

Exploration Priorities for the Implementation Plan” in the subject line of the message. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender is publicly accessible. NOAA will accept anonymous comments. Clearly indicate which section and page number, if applicable, submitted comments pertain to. All submissions must be in English. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for responsible preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

**Instructions:** Response to this RFI is voluntary. Respondent needs not reply to all questions listed. For all submissions, clearly indicate which questions are being answered. Email attachments will be accepted in plain text, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF formats only. Each individual or institution is requested to submit only one response. OSTP may post responses to this RFI, without change, on a Federal website. NOAA, therefore, requests that no business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be submitted in response to this RFI. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization (NOMECE) Council Co-Chairs; Dr. Alan Leonardi, NOAA, [alan.leonardi@noaa.gov](mailto:alan.leonardi@noaa.gov), 301-734-1016; RDML Shepard Smith, NOAA, [shep.smith@noaa.gov](mailto:shep.smith@noaa.gov), 202-510-5561; Dr. John Haines, USGS, [jhaines@usgs.gov](mailto:jhaines@usgs.gov), 703-648-6422.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Presidential Memorandum, Ocean Mapping of the United States Exclusive Economic Zone and the Shoreline and Nearshore of Alaska, 84 FR 64699 (Nov. 19, 2020), the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council (NOMECE Council), on behalf of the Director of the OSTP and the Chairman of the CEQ, in their capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ocean Policy Committee, working through its Ocean Science and Technology Subcommittee and in coordination with the Administrator of NOAA, are developing an Implementation Plan for the National Strategy. The NOMECE Council has commenced development of the Implementation Plan and is soliciting public input through this RFI to obtain information from a wide range of stakeholders, including academia,

private industry, and other relevant organizations and institutions. The public input provided in response to this RFI will inform the NOMECE Council as it continues to identify strategic priorities for Exploration and Characterization within the Implementation Plan.

### Questions To Inform Development of the Implementation Plan

Through this RFI, the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council seeks responses to the following questions to inform the Exploration and Characterization priorities for an Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization.

1. NOMECE Strategy Goal 3.1 “Identify Strategic Priorities” describes the need for strategic ocean exploration and characterization priorities and lists some examples. What do you feel are the most important strategic national priorities for exploration and characterization efforts in the deep sea (depth >40 m)? These can be specific geographic areas within the U.S. EEZ or thematic/topical issue priorities.

2. What are the most important questions for exploration and characterization to address?

3. What are the most important data variables that need to be measured, and what are the most valuable physical samples to collect; to conduct baseline exploration and characterization?

4. What novel or established tools, platforms, and technologies could advance our capability to explore, and characterize the U.S. EEZ more efficiently and effectively? To the extent innovative capabilities already exist, but are not being effectively used, what are the barriers to adopting them? How can these barriers be overcome?

5. Deep waters within the U.S. EEZ host a wide variety of habitats and geomorphological features (e.g., continental shelves, canyons, seamounts, trenches, abyssal plains, and mesopelagic and bathypelagic zones of the water column). Which ones of these do you think are most important to explore to address the priority questions you identified above?

6. How can artificial intelligence and machine learning be used to guide planning, execution, and analysis of exploration and characterization activities?

7. How should the data generated by implementation of the Strategy be managed so that it is most accessible and useful (file formats, compatibility, etc.) to public and private sectors?

Dated: September 24, 2020.

**David Holst,**

*Chief Financial and Administrative Officer,  
Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research,  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### U.S. Army Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the U.S. Army Science Board (ASB). This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** Thursday, October 22, 2020. Time: 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. This meeting will be open but with required COVID-19 precautions.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Bell Textron, 2231 Crystal Drive, Suite 1010, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Heather J. Gerard, (703) 545-8652, [heather.j.gerard.civ@mail.mil](mailto:heather.j.gerard.civ@mail.mil) or Ms. Gloria Mudge at [gloria.l.mudge.civ@mail.mil](mailto:gloria.l.mudge.civ@mail.mil). Mailing address is Army Science Board, 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 7098, Arlington, VA 22202. Website: <https://asb.army.mil/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The purpose of the meeting is for ASB members to review, deliberate, and vote on the findings and recommendations presented for a Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) ASB studies.

**Agenda:** The board will present findings and recommendations for deliberation and vote on the following FY20 studies: “Data Integrity for Operating Force (OF) Decision Making”: This study will be discussed from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; “Army Modeling and Simulation”: This study will be discussed from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m..

**Public Accessibility to the Meeting:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of

space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating for this event is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions and reservations must be made in advance to attend this event. Send an email request to Ms. Gloria Mudge at [gloria.l.mudge.civ@mail.mil](mailto:gloria.l.mudge.civ@mail.mil). Advanced security and COVID-19 screening is required to attend this meeting. A photo ID is required to enter the facility. COVID-19 screening and questionnaire will be taken at the door, facemasks are required and social distancing is mandatory. Seating is therefore limited and on a first come, first served basis.

For additional information about public access procedures, contact the Alternate Designated Federal Officer, at the email address or telephone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

*Written Statements:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and § 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the ASB about its mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting of the ASB. All written statements must be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the address listed above, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Written statements not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting may not be considered by the ASB prior to its scheduled meeting. After reviewing written comments, the DFO may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during a future open meeting.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-00161]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Correction

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OS); Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Correction notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education published a document in the **Federal Register** of October 5, 2020, concerning an extension of a previously approved information collection. The document contained an incorrect docket number.

The PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Office of the Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, is issuing a correction notice as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of October 5, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-21961 on page 62720 in the third column, correct the docket number of ED-2020-SCC-0162 in the heading and under **ADDRESSES** to read as ED-2020-SCC-00161.

Dated: October 6, 2020.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Office of the Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-0147]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2021 Materials Update

**AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision to an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 12, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, 202-245-6347.

**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:* National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2021 Materials Update.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0928.

*Type of Review:* A revision of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 329,909.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 180,233.

*Abstract:* The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is a federally authorized survey of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 in various subject areas, such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, technology and engineering literacy (TEL), and the arts. The National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (Pub. L. 107-279 Title III, section 303) requires the assessment to collect data on specified student groups and characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive, or descriptive information that is related