the colder months, no dredging or blasting will occur seaward of the Third Harbor Tunnel between December 1 and March 31.

• A marine mammal observer will be on board the scows transiting to the MBDS from February 1 to May 31 to avoid potential ship strikes with marine mammals, and in particular the North Atlantic Right Whale.

• Rock removed from the Presidents Road Anchorage area will be placed within a new area of the MBDS to increase habitat diversity.

• The dredge contractor will provide advance notice to the lobstermen on anticipated significant dredge movements.

• The dredge contractor will maintain a short tow while inside Boston Harbor to minimize disruption of lobster pots.

Based on incorporation of the above mitigation measures, the experience gained during construction of the BHNIP, and lack of any water quality violations or other significant effects from the BHNIP, no significant impacts to the environment are expected from the Boston Harbor Inner Harbor Maintenance Dredging Project. All practicable means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects have been incorporated into the recommended plan. The public interest will best be served by implementing maintenance dredging as identified and described in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

Dated: August 1, 2006.

**Curtis L. Thalken,**

*Colonel, Corps of Engineers, New England District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 October 10, 2006.

**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, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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: August 3, 2006.

**Leo J. Eiden,**

*Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Priority Needs for Educational Research Needs of the Southwest and Establishing a Baseline for SWREL Performance.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 8,052.

*Burden Hours:* 4,030.

*Abstract:* The Southwestern Regional Educational Laboratory (SWREL) has been tasked with establishing a baseline for SWREL performance and identifying the educational needs (Pre-K through Higher Education) of constituents within its five state region. The respondents will consist of parents, business leaders, and educators (e.g., teachers, principals, testing directors, etc.) from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The information obtained in this project will provide a landscape of the region. It will also identify the educational research needs of SWREL constituents and create insights needed to most efficiently serve those constituents. In addition, it will identify satisfaction levels with current research available, identify educational issues facing SWREL constituents, and identify unique areas of technical assistance most needed.

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 3165. When you access the information collection, click on ''Download Attachments'' to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202–4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov* or faxed to 202–245–6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov.* 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

### Office of Science; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP). 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:** Thursday, October 12, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, October 13, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Latham Hotel, Georgetown, 3000 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Kogut, Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; U.S. Department of Energy; SC–25/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290; telephone: 301–903–1298.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis with respect to the high energy physics research program.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include discussions of the following:

Thursday, October 12, 2006, and Friday, October 13, 2006.

- Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Program.
- Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program.
- Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics.
- Public Comment (10-minute rule).

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Panel, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact John Kogut, 301–903–1298 or *John.Kogut@science.doe.gov* (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Panel will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 90 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; Room 1E–190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 4, 2006.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[FRL–8207–2]**

## EPA Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education Staff Office; Request for Nominations of Candidates for the National Environmental Education Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education Staff Office is soliciting applications of environmental education professionals for consideration on the National Environmental Education Advisory Council (NEEAC). There are currently five (5) vacancies on the Advisory Council that must be filled: Business and Industry—one vacancy (2007–2009); Non-Profit Organization—two vacancies (2007–2009); Primary and Secondary Education—one vacancy (must be a classroom teacher) (2007–2009); College and University—one vacancy (2007–2009).

Additional avenues and resources may be utilized in the solicitation of applications.

**DATES:** Applications should be submitted by October 13, 2006 per instructions below.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit non-electronic application materials to Ginger Potter, Designated Federal Officer, National Environmental Education Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education (MC: 1704A), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Ph: 202–564–0453, FAX: 202–564–2754, e-mail: *potter.ginger@epa.gov.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For information regarding this Request for Nominations, please contact Ms. Ginger Potter, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA National Environmental Education Advisory Council, at *potter.ginger@epa.gov* or (202) 564–0453. General information concerning NEEAC can be found on the EPA Web site at: *http://www.epa.gov/enviroed.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* Section 9(a) and (b) of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (Pub. L. L–101–619) mandates a National Environmental Education Advisory Council. The Advisory Council provides the Administrator with advice and recommendations on EPA implementation of the National Environmental Education Act. In general, the Act is designed to increase public understanding of environmental issues and problems, and to improve the training of environmental education professionals. EPA will achieve these goals, in part, by awarding grants and/ or establishing partnerships with other Federal agencies, state and local education and natural resource agencies, not-for-profit organizations, universities, and the private sector to encourage and support environmental education and training programs. The Council is also responsible for preparing a national biennial report to Congress that will describe and assess the extent and quality of environmental education, discuss major obstacles to improving environmental education, and identify the skill, education, and training needs for environmental professionals.

The National Environmental Education Act requires that the Council be comprised of eleven (11) members appointed by the Administrator of EPA. Members represent a balance of perspectives, professional qualifications, and experience. The Act specifies that members must represent the following sectors: Primary and secondary education (one of whom shall be a classroom teacher)—two members; colleges and universities—two members; business and industry—two members; non profit organizations involved in environmental education—two members; state departments of education and natural resources—one member each; senior Americans—one member. Members are chosen to represent various geographic regions of the country, and the Council strives for a diverse representation. The professional backgrounds of Council members should include education, science, policy, or other appropriate disciplines.

Each member of the Council shall hold office for a one (1) to three (3) year period. Members are expected to participate in up to two (2) meetings per year and monthly or more conference calls per year. Members of the Council shall receive compensation and allowances, including travel expenses, at a rate fixed by the Administrator.

*Expertise Sought:* The NEEAC staff office seeks candidates with demonstrated experience and/or knowledge in any of the following environmental education issue areas:

(a) Integrating environmental education into state and local education reform and improvement;