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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Recognitiion of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for comments on agencies applying to the Secretary for Renewal of Recognition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and Eligibility Determination Division, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Room 3915 ROB–3, Washington, DC 20202–5244, telephone: (202) 708–7417. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Submission of Third-Party Comments.

The Secretary of Education recognizes, as reliable authorities as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs within their scope, accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education that meet certain criteria for recognition. A notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 1997 (Volume 62, page 67632) invited interested third parties to present written comments on agencies scheduled for review at the June 1998 meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). The purpose of this notice is to correct information that was provided in the December 29 notice regarding the names of two agencies that appeared in that notice, to add two other agencies to the list of agencies whose interim reports are to be reviewed at the June meeting, and to delete one agency, the Oklahoma State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, from that list. The correct information is included at the end of this notice. This notice also extends the deadline from February 12, 1998 to March 12, 1998 for interested third parties to present written comments on the two agencies named in this notice that will be filing interim reports. All other provisions of the December 29, 1997 **Federal Register** notice remain in effect.

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of two-year programs for the ophthalmic dispenser and one-year programs for the ophthalmic laboratory technician)

2. Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Board of Directors (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation (''Candidate status'') of educational programs for the allied health occupations of cytotechnologist and electroneurodiagnostic technologist)

Interim Reports

1. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges

2. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (Note: this agency was incorrectly listed as the Oklahoma State Board of Vocational and Technical Education in the December 29, 1997 notice.)

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Subsequent Arrangement Concerning Reciprocal Arrangements for Exchanges of Information and Visits Under the Agreement for Cooperation for the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the People's Republic of China

AGENCY: Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent of the Government of the United States and the Government of the Peoples Republic of China to establish mutually acceptable reciprocal arrangements for exchanges of information and visits to material, facilities, and components subject to the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the People's Republic of China concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, signed July 23, 1985 (''the Agreement'').

The framework for executing the proposed exchanges is established in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated June 23, 1987, which has been initialed by the two Governments and is reproduced at the end of this Notice. The Department of Energy will issue a second Notice of Proposed Subsequent Arrangement, which may contain additional pertinent information, after the Memorandum of Understanding is signed by the two Governments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Procedural Background

In order to carry out the 1985 U.S.-China Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, the President is required under P.L. 99–183 to make a certification to Congress on three matters and to submit to Congress a detailed report on China's nonproliferation policies and practices. The President must certify that (A) the reciprocal arrangements made pursuant to Article 8 of the Agreement have been designed to be effective in ensuring that any nuclear materials, facilities or components provided under the Agreement shall be utilized solely for intended peaceful purposes as set forth in the Agreement; (B) the Government of the People's Republic of China has provided additional information concerning its nuclear nonproliferation policies and that, based on this and all other information available to the United States Government, the People's Republic of China is not in violation of paragraph (2) of section 129 of the Atomic Energy Act; and (C) the obligation to consider favorably a request to carry out activities described in Article 5 (2) of the Agreement shall not prejudice the decision of the United States to approve or disapprove such a request.

The President made these certifications on January 12, 1998, and forwarded them to the Congress on January 13, 1998.

House Report 99–382 (November 20, 1985), concerning Public Law 99–183, specified that it was the expectation of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs that at the time the President made these certifications, details concerning the reciprocal arrangements under Article 8 of the Agreement would ''be submitted to the Congress for review as a 'subsequent arrangement' under section 131a of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.'' That section of the Atomic Energy Act mandates, *inter alia*, that subsequent arrangements are to be issued by the Secretary of Energy or his designee, after obtaining the concurrence of the Department of State and after consultation with the Arms