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**SUMMARY:** Under the SFSF program, authorized in Title XIV of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Public Law No. 111-5, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) is awarding Education Stabilization funds in two phases. In Phase I, the Department awarded each State a portion of its SFSF Education Stabilization funds on the basis of the information included in its Application for Initial Funding. The Department is awarding the remainder of each State's allocation based on the information that the State will provide in its Phase II application.

In this notice, we establish the deadline for submission of the Phase II SFSF applications.

**Application Deadline:** January 11, 2010, 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, DC time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A State that is unable to meet the deadline established in this notice may request an extension of the deadline. Such an extension request must, at a minimum, explain why the State seeks an extension and indicate when the State proposes to submit its application. Requests for an extension should be submitted to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*Electronic Submission of Applications:*

A Governor must submit an electronic version of the State's application in .PDF (Portable Document) format to [PhaseIIapplication@ed.gov](mailto:PhaseIIapplication@ed.gov) by January 11, 2010, 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time. A Governor also must mail the original and two copies of the application to: Dr. Joseph C. Conaty, Director, Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality Programs, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3E314, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Butler, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E108, Washington, DC 20202. *Telephone:* (202) 260-9737 or via *e-mail:* [state.fiscal.fund@ed.gov](mailto:state.fiscal.fund@ed.gov).

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**Program Authority:** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Division A, sections 14001-14013.

Dated: November 10, 2009.

**Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Letter From the Secretary of Energy Accepting Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2009-1

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is making available the November 3, 2009, Secretary's letter to the Board accepting the Board's recommendation 2009-1 regarding quantitative risk assessment at defense nuclear facilities.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, HS-1.1, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE is making this letter available for public information and solicits comments from the public. Comments may be sent to the address above. The text of the document is below. It may also be viewed at: <http://www.hss.energy.gov/deprep/default.asp>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 10, 2009.

**Mark B. Whitaker,**

*Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.*

November 3, 2009

The Honorable John E. Mansfield, Vice Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2941.

Dear Mr. Vice Chairman:

The Department of Energy (DOE) acknowledges receipt of the Defense Nuclear

Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2009-1, *Risk Assessment Methodologies at Defense Nuclear Facilities*, issued on July 30, 2009, and published in the Federal Register on August 12, 2009.

We appreciate the Board's insights on how DOE can better define and use quantitative risk assessment methodologies to support DOE's primary deterministic approach for ensuring nuclear safety. DOE accepts Board Recommendation 2009-1 and will implement it as described in the enclosed Implementation Plan.

I have assigned Mr. Andrew Wallo, III, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Safety, Quality Assurance and Environment, Office of Health, Safety and Security, to be the Department's Responsible Manager for developing the Implementation Plan. He can be reached at (202) 586-4996.

Sincerely,  
Steven Chu  
Enclosure.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Coal Council

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.  
**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Coal Council (NCC). The 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:** Friday December 4, 2009; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** W Hotel, 515 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael J. Ducker, U.S. Department of Energy; 4G-036/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290; *Telephone:* 202-586-7810.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of Meeting:* To conduct an open meeting of the NCC and to provide a presentation on the new study conducted by the Council on carbon capture and storage technologies for use on coal-based electricity generation plants.

#### **Agenda**

- Welcome and Call to Order by NCC Chair Michael Mueller.
- Remarks by Secretary Stephen Chu, Department of Energy.
- Presentation by David Surber of the 25th Anniversary Video
- Presentation by Fred Palmer, NCC Coal Policy Committee Chairman, on the New Council Study.

- Council Business:
  - Finance Report by Committee Chairman Joe Hopf.
  - Secretary's Report by NCC Secretary Larry Grimes.
- Presentation by Thomas Kerr, International Energy Agency, on the IEA Carbon Capture and Storage Roadmap.
- Other Business.
- Adjourn.

**Public Participation:** The 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 potential items on the agenda, you should contact Michael J. Ducker, 202-586-7810 or [Michael.Ducker@HQ.DOE.GOV](mailto:Michael.Ducker@HQ.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 Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

**Minutes:** The NCC will prepare meeting minutes within 45 days of the meeting. The minutes will be posted on the NCC Web site at <http://www.nationalcoalcouncil.org/>.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 9, 2009.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center (CERC)

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to issue Funding Opportunity Announcement and availability of Request for Information (RFI).

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) intends to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in early January 2010 for management of parts of the U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center (CERC).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to obtain a copy of this Request for Information (RFI), please contact DOE at [CERC@hq.doe.gov](mailto:CERC@hq.doe.gov) or call 202-586-5800. The RFI is also available on DOE's Web site at <http://www.energy.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This week, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), China's Ministry of Science and Technology, and China's National Energy Administration are signing the Protocol formally establishing the U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center (CERC). Today, the DOE is issuing a RFI to solicit comments on a possible approach to implementing U.S. activities under CERC. After reviewing responses to this RFI, the U.S. DOE intends to issue a FOA in January 2010 for management of parts of the U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center (CERC).

Dated: November 10, 2009.

**Kristina Johnson,**

*Assistant Secretary, Department of Energy.*

**David Sandalow,**

*Under Secretary, Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC09-732-001]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-732); Comment Request; Submitted For OMB Review

November 9, 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 or FERC) 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 and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to the **Federal Register** notice (74 FR 45434, 9/2/2009) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by December 17, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o

[omb\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:omb_submission@omb.eop.gov) and include OMB Control Number 1902-0140 as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-4638. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and should refer to Docket No. IC09-732-001. Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. To file the document electronically, access the Commission's Web site and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>), and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

For paper filings, an original and 2 copies of the comments should be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and should refer to Docket No. IC09-732-001.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. For user assistance, contact [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ellen Brown may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8663, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at [ellen.brown@ferc.gov](mailto:ellen.brown@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To implement section 1233 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005) (which added new section 217 to the Federal Power Act (FPA)), the Commission requires each transmission organization that is a public utility with one or more organized electricity markets to make available long-term firm transmission rights that satisfy each of the Commission's guidelines. The reporting requirements of FERC-732<sup>1</sup> ("Electric

<sup>1</sup> This information collection has been labeled "FERC-913", "FERC-913/516", and "FERC-913 (Temporary)" with a goal of incorporating it later into FERC-516 (OMB Control No. 1902-0096). In addition, in Order No. 681 (in Docket No. RM06-8, issued 7/20/06), the burden was listed as part of