

- Development of a comprehensive strategic action plan focusing on developing warfighters, enhancing force development delivery, elevating the AU experience, and modernizing the learning environment.

- Recommendation of strategic decisions regarding the reorganization of Air University.

- Providing financial management support to optimize funding to support both funded and unfunded mission requirements.

- Support of the consolidated CCAF registrar functions, collapsed degree programs, and tracked faculty qualifications.

- Providing expert advice and feedback for the Fifth-Year Interim Report and QEP

- Support of the International Officer School (IOS) mission and support of diplomacy and partnership building with U.S. allies.

- Support for the development of the Agile Learning Concept through the Air Command and Staff College and GCPME.

- Establishment of the AU International Alumni of Distinction program.

- Adoption of the new mission and vision statements focused on both deterrence and warfighting.

- The launch of the Registrar's technological innovation "Transcript Automation" to handle both inbound Department of Air Force Bot Operations Team and outbound (Parchment) transcripts across Air University.

- The launch of the Registrar's "AURORA," a generative AI chatbot in ServiceNow that provided self-service guidance to students, the first in AU history.

- Procedural advice that had a positive impact on the graduation cycle resulting in an on-time fall graduation at AFIT-EN for 84 master's students and 15 Ph.D.'s.

- Delivery of the enhanced Agile Learning educational experience, achieving a 92% student satisfaction rate.

- Conducting of invaluable consultation work that identified and introduced successful use cases through the Digital Innovation & Integration Center of Excellence.

- Support of an increased research funding sponsorship across AFIT and AFIT faculty.

- Support of the DoW decision which assisted students who were waiting for undergraduate pilot training and offered a T6 Simulator as the alternative which provided a cost-effective head-start.

- Technological expertise and directive supported research awards.

AU won the Harold Brown Award (awarded to Dr. Nykl) and successfully developed vision-based relative navigation algorithm research for autonomous vehicle air refueling.

- Support of the establishment of a new course for nuclear leaders that highlighted differences between nuclear and conventional operations which included nuclear warfighting capstone events.

- Support for the approval of the integrated real-world Great Power Competition (GPC) events and their impacts into the education of nuclear studies.

- Support of the implementation of the strategic civilian enterprise development program.

- Recommendation of continued improvements to the Student Life-cycle Management (SLcM) system, revised accordingly.

- Recommendation of initiatives to reoptimize the institution for GPC.

- Provision of artificial intelligence (AI) support (blue, red, and green teams) and selection of players to the Air Force Wargaming Institute.

AU BoV 2025 Accomplishments: Following the Secretary of Defense's 2025 advisory committee stand-down directive, the AU BoV did not convene in Spring 2025. DoW is actively reconstituting the AU BoV in FY26, establishing updated bylaws and a revised charter that align with current Administration priorities.

7. Explanation of why the committee/subcommittee is essential to the conduct of agency business: The AU BoV directly advances the Administration's core national security priorities by providing independent advice and recommendations ensuring AU's curricula, doctrine, and research align with deterring adversaries through strength—not weakness—by producing lethal, operationally ready airpower warriors trained for large-scale combat operations against peer adversaries. The AU BoV advice and recommendations allow DoW to enforce a merit-based framework of academic rigor and joint/civilian accreditation that sustains the Warrior Ethos and demands excellence at every level of professional military education. Through its focus on lethality-based education, the AU BoV advice and recommendations to the DoW ensure AU graduates are prepared to defend the homeland and project decisive force across all domains. Additionally, the AU BoV advice and recommendations assist the DoW to fulfill the governing board requirement under SACSCOC and HLC, maintaining the civilian accreditation that underpins recruiting, retention, and the credibility

of every degree and certificate AU confers.

The AU BoV advances the Department's core business of building lethal, merit-based joint airpower warriors across the full spectrum of the force through career-long Professional Military Education. The AU BoV advice and recommendations assist the DoW in ensuring that AU trains Airmen and Guardians to seamlessly leverage multi-domain power in large-scale combat operations. The AU BoV supports AU's role as a premier research institution, ensuring operationally relevant research reaches sponsors across the joint force in direct support of the 2026 National Defense Strategy and Joint Warfighting Concepts.

Dated: May 12, 2026.

Stephanie J. Bost,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on the Industrial Technology Capital Connector

AGENCY: Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on its Request for Information (RFI) number DE-FOA-0003573 regarding the Industrial Technology Capital Connector (ITCC), a partnering program to connect private sector capital interested in early-stage industrial technologies with ITO-supported technology developers.

DATES: Responses to the RFI must be received by July 10th, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit comments electronically to ITCC@ee.doe.gov. Include Industrial Technology Capital Connector in the subject line of the email. The complete RFI document is located at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be addressed to Paul Gauche at 202-816-1170, paul.gauche@ee.doe.gov, or ITCC@ee.doe.gov. Further instruction can be found in the RFI document posted on EERE Exchange.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This RFI intends to solicit feedback from capital providers (Venture Capital, Angel Investors, Financial Institutions, etc.), adjacent organizations (Incubators,

Accelerators, Venture Studios, etc.), and other stakeholders. The RFI will invite stakeholders to comment on investment strategies and technologies of interest, ITO funding and technical assistance programs and processes, and interest and design of the ITCC. See 42 U.S.C. 16191. The RFI is available at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/Default.aspx#Foald3dd45379-4baa-482f-a600-b10046d8a23f>.

Confidential Business Information:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email, postal mail, or hand delivery two well-marked copies: one copy of the document marked “confidential” including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked “non-confidential” with the information believed to be confidential deleted. Submit these documents via email or on a CD, if feasible. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on April 27, 2026, by Audrey Robertson, Assistant Secretary, Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation 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 May 13, 2026.

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, Portsmouth

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person 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: Tuesday, June 23, 2026; 6–8 p.m. EDT.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Simonton, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Phone: (740) 897–3737 or Email: greg.simonton@pppo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: At the request of the Assistant Secretary or Field Managers, the Board may provide community-based advice and recommendations concerning any EM program activities, such as clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship; communications; and budget priorities. The Board also provides an avenue to fulfill public participation requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Federal Facility Agreements, Consent Orders, Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements.

Tentative Agenda: (agenda topics are subject to change; please contact Greg Simonton for the most current agenda)

- Presentation to the Board
- Administrative Activities
- Public Comments

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public and public comment can be given orally or in writing. Fifteen minutes are allocated during the meeting for public comment and those wishing to make oral comment will be given a minimum of two minutes to speak. Written comments received at least two working days prior to the meeting will be provided to the members and included in the meeting minutes. Written comments received within two working days after the meeting will be included in the minutes. For additional information on public comment and to submit written comment, please contact Greg Simonton. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its 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 Greg

Simonton at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

Meeting conduct: The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Questioning of board members or presenters by the public is not permitted.

Minutes: Minutes will be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/pppo/ports-ssab/listings/meeting-materials>.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 13, 2026, by David Borak, 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 May 13, 2026.

Jennifer Hartzell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1403–068]

Yuba County Water Agency; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the Narrows Hydroelectric Project No. 1403. The existing 12-megawatt (MW) project is located on the mainstem of the Yuba River in northern California in Nevada County approximately 23 miles northeast of the City of Marysville. The project affects 0.55 acres of Federal land managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Commission staff has