

Vocational Technical Education
Institutions and Programs

State Agencies Recognized for the
Approval of Nurse Education

Petition for Renewal of Recognition—

1. Montana Board of Nursing.

A request for comments on agencies whose petitions are being reviewed for initial or continued recognition during this meeting was published in the Federal Register on December 21, 1995.

This notice invites third-party oral presentations before the Advisory Committee. It does not constitute another call for written comment. Requests for oral presentation before the Advisory Committee should be submitted in writing to Ms. Sperry at the address above by May 24, 1996. Requests should include the names of all persons seeking on appearance, the organization they represent, and a brief summary of the principal points to be made during the oral presentation. Presenters are requested not to distribute written materials at the meeting. Any written materials presenters may wish to give to the Advisory Committee must be submitted to Ms. Sperry by May 24, 1996 (one original and 25 copies). Only documents presenters submit by that date will be considered by the Advisory Committee.

At the conclusion of the meeting, attendees may, at the discretion of the Committee chair, be invited to address the Committee briefly on issues pertaining to the functions of the Committee, as identified in the section above on Supplementary Information. Attendees interested in making such comments should inform Ms. Sperry before or during the meeting.

A record will be made of the proceedings of the meeting and will be available for public inspection at the Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, SW., room 3905, ROB 3, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Authority: 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 2.

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David A. Longanecker,
Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary
Education.

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**National Library of Education Advisory
Task Force; Meeting**

AGENCY: National Library of Education
Advisory Task Force, Education.

ACTION: Notice to solicit public
comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary solicits written public comment on the development of the National Library of Education, authorized under Part E of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994 (Act). Comments will be used to help the National Library of Education Advisory Task Force make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary regarding the activities that the National Library of Education will carry out, as well as establish priorities for its future work.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning this notice, as well as requests for copies of Part E of the Act, should be addressed to Dr. E. Stephen Hunt, National Library of Education, Room 203, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20208-5523. Comments on this notice may also be sent in facsimile format to the facsimile transmission telephone number (202) 219-1970, and to the Internet electronic mail address stephen_hunt@ed.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Stephen Hunt, National Library of Education, Room 203, 555 New Jersey Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20208-5523. Telephone: (202) 219-1882; fax: (202) 219-1970; Internet electronic mail address: stephen_hunt@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 13, 1994, President Clinton signed Public Law 103-227, which contains the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Development Act of 1994. That Act, under Part E, Section 951, authorizes the National Library of Education (20 U.S.C. 6051). Part E, Section 951 (h) of the Act creates the National Library of Education Advisory Task Force (Task Force), a temporary Federal advisory committee charged with preparing a set of recommendations on the establishment and development of the National Library of Education for presentation to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

The mission of the National Library of Education as defined by law is to: (1) Become a principal center for the collection, preservation, and effective utilization of the research and other information related to education and to

the improvement of educational achievement; (2) strive to ensure widespread access to the Library's facilities and materials, coverage of all education issues and subjects, and quality control; (3) have an expert library staff; and (4) use modern information technology that holds the potential to link major libraries, schools, and educational centers across the United States into a network of national education resources. Among the statutory functions of the National Library of Education are: (1) Providing a central location within the Federal Government for information about education; (2) providing comprehensive reference services on matters related to education to employees of the Department of Education and its contractors and grantees, other Federal employees, and members of the public; and (3) promoting greater cooperation and resource sharing among providers and repositories of education information in the United States.

The statute requires that the National Library of Education create and operate a "one-stop information and referral service" to respond to telephonic, mail, electronic, and other inquiries from the public that will provide information on programs, activities, products, publications, and statistics available from the Office of Educational Research and Improvement, the National Center for Education Statistics, the Regional Education Laboratories and National Research Institutes and associated Centers, the ERIC Clearinghouses, the national education dissemination system, other offices of the Department of Education, education related publications produced by other Federal departments and agencies, and referrals to additional sources of information and expertise outside the Federal Government, both public and private. A toll-free telephone number shall be part of the information and referral service.

