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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Grid Deployment Office provides notice of availability of guidance and the opening of the 2023 application period pertaining to section 243 of EPA Act 2005, Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives, as amended by section 40332 IJA of 2021, Public Law 117–58.<sup>1</sup> As initially announced in the February 2023 notice of intent, the guidance sets out the eligibility requirements, general application requirements and process, procedures for processing applications, allocation of funding for eligible projects in the event of oversubscription, and funding restrictions.<sup>2</sup>

The guidance document describes the application process and the information necessary for the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to the owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities at existing dams to be used to make capital improvements in the facilities that are directly related to improving the efficiency of such facilities by at least three percent pursuant to section 243 of EPA Act 2005.<sup>3</sup>

Under the statute, the incentive payments include the following limitations: an incentive payment shall not exceed 30 percent of the costs of the applicable capital improvement(s); no more than one incentive payment may be made to a single qualified hydroelectric facility in any fiscal year; and that shall not exceed \$5,000,000.<sup>4</sup>

The guidance is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-243-hydroelectric-efficiency-improvement-incentives-program>. Each application will be reviewed based on the guidance. Interested parties are to submit applications electronically to the Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity eXCHANGE, located at <https://infrastructure-exchange.energy.gov/>.

When submitting an application to DOE for section 243 of EPA Act 2005, Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives, it is recommended that applicants carefully read and review the completed contents of the guidance for this process. When reviewing applications, DOE may corroborate the information provided with information that DOE finds through FERC e-filings and other due diligence measures carried out by reviewing officials. DOE may require the applicant to conduct

and submit an independent audit at its own expense, or DOE may conduct an audit to verify efficiency improvements claimed by the qualified hydroelectric facility.

A public webinar will be held in the coming weeks to provide clarity on the guidance document, as necessary. The webinar will be held in a question-and-answer format with registration details available at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-243-hydroelectric-efficiency-improvement-incentives-program>.

#### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 16, 2023, by Maria Duaine Robinson, Director of the Grid Deployment Office, 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 16, 2023.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

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

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023; 9 a.m.–4 p.m. PDT; Thursday, April 20, 2023; 9 a.m.–3 p.m. PDT.

**ADDRESSES:** This hybrid meeting will be in-person at the Red Lion Hotel, Yakima Center (address below) and virtually. To receive the virtual access information and call-in number, please contact the

Federal Coordinator, Gary Younger, at the telephone number or email listed below at least five days prior to the meeting.

The meeting will be held, strictly following COVID–19 precautionary measures, at: Red Lion Hotel, Yakima Center, 607 East Yakima Avenue, Yakima, WA 98908.

Attendees should check with the Federal Coordinator (below) for any meeting format changes due to COVID–19 protocols.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Younger, Federal Coordinator, U.S. Department of Energy, Hanford Office of Communications, Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99354; Phone: (509) 372–0923; or Email: [gary.younger@rl.doe.gov](mailto:gary.younger@rl.doe.gov).

#### 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:*

- Tri-Party Agreement Agencies' Updates
- Discussion of Board Business

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Hanford, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Gary Younger at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or within five business days after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gary Younger. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. 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 public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available at the following website: <http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab/FullBoardMeetingInformation>.

<sup>1</sup> Public Law 117–58, div. D, title III, § 40332(a).

<sup>2</sup> 88 FR 8837 (Feb. 10, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> 42 U.S.C. 15882(a).

<sup>4</sup> 42 U.S.C. 15882(b).

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 16, 2023.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

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

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023; 4 p.m.–8 p.m. PDT.

The opportunity for public comment is at 4:10 p.m. PDT.

This time is subject to change; please contact the Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) Administrator (below) for confirmation of time prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be open to the public in-person at the Mesquite City Hall (address below) or virtually via Microsoft Teams. To attend virtually, please contact Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, by email [nssab@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:nssab@emcbc.doe.gov) or phone (702) 523-0894, no later than 4 p.m. PDT on Monday, April 17, 2023.

Mesquite City Hall, 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, NV 89027.

Attendees should check the website listed below for any meeting format changes due to COVID-19 protocols.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, by phone: (702) 523-0894 or email: [nssab@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:nssab@emcbc.doe.gov) or visit the Board's internet homepage at [www.nnss.gov/NSSAB/](http://www.nnss.gov/NSSAB/).

#### 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:*

1. DOE-EM Work Plan Presentations
2. Public Comment Period
3. Updates from DOE Deputy Designated Federal Officer
4. Updates from Liaisons

*Public Participation:* The in-person/online virtual hybrid meeting is open to

the public either in-person at the Mesquite City Hall or via Microsoft Teams. To sign-up for public comment, please contact the NSSAB Administrator (above) no later than 4 p.m. PDT on Monday, April 17, 2023. In addition to participation in the live public comment session identified above, written statements may be filed with the Board either before or within seven days after the meeting by sending them to the NSSAB Administrator at the aforementioned email address. Written public comment received prior to the meeting will be read into the record. 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 public comments can do so in 2-minute segments for the 15 minutes allotted for public comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, U.S. Department of Energy, EM Nevada Program, 100 North City Parkway, Suite 1750, Las Vegas, NV 89106; Phone: (702) 523-0894. Minutes will also be available at the following website: [http://www.nnss.gov/nssab/pages/MM\\_FY23.html](http://www.nnss.gov/nssab/pages/MM_FY23.html).

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 16, 2023.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Guidance and Application for Hydroelectric Production Incentives

**AGENCY:** Hydroelectric Incentives Program, Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of guidance and open application period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of updated guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Hydroelectric Production Incentives. The guidance describes the hydroelectric production incentive payment requirements and explains the type of information that owners or authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities must provide DOE when applying for hydroelectric production incentive payments. The hydroelectric production incentive payments are a benefit available for electric energy generated and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In

the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, DOE received \$125 million to support this hydroelectric production incentive. At this time, DOE is only accepting applications from owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar years 2021 and 2022.

**DATES:** DOE is currently accepting applications from March 22, 2023 through May 8, 2023. Applications must be submitted to the Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange, <https://infrastructure-exchange.energy.gov/> by no later than 5 p.m. ET, May 8, 2023, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2021 and 2022 incentive payments.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are to submit applications electronically to the Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange, <https://infrastructure-exchange.energy.gov/>. The guidance accompanying this solicitation is available at: [www.energy.gov/gdo/section-242-hydroelectric-production-incentive-program](http://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-242-hydroelectric-production-incentive-program).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions may be addressed to Madden Sciubba, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, (240) 798-1195 or by email at [hydroelectricincentives@hq.doe.gov](mailto:hydroelectricincentives@hq.doe.gov). Additional information can be found in the guidance posted at [www.energy.gov/gdo/section-242-hydroelectric-production-incentive-program](http://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-242-hydroelectric-production-incentive-program). Electronic communications are recommended for correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In section 242 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005; Pub. L. 109-58), as amended, Congress established a program to support the expansion of hydropower energy development at existing dams and impoundments through an incentive payment procedure for eligible facilities (section 242), codified at 42 U.S.C. 15881. Congress amended section 242 in the Energy Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116-260) by expanding the eligibility window and amending the definition of a qualified hydroelectric facility. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-58) made further amendments to section 242. For this solicitation, DOE is accepting applications for payments resulting from hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar years 2021 and 2022.

Section 242 directs the Secretary to provide incentive payments to the owners or authorized operators of hydroelectric generation facilities in accordance with specific statutory