respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0095, Commerce Patent Regulations, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Moss, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501–4764.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

As a result of the Department of Commerce (Commerce) publishing a final rule in the **Federal Register** implementing Public Law 98–620 (52 FR 8552, March 18, 1987), a revision to FAR Subpart 27.3 to implement the Commerce regulation was published in the **Federal Register** as an interim rule on June 12, 1989 (54 FR 25060).

A Government contractor must report all subject inventions to the contracting officer, submit a disclosure of the invention, and identify any publication, or sale, or public use of the invention (52.227–11(c), 52.227–12(c), and 52.227–13(e)(2)). Contractors are required to submit periodic or interim and final reports listing subject inventions (27.303(a); 27.304–1(e)(1)(i) and (ii); 27.304–1(e)(2)(i) and (ii); 52.227–12(f)(7); 52.227–14(e)(3)). In order to ensure that subject inventions are reported, the contractor is required to establish and maintain effective procedures for identifying and disclosing subject inventions (52.227–11, Alternate IV; 52.227–12(f)(5); 52.227–13(e)(1)). In addition, the contractor must require his employees, by written agreements, to disclose subject inventions (52.227–11(f)(2); 52.227–12(f)(2); 52.227–13(e)(4)). The contractor also has an obligation to utilize the subject invention, and agree to report, upon request, the utilization or efforts to utilize the subject invention (27.302(e); 52.227–11(h); 52.227–12(h)).

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 1,200.
Responses Per Respondent: 9.75.
Total Responses: 11,700.
Hours Per Response: 3.9.
Total Burden Hours: 45,630.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the proposal from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0095, Commerce Patent Regulations, in all correspondence.

Dated: July 20, 2001.

Al Matera,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provision of the ''Government in the Sunshine Act'' (5 USC 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below

Time and Date of Meeting: 9 a.m., August 15, 2001. Additionally, the meeting will be webcast and available at: *http://www.dnfsb.gov.*

Place: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004.

Status: Open.

Matters To Be Considered: The Department of Energy (DOE) requires contractors at defense nuclear facilities to develop and implement nuclear quality assurance programs to ensure the requisite quality of operations, products, and services that directly affect nuclear safety-related systems and operations. Activities required to be conducted under established quality assurance programs extend from scientific studies, to the design, construction, operation, and deactivation of defense nuclear facilities. Notwithstanding contract and rule requirements concerning quality assurance, there is evidence that quality assurance programs at defense nuclear facilities are not consistently achieving their quality objectives.

This is the third in a series of open meetings being held by the Board on the topic of quality assurance within DOE defense nuclear activities. Board inquiries will address: (1) The status of quality assurance assessments at DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) sites; (2) the status of quality assurance assessments at Environmental Management (EM) sites; (3) the status of corrective actions for software quality concerns; (4) Board staff observations on quality assurance at defense nuclear facilities; and (5) quality assurance as an enforcement tool in improving safety.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Richard A. Azzaro, General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004, (800) 788–4016. This is a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: July 23, 2001.

John T. Conway,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 July 25, 2001. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, 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 Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) 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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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. 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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: July 23, 2001.

John Tressler,

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

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Charter School Facility Financing Demonstration Grant Program.

Abstract: ED will use the information through this application to award 3–5 competitive grants. These grants will be made to private, non-profits; governmental entities; and consortia of these organizations. These organizations will use the funds to leverage private capital to help charter schools construct, acquire, and renovate school facilities.

Additional Information: The Department is requesting emergency processing in part because recipients need to receive these funds so that they can identify charter schools to benefit from these funds and establish strategies to leverage funds on behalf of these schools. Furthermore, participating charter schools need to plan their school facility needs. The Department wants all of the initial projects financed to be underway no later than next summer. Summer is the primary season for local educational agencies (LEAs) to undertake school facility renovation projects, when schools are not otherwise in use. Failure to make awards on this schedule will likely cause substantial harm to some charter schools since they may be forced to delay their school renovation projects until the following year. The Department requests OMB approval by July 25.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 30.

Burden Hours: 1,200.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202–4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202–708–9346.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Kathy Axt at (540) 776–7742. 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

Revision to the Record of Decision for the Department of Energy's Waste Management Program: Treatment and Storage of Transuranic Waste

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Revision to record of decision.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1021.315, is revising the Record of Decision (ROD) for the DOE Waste Management Program: Treatment and Storage of Transuranic (TRU) Waste, issued on January 20, 1998 (63 **Federal Register** (FR) 3629) and revised previously on December 29, 2000 (65 FR 82985). The Department has now decided to transfer approximately 300 cubic meters of contact-handled transuranic (CH–TRU) waste from the Mound Plant in Ohio to the Savannah River Site (SRS) in South Carolina for storage, characterization, and repackaging prior to sending it to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico for disposal. The CH–TRU waste will be shipped to SRS in specially designed railcars under an exemption granted by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The exemption allows for the shipment of 10 railcar loads, each containing no more than 200 curies of plutonium, and is in effect through May 2002. Previously in its ROD, based in part on the analysis in the Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (WM PEIS, DOE/EIS–0200F, dated May 1997), DOE had decided (with one exception) that each DOE site would prepare its own TRU waste for disposal and store it onsite until it is shipped to WIPP. Because DOE is closing the Mound Plant and the site is being converted into a commercial/industrial park, establishing a new capability at Mound to repackage its TRU waste to meet the specifications for shipment to WIPP is not practical or cost-effective.

DOE needs to ship its TRU waste from the Mound Plant to another site for repackaging into the TRU Package Transporter–II (TRUPACT–II) containers that are required for shipments to WIPP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the WM PEIS, the 1998 WM PEIS ROD for TRU waste, the first revised WM PEIS ROD for TRU waste (issued in 2000), this revised ROD, and the Supplement Analysis for Transportation of TRU Waste from the Mound Plant to SRS for Repackaging, Characterization, and Storage (DOE/EIS–0200–SA02) will be available on DOE's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Web at: *http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa* under DOE NEPA Analyses. To request copies of any of these documents, please write or call:

The Center for Environmental Management Information, P.O. Box 23769, Washington, DC 20026–3769, Telephone: 1–800–736–3282 (in Washington, DC 202–863–5084).

For further information regarding disposal of TRU waste at WIPP, contact: Ms. Lynne Smith, WIPP Office (EM–23), Office of Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 19001 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874–1290, Telephone: 301–903–3124.

For further information on the DOE program for the management of TRU