Among the reference and research services that the National Library of Education is required to provide, either alone or in cooperation with other major libraries and archives, are: specialized subject searches, search and retrieval of electronic databases, document delivery by mail and facsimile transmission, research counseling, bibliographic instruction, user training, interlibrary loan services, selective dissemination of information services, information and resource sharing networks, a national union list of education journals held by U.S. education libraries, directories and indexes to specialized subject collections throughout the United States related to education, and cooperative efforts to preserve and maintain

accessible collections of valuable historical materials.

As required by law, the National Library of Education has already developed a preliminary collection development policy which will be refined in conjunction with the recommendations of the Task Force. Plans for completing the cataloging of arrearage in the former Education Research Library collection and for the preservation of historical materials are also being formulated in cooperation with the Task Force.

The Task Force is charged with developing a plan to implement requirements stated in the law. In addition, it is expressly authorized, at its discretion, to "identify other activities and functions for the Library to carry out, except that such functions shall not be carried out until the Library is established" and has implemented the requirements expressly stated for it in Section 951 of the Act.

In seeking public comment, the National Library of Education Advisory Task Force and the Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement are committed to fulfilling the requirements of the law authorizing the National Library of Education and to developing a world-class education library providing useful and high-quality electronic and traditional information services to the American people. The Office of Educational Research and Improvement and the National Library of Education are also committed to supporting Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, which provides that the Federal Government be "customer driven." To delivery the highest quality service, the National Library of Education and its Advisory Task Force must understand the needs and interests of the Library's customers and how it can be most responsive to them.

Invitation to Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit comments and recommendations regarding this notice.

All comments and recommendations will be available for public inspection, during and after the comment period, in Room 202, 80 F Street, NW., Washington, DC between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Sharon P. Robinson,
Assistant Secretary, for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Reopening the Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project in the Fuel Conditioning Facility at Argonne National Laboratory-West

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Reopening of the public comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice reopens the public comment period for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project in the Fuel Conditioning Facility at Argonne National Laboratory-West until May 3, 1996. All comments received by that date will be considered in preparing the final EA. A Notice of Availability of the draft was published on February 2, 1996 (61 FR 3922). All other information contained in the Notice of Availability remains unchanged.

DATES: The comment period on the draft EA will continue through May 3, 1996. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the draft EA and written comments on the draft EA should be addressed to: Mr. Greg Bass, NEPA Document Manager, Argonne Group-West, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 2528, Idaho Falls, ID 83403. Mr. Bass may be contacted by telephone at (208) 533-7184 and facsimile at (208) 533-7422.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756 or by calling (202) 586-4600. For general information on the Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project, please contact: Mr. Robert G. Lange, Associate Director, Office of Facilities, NE-40, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874. Mr. Lange may be contacted by calling (301) 903-2915.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 2, 1996, the Department published a Notice of Availability (61 FR 3922) of the draft EA that included: a brief description of the contents of the document; information on how to obtain

additional copies of the document and submit public comments; and a schedule of public meetings. The Notice also announced a 45-day public comment period from February 5, 1996, to March 22, 1996.

The public comment period is being reopened until May 3, 1996, in response to public requests for additional time to review reference documents and prepare comments. Except as otherwise specified above, all information contained in the February 2, 1996, Notice of Availability remains unchanged.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 10th day of April 1996, for the United States Department of Energy.

Terry R. Lash,

Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology.

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site Tank Waste Remediation System, Richland, Washington

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy and Washington State Department of Ecology.

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), announces the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Hanford Site Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS). The draft EIS addresses DOE's proposed strategies and reasonable alternatives for management and disposal of radioactive, hazardous, and mixed waste currently or projected to be stored in 177 underground storage tanks and in approximately 60 active and inactive miscellaneous underground storage tanks that were associated with Hanford's tank farm operations. The EIS also addresses the management and disposal of approximately 1,930 radioactive cesium and strontium capsules currently on loan or stored at the Hanford Site, if the capsules are determined to have no further beneficial use. The Hanford Site is located near Richland, Washington. Ecology and DOE signed a Memorandum of Understanding on February 15, 1994 to co-prepare this EIS.

DATES: DOE and Ecology invite all interested parties to submit written comments concerning the draft EIS during a comment period ending May 28, 1996. Written comments should be postmarked by May 28, 1996. Comments