

accommodations consistent with 34 CFR 200.6(b) and (f)(1)(i) and section 1111(b)(2)(B)(vii) of the Act;

(D) The innovative assessment system provides an unbiased, rational, and consistent determination of progress toward the State's long-term goals and measurements of interim progress for academic achievement under section 1111(c)(4)(A) of the Act for all students and subgroups of students described in section 1111(c)(2) of the Act and a comparable measure of student performance on the Academic Achievement indicator under section 1111(c)(4)(B)(i) of the Act for participating schools relative to non-participating schools; or

(E) The innovative assessment system demonstrates comparability to the statewide assessments under section 1111(b)(2) of the Act in content coverage, difficulty, and quality.

(2)(i) In the case of a consortium of SEAs, the Secretary may withdraw innovative assessment demonstration authority for the consortium as a whole at any time during its demonstration authority period or extension period if the Secretary requests, and no member of the consortium provides, the information under paragraph (b)(1)(i) or (ii) of this section.

(ii) If innovative assessment demonstration authority for one or more SEAs in a consortium is withdrawn, the consortium may continue to implement the authority if it can demonstrate, in an amended application to the Secretary that, as a group, the remaining SEAs continue to meet all requirements and selection criteria in 34 CFR 200.105 and 200.106.

(c) *Waiver authority.* (1) At the end of the extension period, an SEA that is not yet approved consistent with 34 CFR 200.107 to implement its innovative assessment system statewide may request a waiver from the Secretary consistent with section 8401 of the Act to delay the withdrawal of authority under paragraph (b) of this section for the purpose of providing the SEA with the time necessary to receive approval to transition to use of the innovative assessment system statewide under 34 CFR 200.107(b).

(2) The Secretary may grant an SEA a one-year waiver to continue the innovative assessment demonstration authority, if the SEA submits, in its request under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, evidence satisfactory to the Secretary that it—

(i) Has met all of the requirements under paragraph (b)(1) of this section and of 34 CFR 200.105 and 200.106; and

(ii) Has a high-quality plan, including input from stakeholders under 34 CFR

200.105(a)(2), for transition to statewide use of the innovative assessment system, including peer review consistent with 34 CFR 200.107, in a reasonable period of time.

(3) In the case of a consortium of SEAs, the Secretary may grant a one-year waiver consistent with paragraph (c)(1) of this section for the consortium as a whole or for individual member SEAs, as necessary.

(d) *Return to the statewide assessment system.* If the Secretary withdraws innovative assessment demonstration authority consistent with paragraph (b) of this section, or if an SEA voluntarily terminates use of its innovative assessment system prior to the end of its demonstration authority, extension, or waiver period under paragraph (c) of this section, as applicable, the SEA must—

(1) Return to using, in all LEAs and schools in the State, a statewide assessment that meets the requirements of section 1111(b)(2) of the Act; and

(2) Provide timely notice to all participating LEAs and schools of the withdrawal of authority and the SEA's plan for transition back to use of a statewide assessment.

VII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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Dated: September 12, 2018.

Frank Brogan,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, October 4, 2018 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Simonton, Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, (740) 897-3737, Greg.Simonton@lex.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda
- Approval of May 2018 Minutes
- Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments
- Federal Coordinator's Comments
- Liaison's Comments
- Presentation
- Administrative Issues
 - EM SSAB Chairs Meeting Update and Draft Recommendation
 - Annual Executive Planning and Leadership Training Session Update
 - Election of Leadership
 - Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019 Work Plan
 - Draft Recommendation 19-01: Priorities for the President's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request
 - Draft Recommendation 19-02: Development and Funding of a Master Site Plan
- Subcommittee Updates

- Public Comments
- Final Comments from the Board
- Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Greg Simonton at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Greg Simonton at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Greg Simonton at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/pppo/ports-ssab/listings/meeting-materials>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 12, 2018.

Latanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Case No. CAC-050, EERE-2017-BT-WAV-0039]

Notice of Petition for Waiver of Johnson Controls, Inc. From the Department of Energy Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Test Procedure, and Notice of Grant of Interim Waiver

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

ACTION: Notice of re-opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published, on August 13, 2018, a notice of petition for waiver of Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI) and grant of

an interim waiver from the DOE's Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Test Procedure seeking comments, data, and information concerning JCI's amended petition and its suggested alternate test procedure. The comment period for the JCI's notice of petition for waiver, grant of an interim waiver, and request for comments ends on September 12, 2018. Through this notice, DOE announces that the period for submitting comments is re-opened until September 28, 2018.

DATES: The comment period for the JCI's notice of petition for waiver, grant of an interim waiver, and request for comments published in the **Federal Register** on August 13, 2018 (83 FR 40011) is re-opened until September 28, 2018. Written comments and information are requested on or before September 28, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by case number "CAC-050" and Docket number "EERE-2017-BT-WAV-0039," by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* JCI2017WAV0042@ee.doe.gov. Include the case number CAC-050 in the subject line of the message. Submit electronic comments in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or ASCII file format, and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption.

- *Postal Mail:* U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-5B, Petition for Waiver Case No CAC-050, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (CD), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 287-1445. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

Docket: The docket, which includes **Federal Register** notices, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. However, some documents listed in the index, such as those containing information that is exempt from public disclosure, may not be publicly available.

The docket web page can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2017-BT-WAV-0039>. The docket web page will contain simple instruction on how to access all documents, including public comments, in the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Pete Cochran, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, Mail Stop GC-33, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103. Telephone: (202) 586-9496. Email: Peter.Cochran@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 13, 2018, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of petition for waiver of Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI) and grant of an interim waiver from the DOE's Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Test Procedure (83 FR 40011). The document provided for submitting written comments and information by September 12, 2018. DOE has received requests from Goodman Manufacturing Company, L.P. and UTC-Carrier Corporation, dated September 11, 2018, to provide an additional 2 weeks to submit comments pertaining to the JCI's notice of petition for waiver, grant of an interim waiver, and request for comments. These requests can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2017-BT-WAV-0039>.

A re-opening of the comment period would allow additional time to all interested parties to consider the issues presented in JCI's notice of petition for waiver, grant of an interim waiver and an alternative test procedure, gather any additional data and information, and submit comments to DOE. The JCI's notice of petition for waiver, grant of an interim waiver, and request for comments can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EERE-2017-BT-WAV-0039-0012>.

In view of the requests from Goodman Manufacturing Company, L.P. and UTC-Carrier Corporation, DOE has determined that re-opening the comment period for an additional 2 weeks is appropriate. Therefore, DOE is re-opening the comment period until September 28, 2018 to provide interested parties additional time to prepare and submit comments. Comments received between the original September 12, 2018, closing date and the new September 28, 2018, closing date are considered timely filed. Individuals who submitted comments during the original comment period do not need to re-submit comments.