

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.

8. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to union officials acting in their official capacity as a representative of the grievant or affected employees.

9. 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) a person representing the Department, Contractor, or assisting in such representation; (2) others involved in the matter, their representatives, and persons assisting such persons; and (3) witnesses, potential witnesses, their representatives and assistants, and any other persons possessing information pertaining to the matter when it is necessary to obtain information or testimony relevant to the matter.

10. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to a contractor of the Department, or a subcontractor to a Department contractor. Those provided information under this routine use are subject to the same limitations applicable to Department officers and employees under the Privacy Act.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records may be stored as paper records or electronic media.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retrieved by name, Social Security number, or other unique identifier, such as employee ID.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Retention and disposition of these records is in accordance with the National Archives and Records Administration-approved records disposition schedule with retentions of 10 years to 250 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 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 1029–1030, on January 9, 2009.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 12, 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, December 13, 2024.

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, 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, January 15, 2025; 4–8:45 p.m. PST. The opportunity for public comment is at 4:10 p.m. PST. This time is subject to change; please contact the Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) Administrator at nssab@emcbc.doe.gov for confirmation of time prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Valley Electric Association's Valley Conference Center, 800 E Highway 372, Pahrump, Nevada 89048. This meeting will be open to the public in-person at the Valley Conference Center or virtually via Microsoft Teams. To attend virtually, please contact Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, by email nssab@emcbc.doe.gov or phone (702) 523–0894, no later than 4 p.m. PST on Monday, January 13, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, by phone: (702) 523–0894 or email: nssab@emcbc.doe.gov or visit the Board's internet homepage at 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:

- Public Comment Period
- Update from Deputy Designated Federal Officer
- Update from National Nuclear Security Administration/Nevada Field Office
- Updates from NSSAB Liaisons
- Presentations

Public Participation: The in-person/online virtual hybrid meeting is open to the public either in-person at the Valley Conference Center or via Microsoft Teams. To sign-up for public comment, please contact the NSSAB Administrator (above) no later than 4 p.m. PST on Monday, January 13, 2025. 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 December 12, 2024, by Alyssa Petit, 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 December 12, 2024.

Jennifer Hartzell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Hub (PNWH2), (DOE/EIS–0571)

AGENCY: Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement, notice of scoping meetings, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and

applicable NEPA implementing regulations to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action of providing financial assistance to the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Association (also referred to as the PNWH2 Association) to facilitate the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the Pacific Northwest Regional Hydrogen Hub including in the states of Washington, Oregon and Montana. DOE is issuing this Notice of Intent to inform the public about the proposed action; announce plans to conduct public scoping meetings; invite public participation in the scoping process; and solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope of the EIS, including the range of reasonable alternatives and the potential environmental impacts to be analyzed.

DATES: The public scoping period for the EIS starts with the publication of this Notice of Intent (NOI) and ends on March 3, 2025. DOE will hold one virtual public scoping meeting at the following date and time (pacific time):

- Wednesday, January 22, 2024 at 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

DOE will hold two in-person public scoping meetings. Dates, times, and locations are to be determined and will be shared on the DOE's web page for this EIS no less than 15 days before the meetings.

All meetings are open to the public and free to attend. Details on how to participate in the virtual and in-person public scoping meetings are available on the DOE's web page for this EIS: <https://www.energy.gov/nepa/doeeis-0571-pacific-northwest-hydrogen-hub-multiple-locations>. In defining the scope of the EIS, DOE will consider all scoping comments received or postmarked by March 3, 2025. Comments received or postmarked after the scoping period end date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Oral or written comments may be provided at the public scoping meetings or submitted in any of the following ways:

- Through the *regulations.gov* web portal: Navigate to www.regulations.gov and search for Docket No. DOE–HQ–2024–0094 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery Service:* Send comments in an envelope labeled “DOE/EIS–0571” and addressed to c/o AECOM, 3005 Center Green Drive, Ste 250, Boulder, CO 80301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie O'Shea, Project Manager, Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington,