

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 27, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2019-ICCD-0065. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208, D, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Mary Louise Dirrigl, 202-245-7324.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner;

(3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Significant Disproportionality State Survey.

OMB Control Number: 1820-NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 50.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Abstract: This new collection will collect detailed information on the State's use of the standard methodology, or another methodology based upon risk ratios and risk ratio thresholds, to identify significant disproportionality in the LEAs of the State. The Department will use this information to support States and LEAs in their efforts to comply with the statutory requirement at section 618(d) of the IDEA. Specifically, the collection will include information about the extent to which each State has implemented the standard methodology, and steps necessary for States to be in compliance with the December 2016 regulation, including anticipated obstacles States will face and the extent to which States have considered safeguards to ensure compliance with federal law and the U.S. Constitution. This information will allow the Department to determine the appropriate time and manner for the States to report their standards required under 34 CFR 300.647(b)(7), and to fulfill its role of monitoring and enforcement for reasonableness under 34 CFR 300.647(b)(1)(iii).

Dated: November 22, 2019.

Kate Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee (ASCAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, January 13, 2020; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday, January 14, 2020; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol, 550 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Chalk, Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research; SC-21/ Germantown Building; U.S. Department of Energy; 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone (301) 903-7486; email: Christine.chalk@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the committee is to provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis to the Office of Science and to the Department of Energy on scientific priorities within the field of advanced scientific computing research.

Purpose of the Meeting: This meeting is the semi-annual meeting of the Committee.

Tentative Agenda Topics:

- View from Washington
- View from Germantown
- Update on Exascale project activities
- Report from Subcommittee on 40 years of investments by the Department of Energy in advanced computing and networking
- Report from Exascale Transition Subcommittee
- Report from AI Town Halls
- New Charge on AI coordination across SC programs
- Technical presentations
- Public Comment (10-minute rule)

The meeting agenda includes an update on the budget, accomplishments and planned activities of the Advanced Scientific Computing Research program and the exascale computing project; an update from the Office of Science; technical presentations from funded researchers; updates from subcommittees and there will be an opportunity for comments from the public. The meeting will conclude at 12:00 p.m. on January 14, 2020. Agenda updates and presentations will be posted on the ASCAC website prior to the meeting: <https://science.osti.gov/ascr/ascc>.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and

suggestions may do so during the meeting. Approximately 30 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed 10 minutes. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Those wishing to speak should submit your request at least five days before the meeting. Those not able to attend the meeting or who have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to Christine Chalk, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC 20585; email to: Christine.Chalk@science.doe.gov.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available within 90 days on the Advanced Scientific Computing website at: <https://science.osti.gov/ascr/ascac>.

Signed in Washington, DC on November 21, 2019.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Exports of U.S-Origin Highly Enriched Uranium for Medical Isotope Production: Sufficient or Insufficient Supplies of Non-HEU-based Molybdenum-99 for United States Domestic Demand; Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in accordance with the American Medical Isotope Production Act of 2012 (AMIPA), is preparing for a Secretarial certification regarding the sufficiency of supply of non-HEU based molybdenum-99 (Mo-99). DOE will collect input from the public as part of its certification development process and consider this information as part of its analysis to determine the state of Mo-99 supply to meet U.S. patient needs.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information in response to this notice on or before December 27, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit comments by any of the following methods.

1. *Email:* joan.dix@nnsa.doe.gov;
2. *Postal Mail:* Joan Dix, Deputy

Director, Office of Conversion, Department of Energy, National Nuclear

Security Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name for this request for public comment. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. Due to potential delays in DOE's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, DOE encourages responders to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information may be sent to: Joan Dix, Deputy Director, Office of Conversion, joan.dix@nnsa.doe.gov, 202-586-2695.

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I. Authority and Background

The American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2012 (AMIPA) (Subtitle F, Title XXXI of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-139)), enacted on January 2, 2013, amended Section 134 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2160d) by striking subsection c. and inserting language that prohibits the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) from issuing a license for the export of highly enriched uranium (HEU) from the United States for the purposes of medical isotope production, effective seven years after enactment of AMIPA subject to a certification regarding the sufficiency of Mo-99 supply in the United States.

The law requires the Secretary of Energy to either jointly certify, with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, that there is a sufficient supply of Mo-99 produced without the use of HEU available to meet U.S. patient needs, and that it is not necessary to export U.S.-origin HEU for the purposes of medical isotope production regarding the sufficiency of Mo-99 supply, or, to unilaterally certify that there is insufficient supply of Mo-99 produced without the use of HEU available to satisfy the domestic market and that the export of U.S.-origin HEU for the purposes of medical isotope production is the most effective temporary means to increase the supply of Mo-99 to the domestic U.S. market, thereby delaying the enactment of the export license ban for up to six years.

In accordance with AMIPA and to ensure public review and comments the

development of the certification is being announced in the **Federal Register**.

The U.S. medical community depends on a reliable supply of the radioisotope Mo-99 for nuclear medical diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Approximately 80 percent of all of these procedures depend on the use of technetium-99m (Tc-99m), a decay product of Mo-99. Tc-99m is used in approximately 40,000 diagnostic and therapeutic nuclear medicine procedures every day in the United States. Its primary uses include diagnosing heart disease, treating cancer, and studying organ structure and function. Historically, the United States has not had the capability to produce Mo-99 domestically and, until 2018, imported 100 percent of its supply from international producers, some of which was produced using targets fabricated with proliferation sensitive HEU.

II. Issues on Which DOE Seeks Comment and Information

This request for public comment seeks information from interested parties on the status of Mo-99 supplies for U.S. patients. For all comments, DOE requests that interested parties fully explain any assumptions that underlie their reasoning. DOE also requests that commenters provide underlying data or other information sufficient to allow DOE to review and verify any of the assumptions, calculations or views expressed by the commenters. DOE specifically invites public comment on the following questions:

- (1) Do current supplies of Mo-99 meet U.S. patient demand?
- (2) Do current supplies of non-HEU based Mo-99 meet U.S. patient demand?
- (3) Have there been shortages of Mo-99 in the United States? If so, how severe, how often, and how did shortages impact patient care?
- (4) What has caused shortages of Mo-99 in the United States?
- (5) How would extending the period that the NRC may issue HEU export licenses for medical isotope production impact the supply of Mo-99 to the United States?
- (6) How would enacting a ban on the export of HEU for medical isotope production impact the supply of Mo-99 to the United States?

Although comments are particularly welcome on the issues discussed above, DOE also requests comments on other topics that commenters consider significant in preparing for the Secretarial certification.