

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Section 33, the "Missouri River Between Fort Peck Dam, Montana, and Gavins Point Dam, South Dakota and Nebraska," Bank Stabilization Project**

**AGENCY:** Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The dams and reservoirs on the upper Missouri River have caused a lowering of the streambed in the open reaches downstream from the dams. They have also caused a continuing net loss of high-bank lands, the reduction or elimination of the annual cycle of erosion and accretion, and a widening of the channel in some locations. The "Section 33" program was created by Congress with the expressed purpose of allowing the Corps of Engineers to assist affected landowners in alleviating these effects through a variety of measures. These measures include maintaining or rehabilitating existing bank stabilization structures, constructing new bank stabilization structures, purchasing affected property and monetary compensation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the proposed action and Draft EIS should be directed to Candace M. Thomas, Chief, Environmental and Economics Section, Water Resources Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 215 North 17th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102-4978 or at 402-221-4575.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is to evaluate the potential degree or level of implementation of the alternative measures authorized by Congress, and their expected environmental impacts. Because the specific components of the Section 33 program are not known at this time, and specific sites have not been identified for development, this will be a programmatic EIS that identifies the general impacts and issues associated with each of the alternatives evaluated. The programmatic EIS provides for the coverage of general matters in a broader environmental document. Subsequent narrower and site-specific environmental analyses will be performed when specific projects are determined in the future.

The Missouri River reaches included in the Section 33 program are as follows:

- a. Fort Peck Dam to about twenty miles upstream of Lake Sakakawea (RM 1770 to RM 1580).
- b. Garrison Dam to the upper end of Lake Oahe (RM 1390 to RM 1303).
- c. Oahe Dam to about Pierre, South Dakota (RM 1071 to RM 1066).
- d. About five miles downstream from Fort Randall Dam to Springfield, South Dakota (RM 875 to RM 832).
- e. Gavins Point Dam to about 20 miles upstream of Sioux City, Iowa (RM 810 to RM 752).

Scoping meetings will be held on February 22, 1999 at the Sherman Motor Inn in Wolf Point, Montana at 6:30 p.m.; on February 23, 1999 at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota at 6:30 p.m.; and on February 25, 1999 at the Prairie Inn & Convention Center in Vermillion, South Dakota at 6:30 p.m. These scoping meetings, as well as agency meetings, will be held to solicit input on the issues, studies needed, alternatives to be evaluated, and other related matters. Written comments will also be requested.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and 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 March 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, 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 DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW,

Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Pat\_Sherrill@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 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, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: January 25, 1999.

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**Office of Vocational and Adult Education**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* National Survey to Determine the Need for Special Education Services.

*Frequency:* One time.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 689.

Burden Hours: 668.

*Abstract:* The Office of Correctional Education is conducting a study to

determine the number of incarcerated juvenile and youthful offenders with disabilities. This study is being undertaken by the American Institutes for Research. Three surveys and methodology are being presented for review.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission of Data by State Educational Agencies

**AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of dates of submission of state revenue and expenditure reports for fiscal year 1998 and of revisions to those reports.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Education announces dates for the submission by state educational agencies (SEAs) of expenditure and revenue data and average daily attendance statistics on ED Form 2447 (the National Public Education Financial Survey) for fiscal year (FY) 1998. The Secretary sets these dates to ensure that data are available to serve as the basis for timely distribution of Federal funds. The U.S. Bureau of the Census is the data collection agent for the Department's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data will be published by NCES and will be used by the Secretary in the calculation of allocations for FY 2000 appropriated funds.

**DATES:** The date on which submissions will first be accepted is March 15, 1999. The mandatory deadline for the final submission of all data, including any revisions to previously submitted data, is September 7, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** SEAs may mail ED Form 2447 to: Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800.

Alternatively, SEAs may hand deliver submissions to: Governments Division, Bureau of the Census, 8905 Presidential Parkway, Washington Plaza II, Room 508, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, by 4 p.m. (Eastern Time).

If an SEA's submission is received by the Bureau of the Census after September 8, in order for the submission to be accepted, the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before the mandatory deadline date:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

1. A private metered postmark.
2. A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an SEA should check with its local post office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Lawrence R. MacDonald, Chief, Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800. Telephone: (301) 457-1574. 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.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this notice in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to: Frank Johnson, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20208-5651. Telephone: (202) 219-1618.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of section 404(a) of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 9003(a)), which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines the average state per pupil expenditure (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education, as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 8801 (12)).

In addition to using the SPPE data as useful information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Title I), Impact Aid, and Indian Education. Other programs such as the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund, the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development

Program, and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I allocations.

In January 1999, the Bureau of the Census, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will mail to SEAs ED Form 2447 with instructions and request that SEAs submit data to the Bureau of the Census on March 15, 1999, or as soon as possible thereafter. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data on March 15, or as soon as possible thereafter, to facilitate timely processing. Submissions by SEAs to the Bureau of the Census will be checked for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. All data, including any revisions, must be submitted to the Bureau of the Census by an SEA not later than September 7, 1999.

Having accurate and consistent information, on time, is critical to an efficient and fair allocation process, as well as the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, NCES establishes, for allocation purposes, September 7, 1999, as the final date by which ED Form 2447 must be submitted. However, if an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that results in a lower SPPE figure, its allocations may be adjusted downward or the Department may request the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs. If an SEA submits revised data after September 7, the data may also be too late to be included in the final NCES published dataset.

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