

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 30, 2002.

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. 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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: July 24, 2002.

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

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program Repayment Plan Selection Form.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,927,000.

Burden Hours: 635,910.

Abstract: Borrowers who receive loans through the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program will use this form to select a repayment plan for their loans.

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 2116. 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 Vivian.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 should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his email address Joe.Schubart@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**Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Future Location of the Heat Source/Radioisotope Power System Assembly and Test Operations Currently Located at the Mound Site—Issued for public comments**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Solicitation of public comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the National

Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Department has prepared a draft EA for the future location of the Heat Source/Radioisotope Power Systems (HS/RPS) assembly and test operations program currently located at the Mound site in Miamisburg, Ohio. After the events of September 11, 2001, a department-wide review of security identified the need for enhanced security measures at Mound to protect the materials associated with the program and the surrounding community. The Department analyzed a range of options including, upgrading the existing infrastructure at Mound site to enable the program to remain in that location as well as transferring the operations to more secure locations at the Pantex Site in Texas or the Argonne National Laboratory-West site in Idaho. The Department's highest priority is ensuring the health and safety of the workers at its sites and the communities surrounding them. With this responsibility at the forefront, the Department held four public meetings to discuss the future of this program. Information received from this public scoping process and preliminary assessments of the costs and schedules associated with the various alternatives, led to identification of DOE's Argonne National Laboratory-West site as the preferred site for the future location of the HS/RPS program. The Department is soliciting comments on the draft EA from the affected Federal, state, and local agencies and Tribal governments, and interested public.

DATES: Comments on the draft EA are due on August 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EA are available from Mr. Timothy A. Frazier and comments should be transmitted to him in any of the following ways: U.S. mail to: Mr. Timothy A. Frazier, U.S. Department of Energy, PO Box 66, Miamisburg, OH 45343-0066 [Phone: (937) 865-3748]; Facsimile: (937) 865-4489; electronic mail: Tim.Frazier@HQ.DOE.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department issued a **Federal Register** notice on May 31, 2002, announcing the public scoping meetings for the subject EA. Public scoping meetings were held in Washington, DC metropolitan area, Miamisburg, Ohio, Amarillo, Texas, and Idaho Falls, Idaho. Comments received on the scope of the EA were considered in preparation of the draft of the EA which is now being made available to the public and affected government agencies and Tribes. For consideration in preparation of the final EA, comments should be transmitted to Mr. Timothy A. Frazier, as specified above,