

monitor the effectiveness of MDA's mitigation measures, including those identified in future, site-specific NEPA analyses tiered from this PEIS.

### G. Environmentally Preferred Alternative

The findings of the PEIS indicate that the No Action Alternative, the continuation of existing program element-based testing and development activities with no integration testing, would be the environmentally-preferred alternative. As a conservative estimate, MDA assumed that stand-alone element component testing as well as system integration testing would occur under Alternatives 1 and 2, which would result in potentially more adverse effects than the No Action Alternative. However, MDA believes that consolidation of stand-alone component tests associated with Alternative 1 into the system integration tests to the extent practicable could serve to reduce the overall environmental consequences as the total number of tests conducted by MDA could fall.

### H. Conclusion

I have considered potential environmental impacts as defined in the PEIS, cost, technical requirements, applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, Presidential direction (the December 17, 2002, Presidential announcement to field an initial defensive operation capability), MDA's mandate and mission, and public comments in arriving at my decision.

I select Alternative 1 over the other alternatives for implementation of the proposed action. Although the No Action Alternative has been identified as the environmentally-preferred alternative, it does not support the Agency's mandate or mission. Alternative 1 has fewer environmental consequences than Alternative 2, as described above.

I have selected Alternative 1 because integration of missile defense capabilities as opposed to single element development, testing, and deployment is essential to an effective BMDS that can provide a layered defense of the United States, its deployed troops, and its friends and allies. Any decision to deploy a BMDS capability will be subject to Presidential and Congressional authorization and funding.

Date: April 8, 2008.

Henry A. Obering III,  
Lieutenant General, USAF, Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its 2008 Procurement Package, OMB Control Number 1910-4100. This information collection request covers information necessary to evaluate proposals and administer contracts related to management contractors managing the Department's major facilities and other contractors furnishing goods and services.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before May 23, 2008. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The OMB Desk Officer for DOE may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to:

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; and to:

U.S. Department of Energy, MA-61, Attn: Richard Langston, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Langston, Procurement Policy Analyst, at [Richard.Langston@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Richard.Langston@hq.doe.gov) or (202) 287-1339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-4100; (2) Information Collection Request Title: DOE 2008 Procurement Package; (3) Purpose: This information collection request covers information necessary to evaluate proposals and administer contracts related to management contractors managing the Department's major facilities and other contractors furnishing goods and services; (4) Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,539; (5) Estimated Total Burden Hours: 896,209; (6) Number of

Collections: The information collection request contains 47 information and/or recordkeeping requirements. A notice and request for comment was previously published concerning this collection at 73 FR 7538 on February 8, 2008. No comments were received.

**Statutory Authority:** Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 405).

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**Edward R. Simpson,**

Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Electricity Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the first meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

*Date and Time:* Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. EDT.

*Location:* The meeting will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel located at 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, Virginia 22204.

*Agenda:* See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* The Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) was established in 2008 by DOE to provide expert advice on complex scientific, technical, and policy issues that arise in the planning, managing, and implementation of DOE's electricity programs. The committee is composed of approximately 30 individuals of diverse backgrounds selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues that pertain to electricity.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The first meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee is expected to include discussion of the first year objectives of the Committee, introductions of Committee Members and a discussion of establishing subcommittees on specific subjects.

*Tentative Agenda:* The meeting will host a discussion on advice to the Department of Energy on matters related