

**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 17, 2024; 4:00 p.m.–7:45 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 Beatty Community Center (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 4:00 p.m. PDT on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Beatty Community Center, 100 A South Avenue, Beatty, Nevada 89003.

**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 provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

**Tentative Agenda**

1. Public Comment Period
2. Update from Deputy Designated Federal Officer
3. Update from National Nuclear Security Administration/Nevada Field Office
4. Updates from NSSAB Liaisons
5. Presentations

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

the public either in-person at the Beatty Community Center or via Microsoft Teams. To sign-up for public comment, please contact the NSSAB Administrator (above) no later than 4:00 p.m. PDT on Monday, April 15, 2024. 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: <https://www.nnss.gov/nssab/nssab-meetings/>.

*Signing Authority:* This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 12, 2024, by David Borak, Deputy Committee Management Officer, 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 12, 2024.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a modified system of records.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A–108 and A–130, the Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) is publishing notice of a modification to an existing Privacy Act System of Records. DOE proposes to amend System of Records DOE–23 Property Accountability System. This System of Records Notice (SORN) is being modified to align with new formatting requirements, published by the Office of Management and Budget, and to ensure appropriate Privacy Act coverage of business processes and Privacy Act information. While there are no substantive changes to the “Categories of Individuals” or “Categories of Records” sections covered by this SORN, substantive changes have been made to the “System Locations,” “Routine Uses,” and “Administrative, Technical and Physical Safeguards” sections to provide greater transparency. Changes to “Routine Uses” include new provisions related to responding to breaches of information held under a Privacy Act SORN as required by OMB’s Memorandum M–17–12, “Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information” (January 3, 2017). Language throughout the SORN has been updated to align with applicable Federal privacy laws, policies, procedures, and best practices.

**DATES:** This modified SORN will become applicable following the end of the public comment period on April 15, 2024 unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination.

**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 Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Rm 8H–085, Washington, DC 20585 or by facsimile at (202) 586–8151 or by email at [privacy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:privacy@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Rm 8H–085, Washington, DC 20585, by facsimile at (202) 586–8151, by email at [privacy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:privacy@hq.doe.gov), or by telephone at (240) 686–9485.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 9, 2009, DOE published a Compilation of its Privacy Act systems of records, which included System of Records DOE–23 Property Accountability System. This notice

proposes amendments to the System Locations section of that System of Records by removing four System Locations where DOE-23 is no longer applicable. These locations are as follows: Bonneville Power Administration, the National Energy Technology Laboratory, Southeastern Area Power Administration, and Western Area Power Administration. In the "Routine Uses" section, this modified notice deletes a previous routine use concerning efforts responding to a suspected or confirmed loss of confidentiality of information as it appears in DOE's compilation of its Privacy Act systems of records (January 9, 2009) and replaces it with one to assist DOE with responding to a suspected or confirmed breach of its records of Personally Identifiable Information (PII), modeled with language from OMB's Memorandum M-17-12, "Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information" (January 3, 2017). Further, this notice adds one new routine use to ensure that DOE may assist another agency or entity in responding to the other agency's or entity's confirmed or suspected breach of PII, as appropriate, as aligned with OMB's Memorandum M-17-12.

Additionally, the routine use formerly numbered six has been determined to be duplicative and therefore has been deleted. This routine use is covered by that which is currently numbered five. From the "Categories of Records in the System" section, the following elements have been removed: operation number, high risk field, disposal code, the name and employee identification and position numbers of employees' assigned equipment, account numbers, and user activity on device. To this section, "name and phone number of individual to whom equipment is issued" and "name of the Accountable Property Representative" have been added to reflect current processes. To "Categories of Individuals," the qualifiers "current and former" and "employees and contractors" have been added to qualify "DOE employees." The "Purpose(s) of the System" section now includes the following: "(f) enable security-related functions in the event that government property is misused, lost, or stolen." An administrative change required by the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 extends the length of time a requestor is permitted to file an appeal under the Privacy Act from 30 to 90 days. Both the "System Locations" and "Administrative, Technical and Physical Safeguards" sections have been modified to reflect

the Department's usage of cloud-based services for records storage. Language throughout the SORN has been updated to align with applicable Federal privacy laws, policies, procedures, and best practices.

**SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:**

DOE-23 Property Accountability System.

