

of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Matthew Soldner, Acting Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics, [NCESCommissioner@ed.gov](mailto:NCESCommissioner@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Private School Universe Survey (PSS) 2025–26 and 2027–28 Data Collections, and 2027–28 PSS Frame Development Activities.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850–0621.

*Type of Review:* A revision of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 32,550.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 5,981.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* NCES: Title 20 U.S.C. 9543–44.

*Abstract:* The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education, conducts the Private School Universe Survey (PSS), a national survey of private elementary and secondary schools. The PSS is designed to collect biennial data on the total number of private schools, teachers, and students; and to create an

NCES universe frame of private schools that serve as a sampling frame for NCES surveys. This survey is an ongoing project to improve NCES universe and sample data on private schools.

This request is to revise contacting materials associated with 2027–28 PSS frame-development activities (see: “Appendix A–C PSS 2025–2028 Communications Materials v.16rev” in this docket). Additional information about the currently approved collection can be found at [https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=202409-1850-004](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202409-1850-004). As of May 2025, NCES's assurances of confidentiality protections for PSS 2025–26 have changed due to staffing changes at the Department of Education. NCES has removed the Foundations of Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018, Title III, Part B, Confidential Information Protection (“CIPSEA”) as a confidentiality assurance. However, confidentiality assurances under the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA) remain in effect. NCES will consider restoring CIPSEA protections for future PSS collections as appropriate. NCES anticipates submitting a subsequent amendment to this Information Collection Request to accommodate potential revisions to the 2027–28 PSS survey questionnaire and to further update communications materials associated with this collection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Defense Production Act Consortium

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an in-person/virtual hybrid meeting. Pursuant to the authority of the Defense Production Act and in accordance with the applicable Federal advisory and transparency requirements, the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) hereby gives notice of an open meeting of the Defense Production Act Consortium (“the Consortium”).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., EST. A virtual option is available at <https://www.energy.gov/ne/defense-production-act-consortium>.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Ronald Regan Building and International Trade Center, 1400 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004 on the 8th floor Rotunda.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sarah McPhee Charrez, Chief of Staff, Nuclear Fuel Cycle, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 587–1092. Email: [DPAConsortium@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:DPAConsortium@nuclear.energy.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 50 U.S.C. 4558(h), the Department of Energy is giving notice of an upcoming open Consortium Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to provide updates to the public on the progress of the Consortium and provide commentary on approved Plans of Action.

### Publication Participation

The times, dates, and locations of the public meeting are listed in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this document. If you plan to attend the public meeting, please notify the Office of Nuclear Energy staff at [DPAconsortium@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:DPAconsortium@nuclear.energy.gov). This meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend either in-person or virtually must register in advance by Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

In addition, you can attend the public meeting via webinar. Webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants will be published on DOE's website: [www.energy.gov/ne/defenseproduction-act-consortium](http://www.energy.gov/ne/defenseproduction-act-consortium). Participants are responsible for ensuring their systems are compatible with the webinar software.

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on April 6, 2026, by Theodore J. Garrish, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy, 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, April 14, 2026.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-130-000]

#### **Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project and Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Ventura to Farmington A-line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project and Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project, collectively referred to as “Project,” involving abandonment, construction, and operation of facilities by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) in Hancock and Worth counties, Iowa and Carver, Dakota, Freeborn, Isanti, Jackson, Martin, Morrison, Scott, Stearns, Steele, Watonwan, and Washington counties, Minnesota. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity/ authorization. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 13, 2026. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on March 2, 2026, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP26-130-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

Northern provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?”

which addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the Natural Gas, Landowner Topics link.

#### **Public Participation**

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission’s website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. Using eComment is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission’s website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP26-130-000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

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