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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Revisions to a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 1006-0001).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Crop Acreage and Yields and Water Distribution (Water User Crop Census Report [Form 7-332], and Crop and Water Data [Form 7-2045]), OMB Control Number: 1006-0001. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost burden.

**DATES:** Your written comments must be received on or before March 20, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information

collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, via facsimile to (202) 395-6566 or e-mail to

*OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*. A copy of your comments should also be directed to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: D-5300, PO Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007. You may request copies of the proposed forms by writing to the above address or by contacting Stephanie McPhee at: (303) 445-2897.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or a copy of the proposed forms contact Stephanie McPhee at: (303) 445-2897.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are currently in the process of collaborating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop a way to utilize USDA's existing information collection(s) to gather the data required for our purposes. However, this collaboration effort will not be completed before the expiration of the crop census forms in this information collection. Consequently, this information collection is being renewed as an interim measure to ensure a means exists for collection of the crop data necessary to perform our functions. We anticipate that the collaboration process with the USDA will be complete before further renewal of this information collection is required.

**Title:** Crop Acreage and Yields and Water Distribution.

**Abstract:** The annual crop census is taken on certain Reclamation projects primarily for use as a tool in administering, managing, and evaluating various aspects of the Federal reclamation program. The census is used to assist in the administration of repayment and water service contracts, which are used to repay the irrigators' obligation to the Federal government. The census will provide data to

facilitate the required 5-year review of ability-to-pay analysis, which is being incorporated into new repayment and water service contracts. The basis for these reviews is an audit by the Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

Data from the census are utilized to determine class 1 equivalency computation; *i.e.*, determining the number of acres of class 2 and class 3 land that are required to be equivalent in productivity to class 1 land.

In recent years, the census has provided data which are used to administer international trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement. Data from the census are also used by the Office of the Inspector General, Government Accountability Office, and the Congressional Research Service to independently evaluate our program and to estimate the impacts of proposed legislation. These data are supplied to other Federal and State agencies to evaluate the program and provide data for research.

The required 60-day comment period was initiated by a notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 19, 2005 (70 FR 54960, Sept. 19, 2005). No comments were received in response to the 60-day comment period.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Respondents:** Irrigators and water user entities in the 17 Western states who receive irrigation water service from Bureau of Reclamation facilities. Also included are entities who receive other water services, such as municipal and industrial water through Bureau of Reclamation facilities.

**Estimated Total Number of Respondents:** 1,325.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.0.

**Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:** 1,325.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 2,075 hours.

Form No.	Burden estimate per form (in hours)	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses	Annual burden on respondents (in hours)
Water User Crop Census Report (Form 7-332) .....	0.25	1,100	1,100	275
Crop and Water Data (Form 7-2045) .....	8.00	225	225	1,800
<b>Total: Estimate of Burden for Each Form .....</b>	.....	<b>1,325</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>2,075</b>

**Comments**

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions, including

whether the information will have practical use;

(b) The accuracy of our burden estimate for the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Reclamation will display a valid OMB control number on the crop census forms.

OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove this information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comment should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure maximum consideration.

Department of the Interior practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**Roseann Gonzales,**

*Director, Office of Program and Policy Services, Denver Office.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 70 FR 49684, and one comment was received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (703) 292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Comment:* On August 24, 2005, we published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 49684) a 60-day notice of our intent to request renewal of this information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days ending October 24, 2005. One comment was received in response to the public notice. The comment came from B. Sachau of Florham Park, NJ, via e-mail on August 24, 2005. Ms. Sachau objected to the information collection but had not specific suggestions for altering the data collection plans other than to discontinue them entirely.

*Response:* NSF believes that because the comment does not pertain to the collection of information on the required forms for which NSF is seeking OMB approval, NSF is proceeding with the clearance request.

*Title of Collection:* Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's Math and Science Partnership (MSP) Program.  
*OMB Control No.:* 3145—New.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Abstract:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests a three-year clearance for an evaluation of the Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program. After three years in existence, MSP as a program in its entirety has not been evaluated regarding whether it is achieving its goals or purposes. The MSP program is a research and development (R&D) effort funded by the NSF to integrate the work of higher education, especially disciplinary faculty in math, sciences, and engineering, with that of K-12 communities in order to strengthen and reform math and science education. The program is authorized under the NSF Authorization Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-368), December 19, 2002 (to authorize appropriations for FY 2003-07 and "for other purposes"). MSP is among 11 programs specifically authorized by the legislation (Sec. 11 authorizes a 12th program, the Centers for Research on Mathematics and Science Learning and Education Improvement).

The NSF's MSP program portfolio consists of about 80 awards or projects (e.g. design grants, standard or continuing grants or cooperative agreements) that initially were funded between 2002 and 2004. The type of awards subject to study and data collection, however, include only the comprehensive MSPs, targeted MSPs, teacher institute partnerships, and Research, Evaluation, and Technical Assistance (RETAs), or universe of approximately 65 discrete projects.

The evaluation's data collection and analysis activities will be conducted by COSMOS Corporation, Bethesda in partnership with Brown University, George Mason University, and The McKenzie Group via a contract administered by the NSF's Division of Research, Evaluation and Communication (REC). This evaluation involves both quantitative and qualitative data, collected from multiple sources using multiple methods, including secondary analyses of project-related materials such as existing databases (MSP Management Information System—OMB 3145-0199), annual reports, Web sites, and relevant policy and methodological documents and original data collection through one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders conducted during site visits. For the MSP Management Information System, the contract team will analyze these data using quantitative statistical models. A second data source consists of annual project reports and other reports submitted by the MSP grantees to the NSF in accordance with Federal research project reporting requirements