

stability and financial management, and improving institutional infrastructure, including the use of technology, to ensure the long-term viability and enhancement of these institutions; (b) to advise the President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on the needs of HBCUs in the areas of infrastructure, academic programs, and faculty and institutional development; (c) to advise the Secretary in the preparation of an annual Federal plan for assistance to HBCUs in increasing their capacity of participate in Federal programs; (d) to provide the President with an annual progress report on enhancing the capacity of HBCUs to serve their students; and (e) to develop, in consultation with the Department of Education and other Federal agencies, a private sector strategy to assist HBCUs.

The purpose of the meeting is to address administrative issues, such as annual ethics training.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*e.g.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Barbara Lindler at (202) 502-7904 by no later than May 16, 2003. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

An opportunity for public comment is available on May 28, 2003 between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Those members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so at the address indicated above by Friday, May 25, 2003.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

William Hansen,

Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Notice of Intent To Release Information About Uranium Mines and Properties in the United States to Other Federal Agencies for Official Uses

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to release information about uranium mines and properties in the United States to other Federal government agencies for official uses.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is notifying the public of its intent to release, upon request from Federal government agencies for official uses, information about uranium mines and properties in the United States. The information is considered confidential. Information that may be released includes: (1) The U.S. Uranium Mines and Properties Database containing information about former uranium mines and properties that were active in the period 1940-1983; and (2) Uranium Mining and Processing Survey Information collected during the period 1971-2001. Currently, EIA has requests from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for uranium mines and properties information. The EPA request is for information from both the Uranium Mines and Properties Database and from Uranium Mining and Processing Survey Information about decommissioned, abandoned, closed or inactive uranium mines, transfer stations, tailings, and leases located in Northeastern Arizona, Northwestern New Mexico, and Southeastern Utah on Navajo Nation tribal lands, Navajo fee lands, and Navajo allotted lands. The BLM request is for information in the Uranium Mines and Properties Database. Laws, including the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, require that the Department provide the requested information to the EPA and BLM.

DATES: EIA plans to release uranium mines and properties information to other Federal agencies for their official uses on or after June 20, 2003. Comments must be filed by June 13, 2003. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to Luther Smith. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission is recommended by FAX (202-287-1934) or e-mail at (Luther.Smith@eia.doe.gov). Alternatively, you may use the following mailing address: Luther Smith, EI-52/L'Enfant Plaza Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. Mr. Smith may also be

contacted by telephone at (202) 287-1728.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Smith at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. These laws also require EIA to disclose trade secrets and confidential statistical information to other Federal government departments, agencies, and officials for official use upon request.

In carrying out its mission, the EIA collects, compiles, and analyzes information on energy resources, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. The information is used to assess and report on the energy situation of the United States.

The EIA provides the public and Federal agencies with opportunity to comment on the energy-information projects conducted by EIA. EIA also, as appropriate, requests comments on important issues relevant to dissemination of its energy information. Comments received assist EIA in responding to requests for the energy information it has compiled from various sources.

The Uranium Mines and Properties Database information is based on the Federal government's Uranium Concentrate Procurement Program (1947-1970) and the related Uranium Ore Reserve Program (1947-1983). Throughout these programs, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and successive Federal agencies obtained private-industry information that was needed to assure the success of the concentrate procurement and ore reserve programs. The AEC, Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), and DOE staff engineers and geologists also regularly monitored private-industry activities to assure the capability to prepare timely internal reports on uranium exploration, mining, reserves, concentrate production, and important industry activities. It is EIA's view that information requested in conjunction with these programs was provided to the Federal government with the understanding that it would be treated