

plan for all phases of the data collection, including the 2021 main study, and requesting approval for all activities, materials, and response burden related to the field test recruitment was approved in April 2019 with a change request in September 2019 (OMB #1850–0645 v.11–12), while the submission describing all aspects of the field test and recruitment for the main study was approved in October 2019 (OMB #1850–0645 v.13). The submission for all aspects of the PIRLS 2021 main study, including data collection activities, with an accompanying 30-day public comment period was approved in May 2020 (OMB #1850–0645 v.14) with a change request in February 2021 (OMB #1850–0645 v.15). In summer 2021, NCES was notified by the IEA that teacher questionnaire data from the United States would not be included in the PIRLS international report or international database. At the same time, IEA requested changes to the school questionnaire to solicit information about the 2020–2021 school year. The exceptional circumstances of the 2021 PIRLS administration in the United States and these other countries (assessing fifth-grade students at the beginning of the academic year rather than fourth-grade students at the end of the academic year) present challenges for reporting and interpreting some PIRLS questionnaire data. This issue impacts other Northern Hemisphere countries administering the PIRLS teacher questionnaire to the teachers of fifth grade students in the fall of 2021. Due to the exclusion of teacher questionnaire data from international reporting and limitations in its use for national analysis, the U.S. PIRLS 2021 administration will no longer include a teacher questionnaire component. In accordance with the IEA's guidance, the school questionnaire has been modified to more adequately characterize the impact of the pandemic on students in countries assessing students at the beginning of fifth grade rather than at the end of the fourth grade. Note, for example, that the school questionnaire now asks questions about resources available to 4th grade students. The aim is to evaluate students at the beginning of their fifth-grade year, in light of what was available to them throughout their fourth-grade year. These changes will facilitate the inclusion of U.S. data in international reports that include findings from the school questionnaire.

*Additional Information:* An emergency clearance approval for the use of the system is described below due to the following conditions:

- NCES requests emergency clearance to allow us to continue recruiting schools for participation in a Fall 2021 data collection after substantive changes were required to an already approved and finalized data collection plan. The need for immediate clearance is due to the time sensitivity of this data collection, as normal clearance procedures would not allow NCES to follow the mandates set by the sponsoring international organization and make the required changes to the data collection while also respecting the timeline specified for this data collection. NCES will publish a **Federal Register** Notice soliciting 30 days of public comment on this collection concurrent with continued recruitment and data collection.

Dated: July 27, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho Cleanup Project

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open in-person/virtual hybrid meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an in-person/virtual hybrid meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021; 3:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

The opportunity for oral public comment for those attending in-person is at 4:45 p.m. MTN and written public comment received prior to the meeting will be read into the record.

This time is subject to change; please contact the ICP Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Administrator (below) for confirmation of time prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** This hybrid meeting is offered both virtually via Zoom and in-person. To attend virtually, please contact the ICP CAB Administrator (below) no later than 5:00 p.m. MTN on Monday, August 16, 2021.

Board members, Department of Energy (DOE) representatives, agency liaisons, and support staff will participate in-person at: Residence Inn by Marriott Idaho Falls, 635 W Broadway Street, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jordan Davies, ICP CAB Administrator, by phone (720) 452–7379 or email [jdavies@northwindgrp.com](mailto:jdavies@northwindgrp.com) or visit the Board's internet homepage at <https://energy.gov/em/icpcab>.

#### 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* (agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please contact Jordan Davies for the most current agenda):

1. Recent Public Outreach
2. Idaho Cleanup Project Overview
3. Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU) Update
4. Westbay Well Rehabilitation Update
5. Spent Nuclear Fuel at the Idaho site
6. Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity End State Contracting Model

*Public Participation:* The in-person/online virtual hybrid meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board no later than 5:00 p.m. MTN on Monday, August 16, 2021 or within seven days after the meeting by sending them to the ICP CAB Administrator at the aforementioned email address. Oral comments may be given by in-person attendees during the aforementioned time. 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 or submit public comments should follow as directed above.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Jordan Davies, ICP CAB Administrator, phone (720) 452–7379 or email [jdavies@northwindgrp.com](mailto:jdavies@northwindgrp.com). Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://energy.gov/em/icpcab>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 28, 2021.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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