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**Michael Yudin,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its "Technology Partnerships Ombudsmen Reporting Requirements", OMB Control Number 1910-5188. This information collection request covers information necessary to implement a statutory requirement that the Technology Transfer Ombudsmen report quarterly on complaints they receive.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before January 17, 2012. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4650.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the:  
DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New

Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; and to Kathleen M. Binder, HG-6, Director, Office of Conflict Prevention and Resolution, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, [Kathleen.binder@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Kathleen.binder@hq.doe.gov), (202) 287-1415 (facsimile).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen M. Binder at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.* 1910-5188; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Technology Transfer Ombudsmen Reporting Requirements; (3) *Type of Request:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* The information collected will be used to determine whether the Technology Partnerships Ombudsmen are properly helping to resolve complaints from outside organizations regarding laboratory policies and actions with respect to technology partnerships; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 88; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 50; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* 0.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 11 of the Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000, Public Law 106-404, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7261c(c)(3)(C).

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**Kathleen M. Binder,**

*Director, Office of Conflict Prevention and Resolution, Office of Hearings and Appeals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, App. 2, and Section 102-3.65(a), Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee will be renewed for a two-year period.

The Committee will provide advice to the Department of Energy on complex science and technical issues that arise in

the planning, managing, and implementation of DOE's nuclear energy program.

Additionally, the renewal of the NEAC has been determined to be essential to conduct business of the Department of Energy's and to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy, by law and agreement. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the rules and regulations in implementation of that Act.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth Wade, Designated Federal Officer at (301) 903-6509.

Issued at Washington, DC, on December 12, 2011.

**Carol A. Matthews,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-9000-5]

### Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-1399 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 12/12/2011 Through 12/16/2011

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*Notice:* Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EIS are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

*EIS No. 20110417, Draft EIS, USFS, CA, Rubicon Trail Easement and Resource Improvement Project, Construction and Operation, Right-of-Way Grant, Eldorado National Forest, Pacific Ranger District, El Dorado County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 01/30/2012, Contact: Laura Hierholzer (530) 642-5187*

*EIS No. 20110418, Final EIS, NPS, WA, Ross Lake National Recreation Area Project, General Management Plan, Implementation, Skagit and Whatcom Counties, WA, Review Period Ends: 01/17/2012, Contact: Roy Zipp (360) 873-4590 Ext. 31*

*EIS No. 20110419, Final EIS, BR, CA, Suisun Marsh Habitat Management,*

Preservation, and Restoration Plan, Implementation, CA, *Review Period Ends: 01/17/2012, Contact: Becky Victorine (916) 978-5035*

*EIS No. 20110420, Draft Supplement, USACE, TX, Clear Creek Reevaluation Study Project, Flood Risk Management and Ecosystem Restoration, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston and Harris Counties, TX, Comment Period Ends: 01/30/2012, Contact: Andrea Catanzaro (409) 766-6346*

*EIS No. 20110421, Draft EIS, USFS, CA, Greys Mountain Ecological Restoration Project, Proposed Forest Management Treatments to Reduce Fire Hazard and Restore Forest Health, Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District, Madera County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 01/30/2012, Contact: Burt Stalter (559) 877-2218 Ext. 3208*

*EIS No. 20110422, Draft EIS, RUS, 00, Hampton—Rochester—La Crosse Transmission System Improvement Project, Proposed Construction and Operation of a 345-Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line and Associated Facilities between Hampton, Minnesota and La Crosse, Wisconsin, Comment Period Ends: 01/30/2012, Contact: Stephanie A. Strength (970) 403-3559*

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20110404, Draft EIS, BLM, NV, Mount Hope Project, Molybdenum Mining and Processing Operation in Eureka County, NV, Comment Period Ends: 03/01/2012, Contact: Angelica Rose (775) 635-4000*

Revision to FR Notice Published 12/02/2011: Correction to Comment Period from 03/07/2012 to 03/01/2012

*EIS No. 20110410, Draft EIS, FAA, CA, Gness Field Airport Project, Proposed Extension to Runway 13/31/, Funding, Marin County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2012, Contact: Doug Pomeroy (650) 827-7612.*

Revision to FR Notice 12/09/2011: Correction to Contact Telephone Number.

