21. How Should States Address Capital Expenditures in the Base Year? For Example, Several Counties Purchased Equipment in the Base Year, Which Appears To Establish an Unreasonable MOE Baseline for Those Jurisdictions

For purposes of establishing the baseline MOE, HAVA does not make a distinction between capital expenditures and recurring costs associated with election administration that were incurred in the base year. However, when calculating MOE baselines, capital expenditures may be expensed in a manner consistent with IRS depreciation tables, over the expected life of the equipment purchased.

22. How Do States Establish a Baseline MOE When the Year Before FY 2000 Was Not an Election Year and the Election Administration Costs in That Year Were Lower Than in an Election Year?

HAVA is clear that the timeframe for setting the baseline MOE is the year before November 2000.

23. Does the EAC Have Any Suggestions for How To Enforce MOE Requirements With Eligible Lower Tier Fund Recipients?

States should have several mechanisms available to ensure compliance with MOE requirements. Sub-grant agreements should be modified to contain MOE requirements and instructions. Any agreements to buy and transfer equipment or services to lower tier jurisdictions should also contain such a requirement. Finally, States, as the legal recipient of HAVA funds, have authority to enforce MOE requirements through administrative action which could include withholding future requirement payments.

24. Can You Provide an Example of Another Federal Agency That Requires Tracking of MOE at This Detailed Level?

State and local education agencies are required to go through a similar process to meet their MOE requirements for Federal funding from the U.S. Department of Education.

25. What Type of Assistance and Training Can the States Expect From the EAC To Help Implement This Policy?

EAC grants staff will be available to provide guidance to States on their MOE plans. In addition, EAC plans to provide technical assistance to develop tools and templates to help capture and track MOE. EAC will also publish sample MOE plans from States willing to share their work with others as a best practices guideline.

26. What Authority in HAVA Allows EAC To Implement This Proposed Policy?

Section 254(a)(7) of HAVA requires States to include in their State plan an explanation of how they will meet their MOE obligations. Submitting a State plan and all of its required sections is a precondition for receiving a requirement payment. Section 258(3) requires States to submit a yearly report that includes an analysis and description of the activities funded with Section 251 funds, as well as how activities conform to the State Plan under Section 254. This policy defines MOE and provides States with a voluntary set of guidelines and practices for developing a baseline MOE and tracking yearly progress towards meeting that obligation. Section 202(4) of HAVA requires that EAC provide information and training on the management of payments and grants provided through HAVA.

Thomas R. Wilkey,

Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Extension of the Public Comment Period for the Draft Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site, Richland, WA

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of the public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is extending the public comment period for the *Draft Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington* (Draft EIS, DOE/EIS–00391), made available for public comment on October 30, 2009 (74 FR 56194). The public comment period for the Draft EIS was to complete on March 19, 2010, and will be extended for 45 days. The new date for the close of the Public Comment period is now May 3, 2010. The extension is being made at the request of several reviewers.

ADDRESSES: The Draft EIS is available electronically through, and written comments can be submitted at, *TC&WMEIS@saic.com,* or by faxing to (888) 785–2865. Paper copies may be obtained by request to the EIS Web site or by contacting: Mary Beth Burandt, Document Manager, Office of River Protection, P.O. Box 1178, Richland, Washington, 99352, 888–829–6347. The Draft EIS is also available at DOE's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Web site at *http://www.gc.energy.gov/nepa.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the Draft EIS, contact Ms. Burandt at the address above or by telephone at 1–888–785–2865. For further information on DOE's NEPA process, contact Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585–0103, Telephone: (202) 586–4600, or leave a message at (800) 472–2756. Further information on the Draft EIS is also available through the Hanford Web site at: *http://www.hanford.gov/orp.*

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William M. Levitan,

Director, Office of Environmental Compliance, Office of Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration,