

reduce or retire indebtedness to a party in interest with respect to such plans.

By requiring that records pertaining to the exempted transaction be maintained for six years, this ICR insures that the exemption is not abused, the rights of the participants and beneficiaries are protected, and that compliance with the exemption's conditions can be confirmed. The exemption affects participants and beneficiaries of plans that are involved in such transactions as well as the party in interest.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor (Department) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of this ICR will expire on January 31, 2004. After considering comments received in response to this notice, the Department intends to submit the ICR to OMB for continuing approval. No change to the existing ICR is proposed or made at this time.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-83; Securities Purchases for Debt Reduction or Retirement.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210-0064.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 25.

Responses: 25.

Average Response Time: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 21, 2003.

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Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 03-135]

Notice of Information Collection

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: All comments should be submitted within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Ms. Nancy Kaplan, Code AO, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, (202) 358-1372.

Title: GLOBE Program Evaluation.

OMB Number: 2700-.

Type of Review: New collection.

Need and Uses: The information collected is needed to guide implementation of the GLOBE Program based on feedback from participating teachers, students, and partners in order to help meet the Program's goal of improving student achievement in mathematics and science.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,361.

Annual Responses: 499.

Hours Per Request: 30-90 minutes each.

Annual Burden Hours: 373.

Frequency of Report: Once.

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Chief Information Officer, Office of the Administrator.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (CEE) for the Development and Implementation of Overland Traverse Capabilities in Antarctica

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation proposes to develop and implement overland traverse capabilities in Antarctica to meet various logistical and scientific goals of the United States Antarctic Program (USAP). The purpose of this Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (CEE) is to identify the potential environmental impacts associated with USAP's performance of overland traverses and foster the development of a transportation strategy which optimizes a combination of airlift and overland traverse capabilities as conditions warrant.

The ability of the USAP to use overland traverses will enhance current logistical capabilities (e.g., transportation of cargo) by supplementing existing airlift mechanisms needed to support various facilities and science in Antarctica. In addition, the overland traverse capability will provide a continued means and expertise to support future advanced land-based scientific studies at remote locations in Antarctica. The methodology and equipment to conduct overland traverses in Antarctica is currently available. Various Antarctic Treaty nations, including the United States, have successfully performed traverses to meet numerous logistical and scientific goals.

The United States has periodically performed overland traverses in Antarctica on a limited basis since the 1957-58 International Geophysical Year (IGY). In recent years, the USAP has conducted annual overland traverses to resupply two small outlying facilities within 100 kilometers of McMurdo Station (i.e., Black Island Telecommunications Facility, Marble Point Refueling Facility). Since 1999, the U.S. has been a participant in the International Trans Antarctic Scientific Expedition (ITASE) along with 19 other nations and performed overland