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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's website, [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org) also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, although agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.)

**Tuesday, October 5th**

*Executive Committee (Closed Session)*

Recommend Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel Vacancy Appointments.

*Executive Committee—2022*

*Implementation Plan (Open Session)*

Review progress on 2021 Implementation Plan.

Review staff recommendations for 2022 actions and deliverables.

Public comment opportunity.

Approve draft actions and deliverables for further development in 2022 Implementation Plan.

*HMS Diet Study Report*

Walt Golet, University of Maine/Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

*Chub Mackerel Specifications Review*

Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, and Monitoring Committee.

Review previously set 2022 chub mackerel specifications and recommend any changes if necessary.

*Atlantic Mackerel Rebuilding*

Review SSC's September 2021 meeting results regarding rebuilding.

Provide additional guidance regarding rebuilding plan modifications, if appropriate.

**Wednesday, October 6th**

*Spiny Dogfish Specifications*

Review SSC, Advisory Panel, Monitoring Committee, staff, and Committee recommendations for 2022 fishing year specifications.

Review staff trip limit analysis.

Review previously implemented 2022 specifications (including trip limit) and recommend changes if necessary.

*Private Tilefish Reporting*

Report from GARFO on Tilefish permitting and reporting numbers.

*North Atlantic Right Whales*

Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team scoping for risk reduction measures for Atlantic trap/pot and gillnet fisheries.

*Overview of June 2021 Scallop FMP Biological Opinion*

New Incidental Take Statement, RPMs and Terms and Conditions, and Sea Turtle Monitoring Plan.

*Business Session*

Committee Reports (SSC, Executive Committee); Executive Director's Report; Organization Reports; and Liaison Reports.

*Other Business and General Public Comment*

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c).

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 8, 2021.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of 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), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this in-person/virtual hybrid meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, October 7, 2021; 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This hybrid meeting will be conducted in person for Board members, Department of Energy (DOE) representatives and support staff, and virtually for all other participants. Members of the public will observe the meeting via YouTube at this link: <https://youtu.be/-7KxGKUPxhg>.

Board members, DOE representatives and support staff will participate in-person at: The Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, OH 45661.

Board liaisons and supporting contractors will participate via virtual platforms.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Roberts, SSAB Board Support Manager, by Phone: (270) 554-3004 or Email: [eric@pgdpcab.org](mailto:eric@pgdpcab.org).

**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**

- Review of Agenda
- Cleanup Progress and Demolition Data
- Administrative Issues
- Reading of Public Comments

*Public Participation:* The in-person/online virtual hybrid meeting is open to the public and can be observed at <https://youtu.be/-7KxGKUPxhg>. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting as there will not be opportunities for live public comment during this online virtual meeting. Comments received by no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, October 4, 2021, will be read aloud during the meeting. Comments will also be accepted after the meeting, by no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, October 15, 2021. Please submit comments to the SSAB Board Support Manager at the aforementioned email address. Please put "Public Comment" in the subject line. 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 submit public comments should email them as directed above.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Eric Roberts, SSAB Board Support Manager, Emerging Technology Center, Room 221, 4810 Alben Barkley Drive, Paducah, KY 42001; Phone: (270) 554-3004. 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 3, 2021.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Nuclear Security Administration

#### Request for Information Regarding Establishment of the Department of Energy Uranium Reserve Program

**AGENCY:** National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Reopening of the public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) published the Request for information (RFI) to invite public comment on topics related to the Establishment of the DOE's Uranium Reserve program on August 11, 2021. Through this notice, DOE announces the reopening of the Uranium Reserve RFI comment period for an additional 30 days. The August 11, 2021 **Federal Register** notice mistakenly listed an option for online submissions via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), but that option is not available at this time. Comments can be submitted via email or postal mail through the instructions in the **ADDRESSES** section.

**DATES:** The comment period for the RFI published on August 11, 2021 (86 FR 44007), which closed on September 10, 2021, is hereby reopened. DOE will accept written comments, data, information in response no later than October 13, 2021.

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

*Email:* [rfi-uranium@hq.doe.gov](mailto:rfi-uranium@hq.doe.gov).

Submit electronic comments in Microsoft Word or PDF file format and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption. Please include "Response to Uranium Reserve RFI" in the subject line.

*Postal Mail:* Response to Uranium Reserve RFI, c/o Mr. Kyle Fowler, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Mailstop NA-10, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name for this request for information. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted.

**Note:** The Government has posted a parallel RFI to [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) in order invite industry comment on topics related to establishment of the DOE's Uranium Reserve program. To avoid duplicate submissions, interested parties are encouraged to only respond to one of the notices.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for further information should be sent to: [rfi-uranium@hq.doe.gov](mailto:rfi-uranium@hq.doe.gov) or Mr. Kyle Fowler, (202) 586-1963. If responding by email, please include "Question on Uranium Reserve RFI" in the subject line.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) issued this RFI to invite public comment on topics related to establishment of the DOE's Uranium Reserve program. DOE is re-opening the comment period on this RFI to provide ample time for interested parties to respond.

#### Background

In the United States (U.S.), nuclear energy provides more than 55 percent of our clean energy and supports about half a million American jobs. However, the U.S. nuclear industry and the nuclear fuel supply chain face significant challenges that have left domestic nuclear fuel suppliers in a weakened position on the domestic and global stage. Revitalizing the U.S. nuclear fuel supply infrastructure would support the Administration's goals described in the American Jobs Plan,<sup>1</sup> including addressing the climate crisis, creating American jobs, positioning the U.S. to compete with economic rivals, and supporting national security. It would support environmental justice initiatives, prioritize addressing long-standing and persistent racial injustice by targeting 40 percent of the benefits of climate and clean infrastructure investments to disadvantaged communities, consider rural communities and communities impacted by the market-based transition to clean energy, and include meaningful stakeholder engagement.

In December 2020, Congress passed the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021* (Pub. L. 116-260) that makes \$75,000,000 available to the Department for the Uranium Reserve Program. The Department is considering options to acquire natural uranium and convert this uranium into uranium hexafluoride that would be stored at commercial facilities in the United States.

In considering options, the Department will focus on reinvigorating

domestic nuclear fuel supply chain capabilities, utilizing existing facilities, and minimizing negative disruption of market mechanisms. The Department expects the acquisition of natural uranium to result in new uranium production at existing domestic sites. The Department does not intend such new production to initiate or expand mining on Tribal lands, expand the Office of Legacy Management's (LM) Uranium Leasing Program, or expand access to additional uranium deposits located on other Federal lands. Additionally, the Department does not intend to acquire uranium or uranium hexafluoride produced from enricher underfeeding, the re-enrichment of tails, or other sources that do not support the reinvigoration of uranium production and conversion capabilities. Likewise, the Department expects to use existing domestic commercial conversion capabilities and store the uranium hexafluoride at a domestic facility.

The Department will comply with all applicable laws, including the *National Environmental Policy Act* and the *National Historic Preservation Act*, in the proposed establishment of a uranium reserve. In addition, the Department will give careful attention to energy justice, distributive impacts, and other relevant issues in its decision-making process. This program would include meaningful engagement with stakeholders, including State, local, Tribal governments, and disadvantaged communities.

The Department is publishing this RFI to gain a better understanding of Tribal and other disadvantaged communities and stakeholder views on topics related to the establishment of a uranium reserve. Responses to the RFI will inform the Department's establishment of a uranium reserve, as well as the development of a procurement strategy for acquisition of uranium, conversion services, and storage.

#### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 7, 2021, by Dr. Charles Verdon, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs for the National Nuclear Security Administration, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/>.