by the Secretary.

The agencies listed in this notice have previously been reviewed by the Advisory Committee and have appealed the Advisory Committee's recommendations concerning their recognition status, as provided for in 34 CFR 602.13 of the regulations governing the recognition of accrediting agencies. The Secretary has reviewed each agency's appeal and has decided to remand the three cases to the Advisory Committee for review. The Advisory Committee will consider these cases at its November 28-30, 1995 meeting.

The purpose of this notice is to invite interested third parties to present written comments on the three agencies whose appeals will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee. In order for Department staff to give full consideration to the comments received, the comments must arrive at the address listed above not later than September 27, 1995. Comments must relate to those of the Secretary's Criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies that were identified by the Advisory Committee as the bases for the Committee's original recommendations, as cited below. All written comments received by the Department in response to this notice will be considered by both the Advisory Committee and the Secretary.

A subsequent **Federal Register** notice will announce the meeting and invite individuals and/or groups to submit requests for oral presentation before the Advisory Committee on these and other agencies being reviewed at that meeting. That notice, however, does not constitute another call for written comment. This notice is the only call for written comment on the three agencies appealing previous recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

**Appeal of a Recommendation To Withdraw Recognition**

The agencies listed below were recommended for withdrawal of recognition by the Advisory Committee

at its June 1994 meeting because, in the opinion of the Advisory Committee, they did not meet the requirement contained in section 496(m) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended, and 34 CFR 602.1(b) of the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition. Under 34 CFR 602.1(b), "the Secretary only grants recognition to those accrediting agencies that accredit (i) institutions of higher education, provided that accreditation by the agency is a required element in enabling those institutions to establish eligibility to participate in HEA programs; or (ii) institutions of higher education or higher education programs, provided that accreditation by the agency is a required element in enabling those institutions or programs to establish eligibility to participate in other programs administered by the Department or by other Federal agencies."

1. American Library Association, Committee on Accreditation.

2. Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.

#### **Appeal of a Recommendation To Deny an Agency's Requested Expansion of Scope**

For the agency listed below, the Advisory Committee recommended granting continued recognition for the accreditation and preaccreditation of non-degree granting vocational education institutions. It also recommended granting the agency's request for an expansion of geographical scope of recognition from regional to national. The Advisory Committee, however, recommended not granting the agency's requested expansion of scope to include prebaccalaureate degree-granting institutions that awarded an applied associate's degree. In the Committee's view, the agency did not have the requisite experience to accredit such institutions, as required by 34 CFR 602.22, nor did it have an appropriate emphasis on the "academic" component of a prebaccalaureate degree, as required by 34 CFR 602.24(b)(1)(iii). The agency appealed the latter recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

1. Council on Occupational Education (formerly the Commission on Occupational Education Institutions of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools)

#### **Public Inspection of Petitions and Third-Party Comments**

All third-party comments received in response to this call for comment, as well as the three agencies' original petitions and supporting documentation, the Department staff

analyses of those petitions, and the agencies' appeals materials, will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, ROB-3, Room 3915, 7th and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone (202) 708-7417 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**David A. Longanecker,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

[Case No. F-078]

#### **Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Granting of the Application for Interim Waiver and Publishing of the Petition for Waiver of the Department of Energy Furnace Test Procedures From York International**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Today's notice publishes a letter granting an Interim Waiver to York International (York) from the existing Department of Energy (the Department) test procedure regarding blower time delay for the company's P2UR and PBLU lines of condensing furnaces.

Today's notice also publishes a "Petition for Waiver" from York. York's Petition for Waiver requests the Department to grant relief from its furnace test procedure relating to the blower time delay specification. York seeks to test using a blower delay time of 30 seconds for its P2UR, and PBLU lines of condensing furnaces instead of the specified 1.5-minute delay between burner on-time and blower on-time. The Department is soliciting comments, data, and information respecting the Petition for Waiver.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments, data, and information not later than September 27, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and statements shall be sent to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Case No. F-078, Mail Stop EE-43, Room 1J-108, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7574.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cyrus H. Nasser, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Mail Station EE-431, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9138

Eugene Margolis, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, Mail Station GC-72, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9507

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products (other than automobiles) was established pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), Public Law 94-163, 89 Stat. 917, as amended by the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (NECPA), Public Law 95-619, 92 Stat. 3266, the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 (NAECA), Public Law 100-12, the National Appliance Energy Conservation Amendments of 1988 (NAECA 1988), Public Law 100-357, and the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAAct), Public Law 102-486, 106 Stat. 2776, which requires the Department to prescribe standardized test procedures to measure the energy consumption of certain consumer products, including furnaces. The intent of the test procedures is to provide a comparable measure of energy consumption that will assist consumers in making purchasing decisions. These test procedures appear at 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

The Department amended the prescribed test procedures by adding 10 CFR 430.27 on September 26, 1980, creating the waiver process. 45 FR 64108. Thereafter, the Department further amended the appliance test procedure waiver process to allow the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (Assistant Secretary) to grant an Interim Waiver from test procedure requirements to manufacturers that have petitioned the Department for a waiver of such prescribed test procedures. 51 FR 42823, November 26, 1986.

The waiver process allows the Assistant Secretary to waive temporarily, test procedures for a particular basic model when a petitioner shows that the basic model contains one or more design characteristics which prevent testing according to the prescribed test procedures, or when the prescribed test procedures may evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy consumption as to provide materially