science, and other related disciplines who are dedicated to the service of their country and optimization of NOAA's missions to ensure the economic and physical well-being of the Nation. NOAA Corps officers serve in assignments throughout NOAA, as well as in each of NOAA's Line Offices (National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Ocean Service, National Weather Service, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, and Office of Program, Planning, and Integration). Persons wishing to be considered for a NOAA Corps Commission must submit a complete application package, including NOAA Form 56–42, three letters of recommendation, and official transcripts. A personal interview must also be conducted. Eligibility requirements include a bachelor's degree in science, engineering, or another discipline related to NOAA's missions, excellent health, normal color vision with uncorrected visual acuity no worse than 20/400 in each eye (correctable to 20/20), and ability to complete 20 years of active duty service prior to their 62nd birthday.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents must submit paper forms via mail in postage-paid envelopes.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0047.

Form Number: NOAA Forms 56–42, 56–42A, and 56–42D.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 390.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $1,024.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 30, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARATMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XM96

NOAA to Transfer Ownership of John N. Cobb to Seattle Maritime Academy

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations propose to donate NOAA Ship *John N. Cobb* to Seattle Central Community College: Seattle Maritime Academy under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 6, 2009. Also, there will be a public meeting held to obtain public comments at the Marine Operations Center–Pacific at 1800, February 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 1801 Fairview Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102. You may submit comments to *chad.cary@noaa.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Chad Cary by email *chad.cary@noaa.gov* or phone (206) 553–7916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

John N. Cobb, decommissioned August 13, 2008, had been an active research vessel for 58 years. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that federal properties meeting historical criteria are to be recognized as historical assets. As a result of *John N. Cobb's* length of service, significant contributions to the community and historic architectural design, the vessel has been determined eligible and is scheduled to make the National Register of Historic Places spring of 2009. Upon being determined eligible, the vessel became subject to rules and regulations described in 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties–The Section 106 Process.

Seattle Central Community College: Seattle Maritime Academy is an eligible recipient of *John N. Cobb* under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology and Innovation Act of 1980 and consequently submitted a request for the vessel to the Commanding Officer, Marine Operations Center–Pacific. This request includes a strategy for continued use and preservations of the vessel. The Office of Marine and Aviation Operations is confident the Academy possesses the necessary resources to continue the preservation effort. Seattle Maritime Academy is a reputable organization and will likely serve *John N. Cobb* well in future sea going years. Prior to transferring the vessel to Seattle Maritime Academy, NOAA, the Washington State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will establish a memorandum of agreement including preservation covenants.

Dated: January 28, 2009.

Jonathan W. Bailey,

NOAA Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy; Office of Science.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. 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: Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 19, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., E.S.T.

ADDRESSES: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Thomassen (301–903–9817; *david.thomassen@science.doe.gov*) Designated Federal Officer, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC–23/

Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the Web site: *http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/announce.html.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

Tentative Agenda

- Report from the Office of Science.
- Report from the Office of Biological and Environmental Research.
- Presentation of Workshop Reports.
- News from the Biological Systems Science and Climate and Environmental Sciences Divisions.
- Update on Joint Genome Institute Strategic Planning.
- Report on the BER Climate Sciences Strategic Plan.
- BER Response to Life and Medical Sciences Division Committee of Visitors Report.
- BERAC Discussion of Strategy for Developing a 20-Year Planning Horizon for Biological and Environmental Research.
- New Business.
- Public Comment.

Public Participation: The day and a half 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 David Thomassen at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. 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 45 days at the BERAC Web site: *http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/Minutes.html.*

Issued in Washington, DC on January 29, 2009.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC)

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) was established under section 807 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), Public Law No. 109–58; 119 Stat. 849. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770, requires that agencies publish notice of an advisory committee meeting in the **Federal Register**. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements during the public comment period, please e-mail *HTAC@nrel.gov* at least 5 business days before the meeting. Please indicate if you will be attending the meeting both days or a specific day, if you want to make an oral statement on February 19, 2009, and what organization you represent (if appropriate).

DATES: Wednesday, February 18, 2009, from 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 19, 2009, from 9 a.m.–2:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *HTAC@nrel.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary on the program authorized by title VIII of EPACT.

Tentative Agenda (Subject to change; updates will be posted on *http://hydrogen.energy.gov* and copies of the final agenda will be available the date of the meeting).

The following items will be covered on the agenda:

- Perspectives on the Role of Hydrogen in the Obama Administration.
- Hydrogen Program Response to the GAO Comment on Technical Targets.
- Jobs in the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Industry.
- Draft and Discussion on the HTAC Annual Report.
- Hydrogen Policy Analysis by Argus Research.
- Progress in Low Platinum and No-Platinum Catalysts.
- Fuel Cell Investment Tax Credit.
- Open Discussion.
- Next Steps.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the meeting of HTAC and to make oral statements during the specified period for public comment. The public comment period will take place between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on February 19, 2009. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, e-mail *HTAC@nrel.gov* at least 5 business days before the meeting. Please indicate if you will be attending the meeting on both days or a particular day, if you want to make an oral statement, and what organization you represent (if appropriate). Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up for the public comment period. Oral comments should be limited to two minutes in length. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The chair of the committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties and to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the committee, you may do so either by submitting a hard copy at the meeting or by submitting an electronic copy to *HTAC@nrel.gov.*

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at *http://hydrogen.energy.gov.*

Issued at Washington, DC on January 29, 2009.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC09–716–001]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–716); Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

January 28, 2009.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB