

**DATES:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Energy Information Center, Office of Science and Technical Information, 1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melyssa P. Noe, Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management (OREM), P.O. Box 2001, EM-942, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 241-3315; Fax (865) 241-6932; E-Mail: [Melyssa.No@orem.doe.gov](mailto:Melyssa.No@orem.doe.gov). Or visit the website at <https://energy.gov/orem/services/community-engagement/oak-ridge-site-specific-advisory-board>.

**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**

- Welcome and Announcements
- Comments From the Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO)
- Comments From the DOE, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Environmental Protection Agency Liaisons
- Public Comment Period
- Presentation: Overview of Excess Contaminated Facilities
- Motions/Approval of November 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- Status of Outstanding Recommendations
- Alternate DDFO Report
- Committee Reports
- Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, 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 Melyssa P. Noe at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to the agenda item should contact Melyssa P. Noe at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days 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.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Melyssa P. Noe at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://energy.gov/orem/listings/oak-ridge-site-specific-advisory-board-meetings>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 8, 2018.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

**Extension of Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and 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. The proposed collection of information relates to DOE's Superior Energy Performance certification and 50001 Ready recognition programs. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 12, 2018. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Paul Scheihing, EE-5A/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, by fax at 202-586-9234, or by email at [paul.scheihing@ee.doe.gov](mailto:paul.scheihing@ee.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Paul Scheihing, EE-5A/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, by fax at 202-586-9234, or by email at [paul.scheihing@ee.doe.gov](mailto:paul.scheihing@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

- (1) OMB No.: 1910;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Department of Energy Superior Energy Performance® Certification Program Information Collection Request;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Renewal;
- (4) *Purpose:* This Information Collection Request applies to the Department of Energy (DOE) voluntary ISO 50001 programs for industrial facilities: Superior Energy Performance® (SEP®) and 50001 Ready™ recognition. The information being collected is needed so as to include participants in the DOE's SEP. SEP is an energy efficiency certification and recognition program for industrial facilities demonstrating energy management excellence and sustained energy savings. 50001 Ready recognition is a self-attestation of the implementation of an ISO 50001 energy management system without the need for external audits.

SEP builds on the ISO 50001 energy management system standard and provides a rigorous, internationally-recognized business process for companies to continually improve their energy performance. The SEP third-party verification of energy performance improvement is unique in the marketplace, and assists to differentiate certified companies from their competitors. This request for information consists of a voluntary data collection process for SEP participation: To enroll industrial facilities, manage and track certification cycles, and relay the costs and benefits of SEP certification to industry. 50001 Ready collects a minimal amount of self-attested information to manage and track recognition cycles and to recognize the achievements of its participants.

There are four types of information to be collected from primary participants: (1) Background data, including contact information and basic information about

the facility's experience with energy management—collected in the SEP Enrollment Form; (2) Basic facility information about its energy use, energy consumption, and energy performance indicators—collected in the SEP Application Form; (3) Information on energy performance improvement in SEP-certified facilities—collected in the SEP Energy Performance Improvement Report; (4) Information on the costs and benefits of participating in SEP (optional; not required for SEP certification)—collected in the SEP Voluntary Costs/Benefits Form. 50001 Ready collects only a subset of the same types of information in categories (1), (2), and (3), and without the need for external audit.

Background data will primarily be used to track basic information about SEP and 50001 Ready participants and identify opportunities to provide participants with technical assistance. Basic information about a facility's energy use, energy consumption, and energy performance indicators will be used to administer SEP and 50001 Ready. Information on energy performance improvement will be used by DOE to manage and track participation cycles, and to track the results of participation in SEP and 50001 Ready. For SEP, optional information on costs and benefits of SEP participation will be used to conduct and refine analysis on the costs and benefits of SEP participation. Responses to the DOE's Information Collection Request will be voluntary.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 575;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 475;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 650;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$31,295.

**Statutory Authority:** Accelerating Investment in Industrial Energy Efficiency. Executive Order 13624, 77 FR 54779 (Aug. 30, 2012); 42 U.S.C. 16191.

**Paul Scheihing,**

*Technology Manager, Advanced Manufacturing Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP17-441-000 and CP17-441-001]

**Northwest Pipeline LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the North Seattle Lateral Upgrade Project**

On May 11, 2017, Northwest Pipeline LLC (Northwest) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) in docket number CP17-441-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the North Seattle Lateral Upgrade Project (Project), and would replace an existing 8-inch-diameter pipeline with a 20-inch-diameter pipeline, increasing the design capacity on Northwest's system to serve Puget Sound Energy.

On October 23, 2017, Northwest filed an amendment to its application, and on November 2, 2017, the Commission the issued a Notice of Amendment to the Application for the revised Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

**Schedule for Environmental Review**

*Issuance of EA:* February 12, 2018.  
*90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline:* May 13, 2018.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

**Project Description**

Northwest proposes to remove approximately 5.8 miles of the 8-inch-diameter North Seattle Lateral pipeline in Snohomish County, Washington and replace it with 20-inch-diameter pipeline, primarily in the same trench. The North Seattle Lateral Upgrade Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Replace 5.8-miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline with 20-inch-diameter pipeline;

- rebuild the existing North Seattle/Everett meter station in order to accommodate the increased delivery capacity of the North Seattle Lateral;
- relocate an existing 8-inch pig launcher and a 20-inch pig receiver;<sup>1</sup> and
- replace an existing 8-inch mainline valve with a 20-inch valve.

**Background**

On June 21, 2017, the FERC issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed North Seattle Lateral Upgrade Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Session* (NOI) in Docket No. CP17-441-000. The NOI was mailed to 409 parties, including affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries. We also held a public scoping comment session in the Project area on July 13, 2017.

The primary issues raised by commenters were impacts on residences (including noise, dust, drainage, and vegetation clearing), biological and water resources impacts, alternative routings for crossing the Fritch Mill property, pipeline safety, and impacts on adjacent utility easements and infrastructure.

On October 23, 2017 Northwest amended its application, reducing the Project's incremental firm capacity from 196,311 to 159,299 dekatherms per day; reducing the length of the replacement 20-inch-diameter pipeline by about 1 mile; locating the replacement pig launcher/receiver at milepost 7.76; and changing the pipeline route between mileposts 2.1 and 2.2 so as to divert its pipeline system around the Fritch Mill. Accordingly, on November 21, 2017 we issued a *Supplemental Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Amended North Seattle Lateral Upgrade Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI) in Docket No. CP17-441-001. The Supplemental NOI was mailed to 312 parties, including affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries.

<sup>1</sup> A pig is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.