

All other information in the NIA remains the same.

**Correction:**

In FR Doc. 2023–05120 appearing on page 15689 in the **Federal Register** published on March 14, 2023, we make the following correction:

On page 15689, under **DATES** in the middle column, we are revising the Deadline for Transmittal of Applications so that the date reads as follows: May 15, 2023.

**Program Authority:** Section 6205 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7515); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

**Accessible Format:** On request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this notice, the NIA, and a copy of the application in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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**James F. Lane,**

*Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary. Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Agency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary for Infrastructure, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection request (ICR) must be received on or before May 19, 2023. If you anticipate any difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Julius Goldberg-Lewis, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, (240) 364–4382, or by email at [julius.goldberg-lewis@hq.doe.gov](mailto:julius.goldberg-lewis@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of this information collection request, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting Julius Goldberg-Lewis, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, (240) 364–4382, or by email at [julius.goldberg-lewis@hq.doe.gov](mailto:julius.goldberg-lewis@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This proposed information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* 1910–5197;

(2) *Information Collection Request*

*Title:* Output and Outcome Metrics for Financial Assistance and Rebates;

(3) *Type of Request:* Extension of an ICR;

(4) *Purpose:* Given the historic level of investment represented by Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act programs, it is incumbent on DOE to transparently track, report, and communicate the outcomes of DOE's financial assistance and rebate programs. Executive Order 14052 directs federal agencies to prioritize “investing public dollars efficiently and equitably, working to avoid waste, and focusing on measurable outcomes for

the American people.” This guidance specifies the uniform collection, measurement, and reporting methodologies necessary for a set of key metrics that DOE can use to communicate the outcomes and outputs of funds awarded, ensuring consistency, transparency, and accountability to support Administration and program objectives. This Information Collection addresses a set of key cross-cutting metrics that will track across DOE programs to assess and communicate DOE's progress toward meeting key agency priorities, including creating quality jobs, supporting domestic manufacturing, increasing equity and justice, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and providing pathways to private sector uptake. The metrics will inform transparent and consistent reporting of the key metrics across DOE awards and will include project-level location data covering outcomes and outputs for specific communities, allowing DOE to better understand who is affected by DOE funded programs and how. This approach will enable DOE to report metrics at the agency, office, portfolio, and program levels and will provide data that can help evaluate the efficiency and equity of the programs, educate the design and implementation of future programs, and identify and address potential waste. DOE proposes to collect information through applications and supporting documents information necessary to determine that whether rebate applicants meet the specified statutory criteria to receive payments under the equipment rebate programs;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 59,625;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 88,125;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 98,250;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$6,286,035;

(9) *Statutory Authority:* Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, 31 U.S.C. 6301–6308; section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13).

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 14, 2023, by Kathleen Hogan, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Infrastructure, 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 Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 14, 2023.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of the Final Waste Incidental To Reprocessing Evaluation for the Test Bed Initiative Demonstration and Waste Incidental To Reprocessing Determination

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the *Final Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Evaluation for the Test Bed Initiative Demonstration, U.S. Department of Energy* (Final WIR Evaluation) and associated *Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Determination for the Test Bed Initiative Demonstration at the Hanford Site, Washington* (WIR Determination). The Final WIR Evaluation demonstrates that the waste from DOE's proposed Test Bed Initiative (TBI) Demonstration is waste incidental to reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel, is not high-level radioactive waste (HLW), and may be managed as low-level radioactive waste (LLW). DOE prepared the Final WIR Evaluation pursuant to DOE Order 435.1, *Radioactive Waste Management*, and the criteria in Chapter II.B.(2)(a) of DOE Manual 435.1-1, *Radioactive Waste Management Manual*. DOE consulted with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on the *Draft Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Evaluation for the Test Bed Initiative Demonstration* (Draft WIR Evaluation) and made the Draft WIR Evaluation available for comments from States, Tribal Nations, stakeholders and the public. DOE prepared the Final WIR Evaluation after carefully considering comments received from the NRC, States, Tribal Nations, stakeholders and the public, and after performing revisions of analyses and technical documents. Based on the Final WIR Evaluation, DOE determined that the

