

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: October 2, 1997.

**Gloria Parker,**

*Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* State Plan for Independent Living, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended (Act), Title VII, Chapter 1.

*Frequency:* Every three years.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 4,480.

*Abstract:* The purpose of Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Act (Ch. 1) is to promote a philosophy of independent living which includes control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society. To implement this purpose, Ch. 1 authorizes financial assistance to States for providing, expanding and improving the provisions of State independent living services (SILS), to develop and support statewide networks of centers for independent living (CILs), to improve working relationships among State IL services programs (SILS), CILs, Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), programs funded under other titles of the Act, and other programs that address issues relevant to individuals with disabilities funded by Federal and non-Federal authorities.

Section 704 of the Act requires the designated State unit(s) (DSU), jointly with the SILC to develop and sign an approvable SPIL in each State to receive financial assistance under Ch. 1.

**Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Applications for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

Responses: 2,600.

Burden Hours: 41,600.

*Abstract:* The United States Scholars Program is a national recognition program to honor and recognize outstanding graduating high school seniors. Candidates are invited to apply to the program based on academic achievements on the SAT or ACT. This program was established under Executive Order of the President 11155.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**DOE Implementation Plan for Recommendation 97-1 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Safe Storage of Uranium-233**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 97-1, concerning the safe storage of uranium-233, on March 11, 1997 (62 FR 11160). Under section 315(e) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e), the Department of Energy must transmit an implementation plan on Recommendation 97-1 to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board after acceptance of the Recommendation by the Secretary. The Department's implementation plan was sent to the Safety Board on September 29, 1997, and is available for review in the Department of Energy Public Reading Rooms.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the implementation plan to: Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Tseng, Director of the Nuclear Materials Stabilization Task Group in the Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 2, 1997.

**Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.,**

*Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.*

September 29, 1997.

The Honorable John T. Conway,  
*Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004*

Dear Mr. Chairman: We are pleased to forward the Department's implementation plan for addressing the issues raised in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Recommendation 97-1 concerning the safe storage of uranium-233 material. The Department assessed the safety issues associated with the recommendation in terms of the history of uranium-233. The primary safety issue being addressed with the implementation plan is the lack of material characterization and uncertainty of storage conditions for uranium-233.

As noted in my April 25, 1997, letter to you, the Department is using a systems engineering approach to manage the implementation of this recommendation. Recognizing that it will take time to perform the systems engineering efforts, we are concurrently taking near-term actions as described in the implementation plan to further assess material characterization and storage conditions and make necessary changes to mitigate interim identified risks.

The implementation plan was prepared by a Task Team reporting to the Assistant Secretaries for Defense Programs and Environmental Management, in coordination with other affected Headquarters and Field offices. Mr. John Tseng, Director of the Nuclear Materials Stabilization Task Group in the Office of Environmental Management, is the responsible manager for implementation of the plan. He can be reached at (202) 586-0383.

Sincerely,

Federico Peña

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[Docket Nos. EA-156 and EA-157]

**Applications to Export Electric Energy; Inland Pacific Resources and Consolidated Edison**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE

**AGENCY:** Notice of applications.

**SUMMARY:** Inland Pacific Resources, Inc., a power marketer, and Consolidated Edison Company of New York, a public utility, have submitted applications to export electric energy to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before November 7, 1997.