

depolarization of the probe. An array of probes according to the present invention may be employed as a system to dewater a volume of particulate.

*Serial No.:* 10/421,922.

*Date:* 4/24/2003.

14. *Title:* Devices and Methods for Reducing or Eliminating the Gap Between a Stay Vane and its Corresponding Wicket Gate as Used in Turbines. An improved design for turbines increases efficiency while reducing potential for fish kill. In a preferred embodiment as relates to a Kaplan turbine, the gap between stay vanes and their corresponding wicket gates is reduced or eliminated by provision of an extension to the trailing edge of the stay vane. In alternative embodiments, the extension may be added to the wicket gate or affixed to both in an arrangement that permits free movement of the wicket gate. To facilitate eliminating the gap altogether, the extension may be made of a pliable material or be fabricated in a telescoping or accordion arrangement to permit contact with opposing parts without damage thereto. By designing extensions using accepted hydraulic principles, a better fit of the stay vane to its associated wicket gate, and possibly to the turbines runners may be effected, further improving operational efficiency and possibly even extending maintenance intervals.

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*Date:* 1/27/2003.

**Luz D. Ortiz,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. U.S. Patent No. 5,690,963: Freeze Dried Red Blood Cells, Navy Case No. 76,391 and U.S. Patent No. 5,736,313: Method of Lyophilizing Platelets by Incubation with High Carbohydrate Concentrations and Supercooling Prior to Freezing, Navy Case No. 76,086.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the inventions cited should be directed to

the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, and must include the Navy Case number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul A. Regeon, Acting Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-7230. Due to temporary U.S. Postal Service delays, please fax (202) 404-7920, e-Mail: [regeon@nrl.navy.mil](mailto:regeon@nrl.navy.mil) or use courier delivery to expedite response.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.)

Dated: September 22, 2003.

**E.F. McDonnell,**

*Major, U.S. Marine Corps, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

### Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) two meetings described below. The Board will also conduct a series of public hearings pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286b and invites any interested persons or group to present any comments, technical information, or data concerning safety issues relates to the matters to be considered.

**TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** 9 a.m., October 21, 2003, and 9 a.m., October 23, 2003.

**PLACE:** Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004-2001.

Additionally, as a part of the Board's E-Government initiative, the meetings will be presented live throughout Internet video streaming. A link to these presentations will be available on the Board's Web site (<http://ww.dnfsb.gov>).

**STATUS:** Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require that the scheduled discussions be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that open meetings in this specific case further the public interests underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board's enabling legislation.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Board has been reviewing the Department of Energy's (DOE) current oversight and management of the contracts and contractors it relies upon to accomplish the mission assigned to DOE under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

We will focus on what impact, if any, DOE's new initiatives may have upon assuring adequate protection of the health and safety of the public and workers at DOE's defense nuclear facilities. The second and third public meetings will collect information needed to understand and address any health or safety concerns that may require Board action. This will include, but is not limited to, presentations by DOE and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to explain their contract management and oversight initiatives, presentations by Federal and industry experts in Federal contracting for essential and high risk government services; and possibly further presentations by Board staff.

The Board has identified several key areas that will be better examined in public meetings. For example, during the October 21st meeting, DOE and NNSA will discuss their new approaches which increase DOE's and NNSA's reliance upon contractor self-assessment programs while decreasing Federal oversight. During the October 23rd meeting, the Board will hear from representatives from the aerospace industry. The information gathered at that time will explore Federal contract management and oversight experience and will provide relevant reference experience.

In subsequent public meetings, the Board will explore in more depth the field application of Federal management and oversight policies being developed by DOE and NNSA for defense nuclear facilities. The public hearing portions are independently authorized by 42 U.S.C. 2286b.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth M. Pusateri, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2901, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests to speak at the hearings may be submitted in writing or by telephone. The Board asks that commentators describe the nature and scope of their oral presentation. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on October 20, 2003, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m., for the October 21st meeting. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on October 22, 2003, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m., for the October 23rd meeting. The Board will post a schedule for those speakers who have contacted the Board before each hearing. The posting will be made

at the entrance to the Public Hearing Room at the start of each 9 a.m. meeting.

Anyone who wishes to comment or provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent deemed appropriate. Documents will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington, DC, office. The Board will hold the record open until November 24, 2003, for the receipt of additional materials. Transcripts of the meetings will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington office and at DOE's public reading room at the DOE Federal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

The Board specifically reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the meetings and hearings, to recess, reconvene, postpone, or adjourn the meetings and hearings, conduct further reviews, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

**John T. Conway,**

*Chairman.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address [Karen\\_F\\_Lee@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Karen_F_Lee@omb.eop.gov).

**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.

Dated: September 23, 2003.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (NEILS).

*Frequency:* Semi-annually; annually; biennially.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 634.

Burden Hours: 267.

*Abstract:* NEILS will provide the first national picture of the experiences and outcomes of infants/toddlers in early intervention. The study will inform special education policy development and support Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) measurement and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) reauthorization with data from parents, service providers, and teachers of children who received early intervention services.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2310. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information

should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address [Vivan.Reese@ed.gov](mailto:Vivan.Reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address [Sheila.Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila.Carey@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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### Hydrogen Education Development

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of solicitation for financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies Program of the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is soliciting financial assistance Applications with the objective of contributing to industry efforts and the President's Hydrogen Fuel Initiative in developing a path to a hydrogen economy. DOE intends to provide financial support for this effort under authority of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 95-91. DOE is soliciting Applications for hydrogen education development activities.

**DATES:** The Solicitation was issued on September 13, 2003 with a closing date on December 4, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the Solicitation, interested parties should access the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site. The Solicitation can be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by Browsing Opportunities by Program Office, (Enter IIPS), Financial Assistance, Golden Field Office, and then selecting this Solicitation number. DOE will not issue paper copies of the Solicitation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Damm, Contracting Officer, via