pretreated and solidified waste is incidental to reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel, is non-HLW, and is to be managed as LLW.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final WIR Evaluation and WIR Determination are available on the internet at <https://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/TestBedInitiative> for public review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about the Final WIR Evaluation or WIR Determination, please contact Mr. Richard Valle by mail at U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection, P.O. Box 450, MSIN H6-60, Richland, WA 99352, by phone at (509) 376-7256, or by email at [richard\\_j\\_valle@orp.doe.gov](mailto:richard_j_valle@orp.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE currently stores radioactive waste in underground tanks at the Hanford Site in the State of Washington. The waste was generated, in part, by the prior reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel for defense-related activities during the Manhattan Project and Cold War eras. Hanford's current mission focuses on the cleanup and remediation of those wastes and ultimate closure of the site. As part of that mission, DOE is retrieving waste from the Hanford tanks, separating the low-activity waste (LAW) from other waste in the Hanford tanks and vitrifying (immobilizing in a glass matrix) some of the LAW. DOE has not selected a supplemental treatment method for the remaining LAW in the Hanford tanks.<sup>1</sup> The proposed TBI Demonstration would demonstrate a potential supplemental LAW treatment approach.

The Final WIR Evaluation concerns approximately 2,000 gallons of waste from Hanford Tank SY-101, which, under the proposed TBI Demonstration, will be pretreated at the Hanford Site to remove most key radionuclides, then treated and solidified (grouted) at an offsite, permitted, commercial facility and disposed of at a licensed and permitted mixed low-level radioactive waste disposal facility outside the State of Washington. For the proposed TBI Demonstration, about 2,000 gallons of Tank SY-101 supernate (the uppermost liquid layer of the tank waste that contains low levels of insoluble, long-lived radionuclides) will be pretreated using: in-tank settling, followed by decanting, filtering, and processing through ion exchange media. The decanting (pumping without disturbing the underlying saltcake layer), filtering and ion exchange pretreatment will take

place within an In Tank Pretreatment System, installed in Tank SY-101. The pretreated liquid will be transferred into totes (Type A shipping packages). Trucks will transport the shipping packages to a commercial treatment facility, either Perma-Fix Northwest in Richland, Washington, *EnergySolutions*, near Clive, Utah, Perma-Fix Diversified Scientific Services Inc., in Kingston, Tennessee, or Waste Control Specialists LLC, near Andrews, Texas. At the offsite treatment facility, the waste will be solidified in a grout matrix. DOE plans to dispose of the treated and solidified waste as mixed LLW at either the *EnergySolutions* disposal facility near Clive, Utah or the Waste Control Specialists Federal Waste Facility (WCS FWF), near Andrews, Texas.

Implementation of the proposed offsite treatment and offsite disposal is contingent upon completion of analysis and issuance of a decision document as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.* (NEPA). DOE prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed TBI Demonstration, *Draft Environmental Assessment of the Test Bed Initiative Demonstration* (DOE/EA-2086) (Draft EA) and provided it to the host and affected States and Indian Tribes, for a 14-day comment period, on August 17, 2021. The Draft EA evaluated DOE's proposal to transport and solidify the pretreated liquid LAW at licensed and permitted commercial treatment facilities off the Hanford Site. The Draft EA also evaluated DOE's proposal to dispose of the solidified waste at an offsite, licensed and permitted commercial disposal facility. The Draft EA also evaluated the No Action Alternative. DOE has prepared the *Final Environmental Assessment of the Test Bed Initiative Demonstration* (DOE/EA-2086), after considering comments received on the Draft EA. The Final EA will be made available at <https://energy.gov/nepa>.

DOE issued DOE Order 435.1 and DOE Manual 435.1-1 under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*, the Energy Reorganization Act, 42 U.S.C. 5801 *et seq.*, and the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7101, *et seq.* Section II.B.(2)(a) of DOE Manual 435.1-1 sets forth criteria for determining, based on an evaluation, whether waste is incidental to reprocessing, is not HLW, and may be managed as LLW. Those criteria, in relevant part, are that the wastes: "(1) have been processed, or will be processed, to remove key radionuclides to the maximum extent that is

<sup>1</sup> See *Record of Decision for the Final Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington*. 78 FR 75913 (Dec. 13, 2013).