

HS&B:22 sample members, which includes contacting schools and a subset of students that may not have finished at their base-year high school.

NCES encourages the public to review the materials associated with this submission on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and submit comments. Part A of this submission presents information on the basic design of the HS&B:22 High School Transcript Study (HSTS) data collection. Part B discusses the statistical methods employed. Appendix A provides the communication materials that will be used for school district, school, student, and parent data collection activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Emissions Value Request Process; Notice of Availability

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hereby provides notice of availability of the Emissions Value Request Process in support of the U.S. Department of the Treasury's (Treasury) and Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) administration of the section 45Z Credit for Clean Fuel Production.

ADDRESSES: The Department of Energy's section 45Z Emissions Value Request Process for use in obtaining an emissions value in support of a petition for a provisional emissions rate (PER) is located at: <https://www.energy.gov/cmei/45z-emissions-value-request>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions may be addressed to John Cabaniss at 45ZEmissionsRequest@doe.gov or (202) 287–5531.

Communication via email is preferred.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Clean Fuel Production Tax Credit (Internal Revenue Code Section 45Z) was established under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117–169), and amended by the One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act (Pub. L. 119–21). The amount of the tax credit is determined, in part, by the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions rate of the transportation fuel.

Transportation fuel producers seeking to claim the tax credit must obtain the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions rate of their transportation fuel using the

applicable emissions rate table published for section 45Z, or by petitioning the Secretary of Treasury for a provisional emissions rate (PER) if the fuel's type, primary feedstock, or pathway is not included in the applicable emissions rate table. The Treasury and IRS issued notice 2025–10 (January 2025), section 45Z clean fuel production credit; request for public comments, which provided that an applicant seeking a PER must follow the latest procedures for obtaining a PER as published by the Secretary Treasury in the section 45Z regulations and in the Internal Revenue Bulletin, including the process for obtaining an emissions value from DOE that is used by the applicant to request a PER determination. On July 24, 2025, DOE published a notice of intent and request for comment regarding an Emissions Value Request process. 90 FR 34855. On February 4, 2026, the Treasury and IRS published a notice of proposed rulemaking, which proposed the procedures that a taxpayer must follow to request a PER determination. 91 FR 5160, 5173.

DOE has considered the comments received regarding the Emissions Value Request Process, and is now announcing the opening of the 45Z Emissions Value Request Process.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 13, 2026, by Audrey Robertson, Assistant Secretary (EERE) for 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 October 14, 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, November 17, 2026; 6–8 p.m. EST.

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), 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 October 14, 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**.

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Jennifer Hartzell,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Chairs

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a virtual meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, November 10, 2026; 12:45–3:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held virtually. To register to virtually attend

visit <https://www.energy.gov/em/articles/chairs-meeting-november-2026>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelly Snyder, EM SSAB Designated Federal Officer, by phone: (702) 918–6715 or email: kelly.snyder@em.doe.gov or visit the Board's website at www.energy.gov/emssab.

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), Federal Facility Agreements, Consent Orders, Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements.

Tentative Agenda:

- EM Program Update
- EM SSAB Chairs Round Robin
- Board Business

Public Participation: The virtual meeting is open to the public via Microsoft Teams 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, to sign up to give oral comment, and to submit written comment, please contact the EM SSAB Designated Federal Officer at kelly.snyder@em.doe.gov.

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 on the EM SSAB website at: www.energy.gov/emssab.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 14, 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**.

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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, November 19, 2026; 5:30–7 p.m. CST.

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;