

*Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. *American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (Current and requested scope of recognition:* The accreditation throughout the United States of programs in legal education that lead to the first professional degree in law, as well as freestanding law schools offering such programs.)

2. *American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation (Current and requested scope of recognition:* The accreditation of predoctoral dental education programs (leading to the D.D.S or D.M.D degree); advanced dental education programs and allied dental education programs that are fully operational or have attained "accreditation eligible" status, and for its accreditation of programs offered via distance education.)

3. *Council on Chiropractic Education, Commission on Accreditation (Current and requested scope of recognition:* The accreditation of programs leading to the Doctor of Chiropractic degree and single-purpose institutions offering the Doctor of Chiropractic program.)

4. *Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (Current and requested scope of recognition:* The accreditation of higher education programs for the nuclear medicine technologist.)

5. *National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences (Current and requested scope of recognition:* The accreditation throughout the United States of postsecondary schools and departments of cosmetology arts and sciences and massage therapy.)

6. *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (Current and requested scope of recognition:* The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of degree-granting institutions of higher education in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, including distance education programs offered at those institutions.)

7. *Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (Current and requested scope of recognition:* The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of senior colleges and universities in California, Hawaii, the United States territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, including distance education programs offered at those institutions.)

*Interim Report* (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition.)

1. Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools.

2. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech—Language Pathology.

3. Distance Education and Training Council, Accrediting Commission.

*Progress Report* (A report describing the agency's progress in implementing new accreditation processes/or procedures.)

1. Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, Commission on Accreditation

### **State Agencies Recognized For the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education**

#### *Interim Report*

1. Puerto Rico State Agency for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational, Technical Institutions and Programs.

#### *Progress Report*

1. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

### **State Agency Recognized For the Approval of Nurse Education**

#### *Petition for Renewal of Recognition*

1. New York State Board of Regents, State Education Department, Office of the Professions (Nursing Education).

#### *Where Can I Inspect Petitions and Third-Party Comments Before and After the Meeting?*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

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

#### **Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under the Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. This notice announces the meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** March 2, 2006 at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; March 3, 2006 at 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Building 17—Room 4B, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neil Rossmessl, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-8668 or Harriet Foster at (202) 586-4541; E-mail: [harriet.foster@ee.doe.gov](mailto:harriet.foster@ee.doe.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the

production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include the following:

- Orientation Session for New Members.
- Review of the Updated Vision Document.
- Review of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Impact on Biomass Research.
- Review of Organization for the 2006 Biomass Roadmap Regional Workshops.
- Discussion of Analysis and Policy Subcommittee Business.
- Discussion of Public Relations Efforts.
- Review of the 2006 Work Plan.
- Review of Biomass Efforts in the Colorado Region.

*Public Participation:* In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Neil Rossmessl at 202-586-8668 or the Biomass Initiative at 202-586-4541 or [harriet.foster@ee.doe.gov](mailto:harriet.foster@ee.doe.gov) (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. 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. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying 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.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments on the proposed three-year extension to the Form EIA-28, "Financial Reporting System (FRS)."

**DATES:** Written comments must be filed by April 7, 2006. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person identified below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be directed to Gregory P. Filas of EIA. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by Fax (202-586-9753) or e-mail ([greg.filas@eia.doe.gov](mailto:greg.filas@eia.doe.gov)) is recommended. Mr. Filas' mailing address is Energy Information Administration (EI-62), Financial Analysis Team, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Mr. Filas may be telephoned at (202) 586-1347.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Mr. Filas at the address listed above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

#### I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*), and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*), require the Energy Information Administration (EIA) to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer-term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and

other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the collections under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Under Public Law 95-91, section 205(h), the Administrator of the EIA is required to "identify and designate" the major energy companies who must annually file Form EIA-28 to ensure that the data collected provide "a statistically accurate profile of each line of commerce in the energy industry in the United States." Data collected on Form EIA-28 are published and used in analyses of the energy industry.

#### II. Current Actions

EIA is proposing a three-year extension with changes to the previously approved Form EIA-28 for the FRS survey to be conducted in 2007 collecting information for 2006.

U.S. major energy companies report financial and operating information to the FRS survey each year on a consolidated corporate level, by individual lines of business, by major functions within each line of business, and by various geographic regions. From this information, EIA produces the annual publication Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers. The data are also used for analyses and inquiries concerning earnings, profitability, investments, production and refining costs, reserve growth, and other issues related to the financial performance of major energy producers.

In 2004, EIA expanded the form to include the downstream natural gas and electric power lines of business. The expanded form increased the time and cost of processing the additional data. In addition, some of the new questions required very detailed information from the operational units of the FRS respondent companies, which increased the time required for companies to compile data for the form.

After working with the expanded form for two years, EIA reviewed the detailed elements of the form and the responses and is proposing to reduce the scope of the data collected in the downstream natural gas and electric power sections of the Form EIA-28. The reductions will eliminate some of the intra-line of business flows and some detailed operating information, which