c. The Corps will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service to comply with the Endangered Species Act and the FWS to provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report as an appendix to the EIS/EIR. Coordination will also be carried out with Native American and tribal groups. Consultation will be carried out on the three project level sites analyzed in the document. Those reaches considered at the program level would be fully analyzed in the future under separate tiered environmental document(s) and consultation would be carried out at that time.

d. A 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the draft EIS/EIR. All interested parties are encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the draft EIS/EIR circulation.

4. Availability. The draft EIS/EIR is anticipated to be available for public review and comment in mid 2009.

Dated: January 13, 2009.

Thomas C. Chapman,

COL, EN Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Collection Clearance Division, 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 March 30, 2009.

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, 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: January 22, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Information Collections Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: National Evaluation of the Comprehensive Technical Assistance Centers.

Frequency: One time.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 130.

Burden Hours: 1,933.

Abstract: This is the third of three clearance requests submitted to OMB for the National Evaluation of the Comprehensive Technical Assistance Centers (''Centers''). This submission is necessitated because the National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance (NCEE), a division of the Institute for Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education (ED), exercised an Option within the Base Contract in 2008 to conduct Case Studies of Comprehensive Center Technical Assistance. The Case Studies will focus on the extent to which such assistance has resulted in enhanced State Education Agency (SEA) capacity to implement key No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) provisions.

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 3934. 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., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov* or faxed to 202–401–0920. 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

Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program 2009 Annual Plan

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Report Availability.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy announces the availability of the *2009 Annual Plan* for the Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program on the DOE Web site at *http://management.energy.gov/FOIA/1480.htm or in print form* (see **CONTACT** below). The *2009 Annual Plan* is in compliance with the *Energy Policy Act of 2005, Subtitle J, Section 999B(e)(3),* which requires the publication of this plan and all written comments in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elena Melchert, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Mail Stop FE–30, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 or phone: 202–586–5600 or e-mail to *UltraDeepwater@hq.doe.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Summary [excerpted from the *2009 Annual Plan* p. 3].

This document is the *2009 Annual Plan* for the Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program established pursuant to Title IX, Subtitle J (Subtitle J) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct). Subtitle J is reproduced in Appendix A to the 2009 Annual Plan.

As required by Subtitle J, the Department of Energy (DOE) contracted with a consortium (Program Consortium) to administer three program elements identified in EPAct: Ultra-deepwater architecture and technology, unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resources exploration and production technology, and technology challenges of small producers.

A fourth program element of complementary research identified in EPAct is being performed by the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL). NETL is also tasked with management of the consortium contract, and review and oversight of the Program Consortium.

In 2006, NETL awarded a contract to the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA) to function as the Program Consortium.

The 2007 Annual Plan, the first annual plan, resulted in a total of 15 solicitations from which 43 projects were selected.

In August 2008, the 2008 Annual Plan was transmitted to Congress and published in the **Federal Register**. Implementation will include a total of 13 solicitations that are expected to be issued by the Program Consortium in late fall/early winter 2008, with selections anticipated in early 2009.

As further required by Subtitle J, in September 2008, two Federal advisory committees, the Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee and the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee, began their respective reviews of the draft 2009 Annual Plan. In October 2008, the two advisory committees provided their recommendations.

Section 999B(e)(3) of EPAct requires DOE to publish all written comments on the annual plan. Accordingly, the Program Consortium's final 2009 draft Annual Plan is included here as Appendix B and the comments and recommendations provided by the advisory committees are included here as Appendix C. No other written comments were received.

The 2009 Annual Plan provides a comprehensive outline of the Program Consortium's research activities planned for 2009. The primary focus of these activities is to fill in any technology gaps not addressed by the projects and solicitations to date. A highlight of this year's plan is the attention that will be given to technology transfer.

Technology transfer is an important focus of the program. Section 999C(d) of EPAct requires 2.5% of the amount of each award to be designated for technology transfer activities. The Federal advisory committees recommended that more information on technology transfer be included in future annual plans. In response, the 2009 Annual Plan includes the structure for the overall technology transfer program.

Section 999 H(a) of EPAct provides that the Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Research Fund be funded at $50-million-per-year, with funds generated from Federal lease royalties, rents, and bonuses paid by oil and gas companies. Seventy-five percent of these funds are obligated to the Program Consortium's contract to execute three program elements. After allocations for program management by NETL and program administration by the Program Consortium, the amount to be invested in research activities by the Program Consortium totals $31.88 million per year.

Under the Stage/Gate approach applied to prior year activities, all Program Consortium administered projects will be fully funded to the completion of the appropriate decision point identified in each contract, which may include multiple stages. If a decision is made to move to the next stage or decision point or to gather additional data, additional funding will be provided from available funds.

The NETL Strategic Center for Natural Gas and Oil is responsible for management of the consortium contract, and review and oversight of the Program Consortium. Complementary R&D is being carried out by NETL's Office of Research and Development. Planning and analysis related to the program, including benefits assessment and technology impacts analysis, is being carried out by NETL's Office of Systems, Analysis, and Planning.

Section 999F of EPAct contains a general sunset provision for Title IX, Subtitle J, of September 30, 2014.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 9, 2009.

Guido DeHoratiis,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Office of Fossil Energy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Board of Scientific Counselors, Science and Technology for Sustainability Mid-Cycle Subcommittee Meetings—Winter 2009

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Science and Technology for Sustainability Subcommittee.

DATES: The first meeting (teleconference call) will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). The second meeting (face-to-face) will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. Meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests for the draft agenda or for making oral presentations at the meetings will be accepted up to one business day before the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Participation in the conference call will be by teleconference only—meeting rooms will not be used. Members of the public may obtain the call-in number and access code for the call from Greg Susanke, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. The face-to-face meeting will be held at the EPA Building—One Potomac Yard, 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia, 22202. The meeting is in the Fourth Floor Conference Center North, room N–4830. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2008–0926, by one of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* Send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: *ORD.Docket@epa.gov*, Attention Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2008–0926.