

wastewater needs of the East End since conveyance to Kennett Square's plant is proposed to end in the near future. The facilities are designed for construction in two phases: an initial 200,000 gpd phase and two additional 50,000 gpd phases as needed. There will be no discharge to surface water.

#### 7. North Coventry Municipal Authority D-97-1 CP

A project to modify and expand the applicant's existing trickling filter STP from an average monthly flow of 0.7 mgd to 1.5 mgd. The expanded STP will provide secondary biological treatment via an oxidation ditch activated sludge process. The STP will continue to serve existing and proposed development in North Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The STP is located in the northeastern corner of North Coventry Township and is situated on the south bank of the Schuylkill River to which it will continue to discharge, just downstream from the U.S. Route 442 bridge.

Documents relating to these items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Preliminary dockets are available in single copies upon request. Please contact Thomas L. Brand concerning docket-related questions. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing are requested to register with the Secretary prior to the hearing.

Dated: March 11, 1997

Susan M. Weisman,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Management Group, 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 May 19, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**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 Director, Information Resources Management Group publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: March 14, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Report of Services for Children with Deaf-Blindness Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 58. Burden Hours: 9.

*Abstract:* Form OMB No. 1820-0532 under the Services for Children with Deaf-Blindness program, is the sole source of data on (a) Number of deaf-blind children served by age, severity, sex, and nature of deaf-blindness; (b) Number of service trained/counseled; and types of services provided. Used annually to report the most accurate count to Congress.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Captioned film/videos for the Deaf, Application for Loan Service and Response Form.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

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

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 23,000. Burden Hours: 5,100.

*Abstract:* This package provides an application form for prospective users of the Captioned Films and Videos and response cards to evaluate satisfaction with films/videos.

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### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Management Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 28, 1997. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 19, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506 (c)(2)(A)) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Director of the Information Resources Management Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: March 14, 1997.  
Gloria Parker,  
*Director, Information Resources Management Group.*

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* 1997 State Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)

*Abstract:* The 1997 State TIMSS will use forms and procedures from the 1995 Third International Mathematics and Science Study to assess grade 8 students in math and science in states that choose to participate in the 1997 study. These states will be taking the first step toward meeting President Clinton's challenge to adopt national education standards and to voluntarily administer tests to monitor progress toward these standards.

*Additional Information:* Emergency clearance to reinstate TIMSS, with changes, for 90 days is requested because the need to conduct TIMSS assessments in 1997 was not anticipated until mid-February 1997. At that time, two states, Missouri and Oregon, requested administration of the TIMSS assessment for grade 8 in statewide samples of their schools during the spring 1997 semester. TIMSS for 1997 would be conducted from mid-April to mid-May 1997 in two states only and at grade 8 only, and would exclude any performance tasks, case studies, or videotape studies associated with the original 1997 data collection. Thus, the 1997 study is a substantially reduced version of the original study.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 3,025. Burden Hours: 7,150.

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**Fund for the Improvement of Education Program—Assessment Development Grants; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997**

*Purpose of Program:* To fund projects that develop, evaluate and field-test assessments aligned with challenging State content standards. The Secretary intends to provide Federal financial assistance to assist eligible applicants in the development or modification of such assessments that can be used to improve classroom instruction, motivate all students to improve educational performance, and provide examples for students, teachers and parents of the learning outcomes that can be expected for all students.

*Eligible Applicants:* State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), institutions of higher education, and other public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions, including consortia of such organizations, are eligible to receive funds under these priorities.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 30, 1997.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* July 29, 1997.

*Applications Available:* March 24, 1997.

*Estimated Available Funds:* Up to \$4,000,000.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 per year.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$400,000 per year.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 10 awards.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Maximum Award:* The Secretary does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding \$1,000,000 for the first budget period of 12 months.

*Project Period:* Up to 48 months.

*Budget Period:* 12 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations in 34 CFR Parts 98, 99, and 700.

**Priorities**

The priorities in the notice of final priorities for this program, published in the Federal Register on April 1, 1996 (61 FR 14392) and repeated below apply to this competition.

*Absolute Priority 1—Projects that develop, field-test, and evaluate assessments that are aligned to State content standards.*