

working groups and to discuss initiatives for FY 2004.

Date of Meeting: September 24, 2003.

Place: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, 20852.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be addressed to Dr. Mark S. Dortch, ISCMEM Chair, Environmental Laboratory, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199, or phone 601-634-3517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On July 5, 2001, six Federal agencies entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on research and development of multimedia environmental modeling (for a copy of the MOU with addendums, and details of the activities please see <http://www.ISCMEM.Org>). In 2002 and 2003, two additional Federal Agencies joined the interagency cooperative project. The MOU establishes a framework for facilitating cooperation and coordination among the following agencies (the specific research organization within the agency is in parenthesis): U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Engineer Research and Development Center); U.S. Department of Agriculture (Agricultural Research Service); U.S. Department of Agriculture (Natural Resources Conservation Service); U.S. Department of Energy (Office of Research and Development); U.S. Geological Survey; U.S. National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration; and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research). These agencies are cooperating and coordinating in research and development (R&D) of multimedia environmental models, software and related databases, including development, enhancements, applications and assessments of site-specific, generic, and process-oriented multimedia environmental models as they pertain to human and environmental health risk assessment. Specifically, the MOU supports collaboration and the exchange of technical information in support of multimedia environmental modeling focusing on environmental risk assessments, including development/enhancements of models and model frameworks or infrastructure and advancement of related technical activities, such as considering

uncertainty and model application procedures.

Purpose of the Public Meeting: The annual public meeting provides an opportunity for the scientific community, other Federal and State agencies, and the public to be briefed on the progress of the MOU working groups and their initiatives for the upcoming year, and to discuss technological advancements in multimedia environmental modeling.

Proposed Agenda: The ISCMEM Chair will report on new participating Federal agencies. The four MOU working groups, Software System Design and Implementation, Uncertainty and Parameter Estimation, Modeling Reactive Transport, and Watershed Modeling, will report on their progress during the year. A series of technical presentations will focus on: progress on the Geospatial Library for Environmental Modeling (GEOLEM) project as related to integration of modeling frameworks and GIS; results of the *International Workshop on Uncertainty, Sensitivity and Parameter*; and activities towards conceptualized model development for subsurface reactive transport modeling of inorganic contaminants, radionuclides, and nutrients. Participation with this MOU of similar coordinating groups and consortia outside the U.S. will be discussed. A detailed agenda with presentation titles and speakers will be posted on the MOU public Web site: <http://www.ISCMEM.Org>.

Meeting Access: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters Auditorium is located in Two White Flint North Building at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. To access the NRC Auditorium, please use the Two White Flint North building entrance to proceed through security. The most convenient transportation to the meeting venue is via Metro. Please take Metro to the White Flint Metro stop on the Red Line. NRC is directly across the street from the White Flint Metro exit on Marinelli Road. Please inform the security personnel that you are attending the public meeting on multimedia environmental modeling in the NRC Auditorium.

Mark S. Dortch,

Chair, Federal Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 14, 2003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education 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.

Dated: August 12, 2003.

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Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.