

simulation into the applied decision making of NDU programs. The BoV NDU has also been a strong advocate for strengthening relationships with the defense industrial base, supporting NDU's successful petition to expand the number of private sector fellow positions within the student body.

Fostering Accountability & Stability: The BoV NDU is a significant advocate for stable funding for NDU, monitoring fiscal, physical infrastructure, and technological requirements. This support was instrumental in securing Joint Staff and OSW funding to replace failing classroom infrastructure at North and South campuses in fiscal year 2024. The BoV NDU also routinely reviews NDU's military and civilian accreditation compliance. In Academic Year 2024, they reviewed improvements to NDU's institutional assessment processes, ensuring that the University has a sustainable approach for identifying and implementing improvements.

The BoV NDU has contributed to the achievement of the NDU's mission for five decades, safeguarding the quality of senior-level joint professional military education. It provides expert recommendations on curriculum and instructional innovation focused on DoW priority areas: rigorous standards, warrior ethos, and military leadership in complex, joint environments. Additionally, it guides and monitors strategic planning and implementation. Most recently, these efforts have focused on integration of emerging technologies, wargaming, and simulation into NDU programs. The BoV NDU also plays a critical role in institutional accountability and quality, providing routine updates to the CJCS on requirements and trends in institutional performance. This governance function is required for compliance with academic accreditation, which both enables the NDU to grant degrees and facilitates DoW's compliance with the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986, 10 U.S.C. 2152 direction to ensure "schools maintain rigorous standards for the military education of officers."

7. *Explanation of why the committee/subcommittee is essential to the conduct of agency business:* The BoV NDU provides expert guidance on vital issues for improving NDU and its six colleges as they deliver military education tailored for senior-level warfighters and national security partners (JPME I, II and III), the intelligence community, DoW's Cyber Workforce, DoW's Senior Acquisition Workforce, and joint special operators. More specifically, BoV NDU review encompasses curriculum,

strategic innovation (e.g., incorporation of emerging technologies), and institutional effectiveness. This includes reviewing how NDU programs are implementing executive and DoW priorities. The BoV NDU also serves as a guardian of institutional integrity, advising the CJCS to ensure that the NDU continues to fulfill its mission to educate for warfighting advantage to win in competition, crisis, and conflict. This governance function is required for academic accreditation, which both enables the NDU to grant degrees and facilitates DoW's compliance with the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986, 10 U.S.C. 2152, direction that "schools maintain rigorous standards for the military education of officers." Following each bi-annual meeting, the BoV NDU provides written recommendations to the CJCS, directly contributing to institutional improvement.

Dated: July 17, 2026.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2026-OS-0629]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSDP&R), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reginald Lucas, (571) 372-7574,

whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Navy New Parent Support Program (NPSP) Evaluation Addendum: Phase II; OMB Control Number 0704-0645.

Type of Request:
Number of Respondents: 15,000.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 15,000.
Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 3,750.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is necessary to better understand the benefits and limitations of using the Family Needs Screener (FNS) within Family Advocacy Program's New Parent Support Program (NPSP) as an intake tool to identify potential risk and protective factors for family violence and services offered by NPSP.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Reginald Lucas.

Dated: July 17, 2026.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

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

DATES: Thursday, August 20, 2026; 5:30-7 p.m. CDT.

ADDRESSES: West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC), Emerging Technology Center, Room 215, 5100 Alben Barkley Drive, Paducah, Kentucky 42001. This meeting will be held in-person at the WKCTC Emerging Technology Center, Room 215 and livestreamed. The meeting will be streamed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@pppoadvisoryboards8584>; no registration is necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Zachary Boyarski at by Phone: (270) 441-6812 or Email: Zachary.Boyarski@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 (CERLA), 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 Zachary Boyarski for the most current agenda)

- Administrative Activities
- Public Comment Period

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 Zachary Boyarski at Zachary.Boyarski@pppo.gov. The EM SSAB, Paducah, 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 Zachary Boyarski 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/pgdp-cab/listings/meeting-materials.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on July 16, 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 July 16, 2026.

Jennifer Hartzell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Request for Information on Domestic Reuse and Repurposing of Savannah River Site Heavy Water Inventory**

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) publishes the following questions regarding potential collaboration for the reuse of its heavy water inventory at the Savannah River Site (SRS). SRS has about 530,000 gallons of heavy water, which may be processed using scalable methods to remove tritium and other impurities, to ensure the water meets commercial standards for new heavy water. The purpose of this RFI is to seek input on how DOE-EM can facilitate the beneficial reuse of this material specifically to support domestic scientific, medical, and industrial needs, thereby strengthening the United States (U.S.) isotope supply chain. DOE-EM is also open to discussions regarding the potential for interested parties to lease land or develop facilities on the SRS site for heavy water processing or repurposing activities. Respondents should note that industry partners would be responsible for the subsequent extraction of isotopes or repurposing of the material.

DATES: Responses to the RFI must be received no later than September 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit comments electronically to heavywaterrfi@doe.gov with the subject line "EM Heavy Water RFI Collaboration Response" no later than September 21, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosa Elmetti, (202) 586-7652, heavywaterrfi@doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the RFI: The primary purpose of this RFI is to gather comprehensive insights from industry and other interested stakeholders regarding the potential beneficial reuse of DOE's heavy water inventory at SRS. DOE-EM seeks to explore innovative pathways for repurposing this valuable material to address critical domestic needs. Specifically, this RFI aims to:

- Identify potential applications for heavy water, deuterium, or derived isotopes that can directly benefit U.S. domestic markets and strengthen national supply chains.
- Assess technical capabilities for handling, processing, de-tritiuming, and purifying heavy water, particularly where tritium is present.
- Evaluate collaboration frameworks with external partners, including potential on-site facility development at SRS, to facilitate the efficient utilization of the heavy water.
- Inform future strategy for the long-term management of the heavy water inventory, potentially leading to future solicitation or partnership opportunities.

This RFI is a crucial step in DOE-EM's commitment to responsible stewardship of its resources and to fostering innovation that supports U.S. national interests.

SRS currently stores approximately 530,000 gallons of heavy water (deuterium oxide, D₂O) located at the -40 level in the moderator storage tank in C, K, and L reactor buildings and drums stored in L and K reactor facilities. This inventory, stored in various moderator tanks and drums, exhibits varying levels of contaminants, tritium, and deuterium enrichment. The heavy water was previously utilized as a moderator in tritium/plutonium production reactors and was retained due to its high deuterium concentration, making it a valuable resource. DOE-EM recognizes the potential value of this material for addressing national needs for limited-supply isotopes, or for various domestic industrial applications such as neutron moderation, research