DATES: The Modes of Operation workshop will be held on Friday, October 20, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To provide for sufficient time to prepare the agenda for the modes to be discussed at the workshop, comments are due by October 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Details regarding workshop registration can be found at: http://www.nist.gov/modes.

Comments regarding proposed modes of operation may be sent to: EncryptionModes@nist.gov or to Elaine Barker, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8930, USA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Symmetric Key Block Cipher Modes of Operation home page (http://www.nist.gov/modes) may be used to access information regarding the modes of operation workshop, registration and lodging information.

Questions may also be addressed to: 1) Elaine Barker at (301) 975–2911 (Email: ebarker@nist.gov) or Bill Burr at (301) 975–2914 (Email: william.burr@nist.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1997, NIST began the development of the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) to specify a symmetric key block cipher algorithm that would provide confidentiality for sensitive (unclassified) data. As the AES development process nears its conclusion, the specific modes of operation for its use need to be addressed. In 1980, Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 81, *DES Modes of Operation,* defined four encryption modes for the Data Encryption Standard (DES). The four modes are the Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode, the Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode, the Cipher Feedback (CFB) mode, and the Output Feedback (OFB) mode. Each mode of FIPS 81 specifies a different way to use the DES block encryption algorithm to encrypt and decrypt data, with somewhat different security and operational characteristics, and each is best suited to different applications. Cryptographic system designers or security application designers need to select one or more of the modes when using the DES symmetric key block cipher algorithm in a cryptographic system or security application. However, FIPS 81 was written to be specific to DES and its key and block size. A new standard is needed that will address other symmetric key block cipher algorithms (*e.g.,* AES). The workshop will provide NIST with useful input as the standard is drafted.

It is NIST's intention that the planned standard be independent of specific key or block sizes of particular encryption algorithms and that the standard include the four modes specified in FIPS 81, plus other modes needed for current applications and technology. During the development of the AES, NIST received comments suggesting that additional modes should be included in a Modes of Operation standard, and that the development of a new modes standard should be carefully considered by the cryptographic community. To this end, the workshop will discuss appropriate secure modes that participants believe NIST should consider for the standard. Comments are requested prior to the workshop on any recommended modes so as to facilitate discussion of specific proposals at the workshop. Following the workshop, NIST intends to prepare a draft standard that will be made available for public review and comment.

Advance registration and a workshop fee is required for workshop attendance. Details of the workshop may be obtained at http://www.nist.gov/modes. Note that this workshop follows the National Information Systems Security Conference (NISSC) held in Baltimore, Maryland from October 16–19, 2000.

NIST solicits comments from interested parties, including industry, academia, voluntary standards organizations, the public, Federal agencies, and State and local governments concerning the Modes of Operation Standard issues and techniques for discussion at the workshop.

Authority: NIST's activities to develop computer security standards to protect Federal sensitive (unclassified) systems are undertaken pursuant to specific responsibilities assigned to NIST in Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–106), the Computer Security of 1987 (Pub. L. 100–235), and Appendix III to Office of Management and Budget Circular A–130.

Dated: July 18, 2000.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director, NIST.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Denial of Participation in the Special Access Program

July 19, 2000.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs suspending participation in the Special Access Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that Top Kid's, Inc. has violated the requirements for participation in the Special Access Program, and has suspended Top Kid's, Inc. from participation in the Program for the period August 1, 2000 through January 31, 2002.

Through the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published below, CITA directs the Commissioner to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of Top Kid's, Inc. during the period August 1, 2000 through January 31, 2002, and to prohibit entry by or on behalf of Top Kid's, Inc. under the Program of products manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during that period.

Requirements for participation in the Special Access Program are available in **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 16474, published on April 3, 1998.

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 19, 2000.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: The purpose of this directive is to notify you that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has suspended Top Kid's, Inc. from participation in the Special Access Program for the period August 1, 2000 through January 31, 2002. You are therefore directed

to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of Top Kid's, Inc. during the period August 1, 2000 through January 31, 2002. You are further directed to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of Top Kid's, Inc. manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during the period August 1, 2000 through January 31, 2002.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the 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 August 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wai-Sinn Chan, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Wai-Sinn__L.__Chan@omb.eop.gov.

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, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the 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.

Dated: July 19, 2000.

Joseph Schubart,

Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Annual Performance Report for the Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to use Technology Grant Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; Businesses or other for-profit; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 225—Burden Hours: 2,250.

Abstract: This submission requests approval for a web-based performance report needed by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to obtain baseline data and information on the progress and effectiveness of the Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to use Technology (PT3) grantees. The PT3 grant program was established to assist consortia of public and private entities in developing and implementing teacher training programs that prepare prospective teachers to use technology for improved instructional practices and student learning opportunities in the classroom. The performance reports will be completed by all 225 grantees and data gathered from the reports will be used by ED to determine which activities are most successful at training preservice teachers to integrate technology and to determine the overall effectiveness of the PT3 grant program.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from *http://edicsweb.ed.gov*, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202–4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO__IMG__Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202–708–9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Jacqueline Montague at (202) 708–5359 or via her internet address Jackie__Montague@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

July 19, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Type of Application: Amendment of Exemption.

b. Project No.: 7662–015.

c. Date filed: June 12, 2000.

d. Applicant: Reading Area Water Authority.

e. Name of Project: Ontelaunee.

f. Location: At Lake Ontelaunee in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)–825(r).

h. Applicant Contact: Gary D. Bachman, Van Ness Feldman, P.C., 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007, (202) 298–1800.

i. FERC Contact: Hector Perez, hector.perez@ferc.fed.us, 202–219–2843.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protest, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions: 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commisison's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. The existing project consists of two units at the facility's gatehouse, 375-kW and 530-kW, respectively, and a 37-kW unit at a nearby filter plant. The