Dated: December 13, 2011.

**Cliff Rader,**

*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9508-1]

### New York State Prohibition of Discharges of Vessel Sewage; Final Affirmative Determination

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Determination.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Clean Water Act, Section 312(f)(3) (33 U.S.C. 1322(f)(3)), the State of New York has determined that the protection and enhancement of the quality of the New York State portions of Lake Ontario requires greater environmental protection and has petitioned the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 2, for a determination that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for those waters, so that the State may completely prohibit the discharge from all vessels of any sewage, whether treated or not, into such waters.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has proposed to establish a Vessel Waste No Discharge Zone (NDZ) for the New York State portion of Lake Ontario ("Lake") including the waters of the Lake within the New York State boundary, stretching from the Niagara River (including the Niagara River up to Niagara Falls) in the west, to Tibbetts Point at the Lake's outlet to the Saint Lawrence River in the east. The proposed No Discharge Zone encompasses approximately 3,675 square miles and 326 linear shoreline miles, including the navigable portions of the Lower Genesee, Oswego, and Black Rivers; numerous other tributaries, harbors, and embayments of the Lake including Irondequoit Bay, Sodus Bay, North/South Ponds, Henderson Bay, Black River Bay and Chautmont Bay; and an abundance of formally designated habitats and waterways of local, state, and national significance. NYSDEC certified the need for greater protection of the water quality. EPA hereby makes a final affirmative determination that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for Lake Ontario.

EPA published a tentative affirmative determination on October 5, 2011 in the **Federal Register**. Public comments were solicited for 30 days and the comment period ended on November 4, 2011.

EPA received a total of eight (8) comments via letter and email. The comment tally was seven (6) in favor of, and two (2) questioning or opposing the No Discharge Zone designation. All the relevant comments received have been considered in the final affirmative determination. This **Federal Register** document addresses comments submitted in response to the October 5, 2011 (Volume 76 No. 193) **Federal Register** document.

#### Response to Comments

1. *Comment:* Several commenters, including boaters, paddlers and community advocates, expressed strong support for EPA's action to establish a vessel waste no discharge zone for Lake Ontario. Some commenters pointed out that this action will reduce pathogens and chemicals, improve water quality and further protect and restore the Lake.

*EPA Response:* EPA is in full agreement that designating Lake Ontario is an important step to further protect this valuable natural resource, water quality, wetlands and habitats throughout the U.S. portions of Lake Ontario.

2. *Comment:* One commenter stated that discharges from boats are a relatively small source of pollution compared to the pollution caused by farm runoff into the Lake.

*EPA Response:* These comments go beyond the scope of EPA's authority in this action. EPA's authority here is limited to determining whether adequate pumpout facilities exist. Establishing a no discharge zone for vessel sewage will have a positive effect on water quality in the Lake.

3. *Comment:* One commenter expressed concerns about the conditions and availability of the pumpout facilities at Sodus Point in Lake Ontario.

*EPA Response:* The criterion established by the Clean Vessel Act regarding the adequate number of pumpouts per vessel population is one pumpout per 300 to 600 vessels. NYSDEC has submitted pumpout information (including location, phone numbers, latitude/longitude, VHF channel, dates and hours of operation, fees, and capacity) outlining how areas of the Lake meet or exceed this criterion; therefore, EPA has determined that there are adequate pumpout facilities. EPA recognizes the importance of adequate pumpouts to service the boating activity within a given waterbody. New York State is responsible for ensuring that all of the facilities are accessible and operational. There are six pumpouts (Pultneyville Yacht Club, Sodus Bay Yacht Club, Krenzer Marine, Inc., Arney's Marina,