

time via your *Grants.gov* Support Desk Case Number.

*Note:* The extensions to which the Department refers in this section apply only to technical problems with the *Grants.gov* system. The Department will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register in order to submit your application to *Grants.gov* (including with the required UEI number and TIN currently registered in SAM) before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the *Grants.gov* system.

b. *Submission of Paper Applications.* The Department discourages paper applications, but if electronic submission is not possible (*e.g.*, you do not have access to the internet), (1) you must provide a prior written notification that you intend to submit a paper application and (2) your paper application must be postmarked by the application deadline date.

The prior written notification may be submitted by email or by mail to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of the competition NIA. If you submit your notification by email, it must be received by the Department no later than 14 calendar days before the application deadline date. If you mail your notification to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than 14 calendar days before the application deadline date.

If you submit a paper application, you must have, and include on your application, a UEI number and mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address:

U.S. Department of Education, OFO/G5 Functional Application Team, Mail Stop 5C231, Attention: (Assistance Listing Number + Suffix Letter), 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-4260

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

- (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, the Department does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark.
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

*Note:* The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

The Department will not consider applications postmarked after the application deadline date.

*Note for Mail Delivery of Paper Applications:* If you mail your application to the Department—

(1) You must indicate on the envelope and in Item 11 of the SF 424 the ALN, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and

(2) The G5 Functional Application Team will notify you of the Department's receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of the competition NIA.

*Accommodations; Accessible Format:* Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section in the competition NIA. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the application process, the individual's application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in the competition NIA.

On request to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package 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, compact disc, or other accessible format.

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your search to documents published by the Department.

**Roberto J. Rodriguez,**

*Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

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

**DATES:** Thursday, January 5, 2023; 6 p.m.–8 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** The Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Room 165, Piketon, OH 45661.

Attendees should check with the Board Support Manager (below) for any meeting format changes due to COVID-19 protocols.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Roberts, Board Support Manager, by Phone: (270) 554-3004 or Email: [eric@pgdpcb.org](mailto:eric@pgdpcb.org).

#### 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

- Review of Agenda
- Presentation
- Administrative Issues
- Public Comments

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, 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 Eric Roberts as soon as possible in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Comments received by no later than 5 p.m. ET on Monday, January 2,

2023, will be read aloud during the meeting. Comments will also be accepted after the meeting, by no later than 5 p.m. ET on Friday, January 13, 2023. Please submit comments to Eric Roberts at the aforementioned email address. Please put "Public Comment" in the subject line. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Eric Roberts at the telephone number listed above. Requests must be received as soon as possible 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. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, will hear public comments pertaining to its scope (clean-up standards and environmental restoration; waste management and disposition; stabilization and disposition of non-stockpile nuclear materials; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship; risk assessment and management; and clean-up science and technology activities). Comments outside of the scope may be submitted via written statement as directed above.

**Minutes:** Minutes will be available by writing or calling Eric Roberts, Board Support Manager, Emerging Technology Center, Room 221, 4810 Alben Barkley Drive, Paducah, KY 42001; Phone: (270) 554-3004. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/pppo/portsab/listings/meeting-materials>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 2, 2022.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Establishment: High-Assay Low-Enriched Uranium (HALEU) Consortium

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

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment.

**SUMMARY:** Through this Notice, the Office of Nuclear Energy (NE), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department), announces the establishment of the High-Assay, Low-Enriched Uranium (HALEU) consortium pursuant to the Energy Act of 2020. This

Notice outlines the Department's process for eligible entities to request membership in the consortium.

**DATES:** The HALEU consortium is established on December 7, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** All entities interested in becoming a consortium member must submit by email at [HALEUConsortium@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:HALEUConsortium@nuclear.energy.gov) their request for membership. Submit electronic comments in Microsoft Word or PDF file format and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption. Please include "Membership in HALEU Consortium" in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be sent to: Mark Angil, Email: [HALEUConsortium@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:HALEUConsortium@nuclear.energy.gov); Telephone: (301) 903-3962.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

Section 2001(a)(1) of the Energy Act of 2020 (42 U.S.C. 16281(a)(1)) directs the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) to "establish and carry out, through the Office of Nuclear Energy, a program to support the availability of HA-LEU for civilian domestic research, development, demonstration, and commercial use [the Program]." Section 2001(a)(2)(F) (42 U.S.C. 16281(a)(2)(F)) requires the Secretary to "establish, and from time to time update, a consortium, which may include entities involved in any stage of the nuclear fuel cycle, to partner with the Department to support the availability of HA-LEU for civilian domestic demonstration and commercial use." NE has created an associated website for this consortium: <https://www.energy.gov/ne/us-department-energy-haleu-consortium>.

The consortium will provide a forum through which the Department can work with individual members to support the availability of HALEU for civilian domestic demonstration and commercial use. The Department may use the consortium to collect data from individual members, exchange views with individual members on how best to ensure the availability of HALEU in the short term and long term, and develop arrangements to provide HALEU to individual members for demonstration projects and commercial uses. In this regard, the Department intends to undertake biennial surveys to estimate the quantity of HALEU necessary for domestic commercial use for each of the 5 years subsequent to a survey. In addition, the Department may work with individual members of the consortium to develop a schedule for cost recovery of HALEU made available

to individual members of the consortium for commercial use.

The Department expects the members of the HALEU consortium to play a pivotal role in the deployment and commercialization of advanced nuclear reactors and related infrastructure. They will also help secure a critical domestic supply of HALEU to support meeting the Administration's climate, economic, and energy security goals.

#### II. Process for Applying for Membership

The HALEU consortium may include entities involved in any stage of the nuclear fuel cycle. DOE interprets this to mean that any entity that contributes to the production, distribution, or utilization of HALEU is eligible to join the consortium. Any such U.S. entities that are interested in partnering with DOE to support the availability of HALEU for civilian domestic demonstration and commercial use are encouraged to apply for membership in the consortium. At its discretion, DOE may also accept requests for membership in the consortium from entities whose facilities are located in ally or partner nations. Entities interested in becoming a member of the consortium are invited to file a request for membership by email at the following address: [HALEUConsortium@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:HALEUConsortium@nuclear.energy.gov). This request should explain the entity's involvement in the nuclear fuel cycle and the entity's interest in partnering with DOE. It should also provide contact information for the entity's representative(s), including name, affiliation, email, and phone number.

NE will coordinate HALEU consortium membership and consortium activities consistent with its purposes and objectives. Upon receipt of a request and confirmation that the requestor is an entity engaged in the nuclear fuel cycle and eligible for membership, NE will notify the entity that it is a member of the consortium and list the entity as a member of the consortium on the NE website.

If a member of the consortium wishes to resign its membership, the member should notify NE by email at [HALEUConsortium@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:HALEUConsortium@nuclear.energy.gov). Resignation from the consortium shall become effective immediately upon receipt by NE of notice of the entity's wish to resign.

#### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on November 29, 2022, by Dr. Kathryn Huff, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, pursuant to delegated