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:**

Unclassified.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Systems leveraging this SORN may exist in multiple locations. All systems storing records in a cloud-based server are required to use government-approved cloud services and follow National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) security and privacy standards for access and data retention. Records maintained in a government-approved cloud server are accessed through secure data centers in the continental United States.

U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection, P.O. Box 450, Richland, WA 99352.

U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99352.

U.S. Department of Energy, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Suite 1500, Tulsa, OK 74103.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S):**

*Headquarters:* Director, Office of Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

*Field Offices:* The Managers of the "System Locations" listed above are the system managers for their respective portions of the system.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*; Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, section 202(b), 40 U.S.C. 483(b); and 41 CFR part 109, Federal Property Management Regulation (FPMR), subchapter E, part 109.

**PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:**

Records in this system are maintained and used by DOE (a) to provide inventories to satisfy other Federal Procurement Management Regulation requirements; (b) to maintain a record of location of emergency equipment; (c) to control equipment assignments, including but not limited to those authorized under union contracts; (d) to

provide management information necessary for the budgeting and allocation of equipment; (e) to provide evidence of assignment, location, use, and value in the event that government property is misused, lost or stolen; and (f) enable security-related functions in the event that government property is misused, lost, or stolen.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Current and former DOE employees and contractors, including National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) employees, and contractor employees, authorized to be custodians of controlled DOE equipment.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Item description, date of purchase, acquire date, purchase price, purchase order number, vendor and manufacturer, model/serial/license number, property tag identification, status/date, condition of property, name and phone number of individual to whom equipment is issued, name of the Accountable Property Representative, organization, organization code, and location.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information in this system comes from the Payroll/Personnel system application, various internal forms, accountable property representatives and employees, data processing personnel, supply officers, and information from use of government property.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

1. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to any law enforcement agency as needed to provide evidence of assignment, location, and value in the event that government property is stolen.

2. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the appropriate local, Tribal, State, or Federal agency when records, alone or in conjunction with other information, indicate a violation or potential violation of law whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program pursuant thereto.

3. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use for the purpose of an investigation, settlement of claims, or the preparation and conduct of litigation to (1) persons representing the Department in the investigation, settlement or litigation, and to individuals assisting in such representation; (2) others involved in

the investigation, settlement, and litigation, and their representatives and individuals assisting those representatives; (3) witnesses, potential witnesses, or their representatives and assistants; and (4) any other persons who possess information pertaining to the matter when it is relevant and necessary to obtain information or testimony relevant to the matter.

4. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use in court or administrative proceedings to the tribunals, counsel, other parties, witnesses, and the public (in publicly available pleadings, filings, or discussion in open court) when such disclosure: (1) is relevant to, and necessary for, the proceeding; (2) is compatible with the purpose for which the Department collected the records; and (3) the proceedings involve:

a. The Department, its predecessor agencies, current or former contractors of the Department, or other United States Government agencies and their components, or

b. A current or former employee of the Department and its predecessor agencies, current or former contractors of the Department, or other United States Government agencies and their components, who is acting in an official capacity or in any individual capacity where the Department or other United States Government agency has agreed to represent the employee.

5. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to a Federal, State, Tribal, or local agency to facilitate the requesting agency's decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an employee, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter. The Department must deem such disclosure to be compatible with the purpose for which the Department collected the information.

6. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to DOE contractors in performance of their contracts, and their officers and employees who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties. Those provided information under this routine use are subject to the same limitations applicable to DOE officers and employees under the Privacy Act.

7. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to a member of Congress submitting a request involving a constituent when the

constituent has requested assistance from the member concerning the subject matter of the record. The member of Congress must provide a copy of the constituent's signed request for assistance.

8. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) the Department suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the System of Records; (2) the Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOE (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

9. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the Department determines that information from this System of Records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (1) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (2) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

#### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:**

Records may be stored as paper records, microfilm, or electronic media.

#### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:**

Records are retrieved by tag number, license number, custodian name, employee identification number, position number, accounting information, catalog number, contract number, make, model, security logon identification, serial number, or storage location.

#### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:**

Retention and disposition of these records are unscheduled. This requires the records to be retained as permanent until the National Archives and Records Administration approves the draft schedule, which will require the records to be retained for 10 years.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:**

Electronic records may be secured and maintained on a cloud-based software server and operating system that resides in Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) and Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) hosting environment. Data located in the cloud-based server is firewalled and encrypted at rest and in transit. The security mechanisms for handling data at rest and in transit are in accordance with DOE encryption standards. Records are protected from unauthorized access through the following appropriate safeguards:

- *Administrative:* Access to all records is limited to lawful government purposes only, with access to electronic records based on role and either two-factor authentication or password protection. The system requires passwords to be complex and to be changed frequently. Users accessing system records undergo frequent training in Privacy Act and information security requirements. Security and privacy controls are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

- *Technical:* Computerized records systems are safeguarded on Departmental networks configured for role-based access based on job responsibilities and organizational affiliation. Privacy and security controls are in place for this system and are updated in accordance with applicable requirements as determined by NIST and DOE directives and guidance.

- *Physical:* Computer servers on which electronic records are stored are located in secured Department facilities, which are protected by security guards, identification badges, and cameras. Paper copies of all records are locked in file cabinets, file rooms, or offices and are under the control of authorized personnel. Access to these facilities is granted only to authorized personnel and each person granted access to the system must be an individual authorized to use and/or administer the system.

#### **RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

The Department follows the procedures outlined in 10 CFR 1008.4. Valid identification of the individual making the request is required before information will be processed, given, access granted, or a correction considered, to ensure that information is processed, given, corrected, or records disclosed or corrected only at the request of the proper person.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Any individual may submit a request to the System Manager and request a copy of any records relating to them. In accordance with 10 CFR 1008.11, any individual may appeal the denial of a request made by him or her for information about or for access to or correction or amendment of records. An appeal shall be filed within 90 calendar days after receipt of the denial. When an appeal is filed by mail, the postmark is conclusive as to timeliness. The appeal shall be in writing and must be signed by the individual. The words "PRIVACY ACT APPEAL" should appear in capital letters on the envelope and the letter. Appeals relating to DOE records shall be directed to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

In accordance with the DOE regulation implementing the Privacy Act, 10 CFR part 1008, a request by an individual to determine if a System of Records contains information about themselves should be directed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, Privacy Act Officer. The request should include the requester's complete name and the time period for which records are sought.

**EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

**HISTORY:**

This SORN was last published in the *Federal Register*, 74 FR 1023–1024, on January 9, 2009.

**Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 31, 2024, by Ann Dunkin, Senior Agency Official for Privacy, 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 12, 2024.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Agency Information Collection Extension**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**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) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before April 15, 2024. 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 DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202–881–8585.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chris Early, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mail Stop EE–5B, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121, or by email at [Chris.Early@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Chris.Early@ee.doe.gov) or by calling 240–354–1304.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.*: 1910–5184; (2) *Information Collection Request Titled:* Programs for Improving Energy Efficiency in Buildings; (3) *Type of Review:* extension; (4) *Purpose:* The proposed collection will enable DOE to understand the universe of organizations participating in building load management programs, including the following four voluntary programs: the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program, the Home Energy Score Program, the Better Buildings

Residential Network, and the Zero Energy Ready Home Program. DOE encourages and assists the people and organizations that voluntarily participate in energy efficiency programs to build or renovate buildings for the purposes of improved efficiency, reliability, and affordability. The partners who voluntarily participate in the programs include: home builders, building trades and building-related associations, home design professionals, home energy raters and auditors, home inspectors, building consultants, manufacturers of building products, retailers, utility companies, financial institutions, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, energy program administrators and implementers, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR sponsors, state or local government energy offices or agencies, and other organizations that believe peer sharing will help them improve their effectiveness in encouraging effective energy upgrades. DOE proposes to continue to collect information such as names of program participants and names of organizations and addresses; estimates of how many homes they can get to participate in the programs; information about building stock (no building owner information is collected), and load management strategies. The collected information helps DOE understand the participating partners' activities and progress toward achieving scheduled milestones enabling DOE to make decisions about the best way to respond to partners' needs to improve their operations and actions to lower energy consumption and improve affordability. DOE published a notice and request for comments related to this current request for OMB clearance to collect information on April 20, 2023 (88 FR 24395) and received no comments; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 969; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 45,170; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 19,397; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* zero.

*Statutory Authority:* The U.S. Code, title 42, chapter 149, subchapter IX, part A, section 16191—Energy Efficiency.

**Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 8, 2024, by Amanda Mahoney, Director, Building Technologies 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