

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: May 1, 2002.

John D. Tressler,

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

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Early Reading First Program Federal Register Notice Inviting Applications, and Application Packet.

Abstract: The Early Reading First program will provide grants to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) and public and private organizations located in those LEAs to transform early childhood education programs into centers of excellence to help young at-risk children achieve the language, cognitive, and early reading skills they need to succeed when they enter kindergarten.

Additional Information: The Department expects to receive a large number of applications, and wishes to ensure that the funded applications are of the highest quality, and plans to use a two-phase application process (with a Pre-Application and Full Application). This two-phase application process will put less burden on the majority of applicants by requiring only a short concept paper from them, and will also have the benefit of providing helpful comments from peer reviewers to strengthen proposals from applicants invited to submit Full Applications. It would be difficult, without emergency paperwork clearance, for the Department to award these grants by December, 2002. Based upon the unexpected delay and the public harm that might otherwise occur with delaying grant awards, the Department is requesting approval by May 7, 2002.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 900.

Burden Hours: 12,000.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2020. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should

be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivan.reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@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, contact Kathy Axt at her Internet address Kathy.Axt@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 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 June 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, 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 Karen_F_Lee@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: April 30, 2002.

John D. Tressler,

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

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: State Library Agencies Survey, 2000-2002.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 51.

Burden Hours: 561.

Abstract: State library agencies (StLAs) are the official agencies of each state charged by state law with the extension and development of public library services throughout the state. The purpose of this survey is to provide state and federal policymakers with information about StLAs, including their governance, allied operations, developmental services to libraries and library systems, support of electronic information networks and resources, number and types of outlets, direct services to the public, public service hours, type and size of collections, service and development transactions, staffing patterns, and income and expenditures.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 1945. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivan.reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Reductions, and Carbon Sequestration

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking comments on possible modifications to the guidelines governing the Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Program (VRGGP) that allows for the voluntary reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and reductions, and carbon sequestration under section 1605(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. On February 14, 2002, the President directed the Secretary of Energy to propose improvements to the current registry to "enhance measurement accuracy, reliability and verifiability, working with and taking into account emerging domestic and international approaches." This notice of inquiry is an initial step in a process to propose improvements to the current VRGGP Greenhouse Gas Registry (GHG Registry), for which guidelines were published in 1994. DOE is seeking comment on the issues posed below, and welcomes any other comments pertinent to future changes in the GHG Registry.

Because of the broad public interest in the issues involved, DOE believes that the public should have an opportunity to provide input on the issues raised in advance of the Secretary's recommendations to the President. DOE is requesting written comments as one means to bring a broad range of views into the process of developing recommendations for proposed improvement to the GHG Registry. After analyzing submissions made in response to this notice, DOE contemplates scheduling at least one public workshop for obtaining additional public input prior to finalizing the recommendations for

proposed improvements to the GHG Registry. Notice of workshop(s) and other opportunities for input during development of proposed improvements to the GHG Registry will be published in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Commenters should submit a signed original, a computer diskette (WordPerfect or Microsoft Word) and three copies of the written comments. Written comments are to be filed at the address listed below no later than 4:30 p.m., eastern time June 5, 2002.

Alternately, comments can be filed electronically by e-mail to:

ghgregistry.comments@hq.doe.gov, noting "Voluntary Reporting Comments" in the subject line.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Office of Policy and International Affairs, Office of Electricity and Natural Gas Analysis, PI-23, Attention: Voluntary Reporting Comments, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 7H-034, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585. Alternately, comments can be filed electronically by e-mail to:

ghgregistry.comments@hq.doe.gov, noting "Voluntary Reporting Comments" in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jean Vernet, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Office of Electricity and Natural Gas Analysis, Forrestal Building, PI-23, Room 7H-034, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4755, e-mail:

jean.vernet@hq.doe.gov; or Mr. Peter Karpoff, PI-23, (202) 586-5639, e-mail: *peter.karpoff@hq.doe.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. Section 1605(b) of EPA Act and the Current Guidelines

Section 1605(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPA Act), Public Law 102-486, required the Secretary of Energy, with the Energy Information Administration (EIA), to establish a voluntary reporting program and database on emissions of greenhouse gases, reductions of these gases, and carbon sequestration (42 U.S.C. 13385(b)). More specifically, section 1605(b) required that DOE's guidelines provide for the "accurate" and "voluntary" reporting of information on: (1) Greenhouse gas emission levels for a baseline period (1987-1990) and, thereafter, annually; (2) annual reductions of greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration regardless of the specific method used to achieve them; (3) greenhouse gas emission

reductions achieved because of voluntary efforts, plant closings, or mandatory state or federal requirements; and (4) the aggregate calculation of greenhouse gas emissions by each reporting entity (42 U.S.C.

13385(b)(1)(A)-(D)). Section 1605(b) contemplates a program whereby voluntary efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions could be recorded, with the specific purpose that this record could be used "by the reporting entity to demonstrate achieved reductions of greenhouse gases" (42 U.S.C. 13385(b)(4)).

To carry out this statutory mandate, DOE established the GHG Registry, a program for the voluntary reporting of greenhouse gas emissions, emission reductions and carbon sequestration that has been in operation since 1995. The GHG Registry currently is governed by the General Guidelines for the Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases under Section 1605(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 ("General Guidelines"), which were issued in 1994 after notice and public comment (59 FR 52769). The current General Guidelines are supported by two additional documents: Sector-Specific Issues and Reporting Methodologies, volumes one and two, which include supporting Appendices A-E. Volume one of the Sector-Specific Issues and Reporting Methodologies addresses the Electricity Supply Sector, Residential and Commercial Buildings Sector, and Industrial Sector. Volume two covers the Transportation Sector, Forestry Sector, and Agricultural Sector. Together, the General Guidelines and supporting documents establish a broad-based program for the reporting of greenhouse gas reductions and carbon sequestration that result from voluntary and other activities. The General Guidelines and supporting documents may be accessed at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/1605/guidelns.html>.

The current General Guidelines encourage participants to report all types of greenhouse gas emission reduction and carbon sequestration activities, and participants are given flexibility in determining whether and how actual reductions are accomplished and reported. Any person or entity ("reporter") who wishes to participate in the current GHG Registry must, however, comply with the following minimum information requirements:

- (1) Reporters must clearly identify the facilities involved, the greenhouse gases reduced, the amount of reduction, and the year of the emissions;
- (2) Reporters must describe the emissions reduction or carbon sequestration project and