

## Federal Register - November 2016

NOAA - The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) announced the availability of seats on the National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils. Applicants must submit applications on or before Wednesday, November 30, 2016. The Sanctuaries in need are: Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. [Volume 81, Number 211 (Tuesday, November 1, 2016)]

DOE - The Department of Energy (DOE) announced a public meeting for the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) on December 13, 2016, at 8:30 - 12:30 p.m. at the Department of Energy's Washington DC office. This meeting is the board's quarterly meeting, and will include updates, informational briefings, and a public comment period. Public attendees must RSVP before Thursday, December 8, 2016. [Volume 81, Number 212 (Wednesday, November 2, 2016)]

OSTP - The Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) has announced the submission of a Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan to the National Ocean Council for certification. [Volume 81, Number 213 (Thursday, November 3, 2016)]

DOT - The Department of Transportation (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has given notice of a public forum to generate a national agenda for research that addresses pipeline safety and environmental challenges. The forum is free and open to the public and will be held in Cleveland, OH on November 16-17, 2016. For more information, contact Robert Smith, Engineering and Research Division. [Volume 81, Number 213 (Thursday, November 3, 2016)]

EPA - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAC) has given notice of a meeting on December 1, 2016 from 8:30 - 4:30pm EST at the DuPont Circle Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20036. [Volume 81, Number 214 (Friday, November 4, 2016)]

BOEM - The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has provided notice of Restricted Joint Bidders for Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales. Entities within this list are restricted from engaging in joint bids with other groups within the list. This list will cover the period from November 1, 2016, through April 30, 2017. [Volume 81, Number 214 (Friday, November 4, 2016)]

NASA - The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced a meeting of the National Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Advisory Board on Wednesday, December 7-8, 2016 in Redondo Beach, California. The meeting will address Space-Based PNT Policy and modernization of GPS capabilities. This meeting is open to the public. [Volume 81, Number 215 (Monday, November 7, 2016)]

NSF - The National Science Foundation (NSF) has announced a meeting of the National Science Board on November 8-9, 2016 at the NSF office in Arlington, VA. All visitors must contact the board office by calling 703-292-7000 or by emailing [nationalsciencebrd@nsf.org](mailto:nationalsciencebrd@nsf.org). The meeting will be webcast. [Volume 81, Number 215 (Monday, November 7, 2016)]

NSF - The National Science Foundation (NSF) has announced a meeting of the Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee on January 26-27, 2017 at the NSF office in Arlington, VA. The meeting is open to the public and will address current astronomy and astrophysics programs run by NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies. [Volume 81, Number 216 (Tuesday, November 8, 2016)]

NOAA - The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is requesting comments on changes to its Coastal Zone Management Act Program which is streamlining the process by which states can make changes to their coastal management programs. Comments must be received by January 9, 2017, and must be submitted electronically or by mail. [Volume 81, Number 216 (Tuesday, November 8, 2016)]

EPA - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced a public teleconference of the Science and Information Subcommittee (SIS) to the EPA Great Lakes Advisory Board. The meeting will address the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative covering FY 2015-19. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2016. A public teleconference number will be available for the meeting. [Volume 81, Number 217 (Wednesday, November 9, 2016)]

USGS - The United States Geological Survey (USGS) has given notice of an information collection request for to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding the Economic Contribution of Federal Investments in Restoration of Degraded, Damaged, or Destroyed Ecosystems. The USGS is requesting comments on this information collection to be submitted to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, via email or fax. [Volume 81, Number 218 (Thursday, November 10, 2016)]

DOI - The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) has announced a public web/teleconference on December 14, 2016, from 12:30 - 4:00p.m. EST. The meeting will address NGAC subcommittee reports, review of NGAC papers, transition planning, and planning for 2017 NGAC activities. Members of the public that would like to attend must. Meeting registrations are due by December 9, 2016. [Volume 81, Number 219 (Monday, November 14, 2016)]

NASA - The Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics Administration (NASA) have proposed to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to clarify guidance for contract awards in excess of \$22 million. [Volume 81, Number 220 (Tuesday, November 15, 2016)]

EPA - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted a proposal to update its renewable fuel regulations to reflect the changing marketplace, particularly with regard to the rise in ethanol and biofuel usage. The EPA is now requesting comments on these updates before January 17, 2017. [Volume 81, Number 221 (Wednesday, November 16, 2016)]

DOI - The Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement has announced the availability of their Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stream Protection Rule developed under the National Environmental Policy Act. For more information, visit the Federal Register link. [Volume 81, Number 221 (Wednesday, November 16, 2016)]

NSF - The National Science Foundation (NSF) has announced a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, to take place at the NSF office in Arlington, VA on December 7-8, 2016. The meeting will address the advisement of NSF on the impacts of its policies, programs, and activities in the Computer and Information Science and Engineering community. The meeting will be open to the public. [Volume 81, Number 221 (Wednesday, November 16, 2016)]

EPA - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWC) on December 6-7, 2016. The meeting will be available to the public via teleconference. [Volume 81, Number 222 (Thursday, November 17, 2016)]

NASA - The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, at the NASA AERO Institute in Palmdale, CA, on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. The meeting will be open to the public and available via telephone or WebEx. The meeting will address reports from the Aeronautics, Human Exploration and Operations; Institutional, Science; and Technology, Innovation and Engineering committees, as well as the Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education. [Volume 81, Number 222 (Thursday, November 17, 2016)]

USDA - The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has given notice of implementation of the Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP) Technology for Soil Erodibility System calculations for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The USDA is requesting comments on this implementation online, via email or by mail. [Volume 81, Number 222 (Thursday, November 17, 2016)]

EPA - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a proposed rule to revise the permitting regulations of greenhouse gases (GHGs) to conform to recent court decisions. The comment period of this proposed rule has been extended to December 2, 2016. Comments should be submitted online. [Volume 81, Number 223 (Friday, November 18, 2016)]

USGS - The US Geological Survey (USGS) has announced a public briefing to address the development of a database of greenhouse gas emissions associated with fossil fuel extraction from federal lands. The meeting will take place at the USGS office in Reston, VA, on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. EST. [Volume 81, Number 224 (Monday, November 21, 2016)]

BOEM - The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has announced the availability of the Final 2017-2022 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. For more information, please view the Federal Register link. [Volume 81, Number 225 (Tuesday, November 22, 2016)]

NOAA - The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) has announced a public meeting on December 12-15, 2016. The meeting will address a variety of fishery, energy, and ocean acidification issues, as well as a review and adoption of the 2017 Implementation Plan. [Volume 81, Number 228 (Monday, November 28, 2016)]

BOEM - The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has given notification of an information collection request for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding oil and gas production requirements. The ICR is available for review

online. BOEM is requesting comments from the public on the ICR until December 29, 2016. [Volume 81, Number 229 (Tuesday, November 29, 2016)]

NOAA - The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB) has given notice of membership solicitation for a vacancy on its board. Applicant must include a cover letter stating their interest in serving on the OEAB and highlighting specific areas of expertise relevant to the purpose of the OEAB in their application. [Volume 81, Number 229 (Tuesday, November 29, 2016)]

EPA - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized a rule regarding leak detection methodologies in petroleum and natural gas systems. The rule adds new monitoring methods and emission factors for leaking equipment to calculate and report greenhouse gas emissions. The final rule will go into effect January 1, 2017. [Volume 81, Number 230 (Wednesday, November 30, 2016)]

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