accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Impact Evaluation of Training in Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for Reading in Early Elementary School.

OMB Control Number: 1850–0953.

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households; State, Local, and Tribal Governments; State, Local, and Tribal Governments

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 24,480.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 5,413.

Abstract: This study will provide much needed evidence on strategies to support US students’ development of foundational reading skills, essential to later learning.

A third of US students fail to develop foundational reading skills by 4th grade that are necessary to succeed academically. In addition, the achievement gap is growing as demonstrated by The Nation’s Report Card. To address this, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) promotes the use of evidence-based literacy interventions. And, the Department of Education (ED) has made supporting educators with the knowledge, skills, professional development, or materials necessary to improve reading instruction a key priority. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) similarly encourages high quality instruction along with better identification of students needing extra support to prevent or mitigate student reading issues.

This study will provide much needed evidence by evaluating two professional development strategies for bolstering core reading instruction and supplemental supports, guided by data, within a MTSS–R framework. MTSS–R is a widely used framework for providing high-quality reading instruction for all students, identifying students needing supplemental or more intensive supports, and providing these additional supports for those who need it.

Dated: August 11, 2021.

Juliana Pearson,
PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Inquiry on Preparation of Report to Congress on the Price-Anderson Act

AGENCY: Office of General Counsel, DOE.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On July 26, 2021, the Department of Energy (the “Department” or “DOE”) published in the Federal Register a notice of inquiry (“NOI”) and request for comment from the public concerning the need for continuation or modification of the provisions of the Price-Anderson Act (“PAA”) as administered by DOE. The PAA establishes a system of financial protection that encourages the safe and secure operation of nuclear power and other nuclear activities and assures equitable compensation of victims in the event of a nuclear incident.

Comments from the public will assist the Department in the preparation of its report on the PAA to be submitted to Congress, as required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA), as amended. The NOI provided an August 25, 2021, deadline for comments. This notice announces a 60-day extension of the comment period to October 25, 2021.

DATES: The comment period for the NOI published on July 26, 2021 (86 FR 40032) is extended. DOE will accept written comments regarding the NOI submitted no later than October 25, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments to: paareportno@hq.doe.gov. Although DOE has routinely accepted public comment submissions through a variety of mechanisms, including postal mail and hand delivery/courier, the Department has found it necessary to make temporary modifications to the comment submission process in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. DOE is currently suspending receipt of public comments via postal mail and hand delivery/courier. If a commenter finds that this change poses undue hardship, please contact the Office of the General Counsel staff at (202) 586–2177 to discuss the need for alternative arrangements. Once the Covid-19 pandemic health emergency is resolved, DOE anticipates resuming all of its regular options for public comment submission, including postal mail and hand delivery/courier.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stewart Forbes, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Civilian Nuclear Programs, U.S. Department of Energy, Room 6A–167, 1000 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20585; Email: stewart.forbes@hq.doe.gov; and Phone: (202) 586–2177.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PAA was enacted in 1957 as an amendment to the AEA to encourage the development of nuclear power and nuclear activities by establishing a system of financial protection for persons who may be liable for and persons who may be injured by a nuclear incident. Since enactment, the PAA has been amended several times, most recently in 2005 as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Title VI, Subtitle A). The recent amendments extended the authority of DOE to grant the DOE Price-Anderson indemnification until December 31, 2025 and amended section 170p. of the AEA to mandate, as it had done with a prior extension, that DOE submit a report to Congress by December 31, 2021 ("2021 Report") on whether

provisions of the PAA should be
continued, modified, or eliminated.
DOE issued a prior report to Congress
pursuant to section 170p. in 1998.5
(“1998 Report”) recommending renewal of
the PAA, which was developed and
informed by a public comment process.
On July 26, 2021, DOE published a
NOI in the Federal Register (86 FR
40032) requesting public comment to
assist with its preparation of a report to
Congress on the need for continuation
or modification of the provisions of the
PAA as administered by DOE. In the
NOI, DOE provided an update on
significant changes in law or
circumstances since the 1998 Report,
including a non-exhaustive list of
questions and topics to be considered by
commenters, and requested public
comment to assist with preparation of
the 2021 Report. The NOI requested
public comment from interested persons
to be submitted by August 25, 2021.
On July 29, 2021, DOE received
comments from the Nuclear Energy
Institute (“NEI”) expressing
appreciation for the opportunity for
public participation in the development of
the 2021 Report while requesting
additional time, a 30-day extension, to
provide comments. NEI stated the
additional time is necessary to collect
views and comments from its members
on the future of the PAA and to enable
those comments to reflect meaningful
and substantive responses to the
specific enumerated questions and
topics posed by DOE in the NOI. NEI
also noted that granting the additional
time is consistent with the extensions in
the public comment deadlines provided
by DOE in connection with the 1998
Report, resulting in a public comment
period equal to 56 calendar days.
DOE also received comments and a
request for a 60-day extension on
August 6, 2021, from the Natural
Resources Defense Council (“NRDC”),
on behalf of the combined membership
of NRDC, Nuclear Information and
Resources Service, Beyond Nuclear, and
Savannah River Site Watch. NRDC
stated that given the significance of the
PAA to the framework of the nuclear
industry and the range of economic,
technical, policy and legal
considerations raised in the NOI, an
extension of the public period is
warranted to provide its members and
other stakeholders sufficient time to
consider, deliberate and formulate
comments in response to the NOI.
NRDC particularly noted the need for a
meaningful review period in order to
evaluate and address impacts of the
PAA in regard to the vital topic of
environmental justice, equity, and
inclusion, and the evolving and
developing technologies in the nuclear
industry, such as small modular reactors
and potential as-yet-unused nuclear
fuels.
DOE has determined that extension of
the comment period is appropriate
based on the foregoing reasons and is
thereby extending the comment period to
October 25, 2021. Given the importance
of proceeding in a timely manner
toward development of the 2021 Report
that is due to Congress by December 31,
2021, DOE does not intend to grant any
further extensions. Accordingly, DOE
will consider any comments received by
October 25, 2021.
Signing Authority
This document of the Department of
Energy was signed on August 10, 2021,
by John T. Lucas, Acting General
Counsel, Office of the General Counsel,
pursuant to delegated authority from the
Secretary of Energy. That document
with the original signature and date is
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purposes only, and in compliance with
requirements of the Office of the Federal
Register, the undersigned DOE Federal
Register Liaison Officer has been
authorized to sign and submit the
document in electronic format for
publication, as an official document of
the Department of Energy. This
administrative process in no way alters
the legal effect of this document upon
publication, as an official document of
the Federal Register.
Signed in Washington, DC on August 11,
2021.
Treena V. Garrett,
Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S.
Department of Energy.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Request for Information: Access to
Quantum Systems

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department
of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: Congress has requested DOE
to develop a roadmap to provide
researchers access to quantum systems
so as to enhance the U.S. quantum
research enterprise, stimulate the
fledgling U.S. quantum computing
industry, educate the future quantum
computing workforce, and accelerate
advancement of quantum computer
capabilities. In collaboration with
private sector stakeholders, the research
facility user community, and
interagency partners, the Department of
Energy (DOE), through the Office of
Science, intends to develop such a
roadmap. DOE invites interested parties
to provide input on the quantum
systems that DOE should include in the
roadmap; how the current access
models can meet the needs of quantum
researchers; and the appropriate
timeline and sequencing for
components of the roadmap.

DATES: Written comments and
information are requested on or before
September 30, 2021.

ADDRESSES: DOE is using the
https://www.regulations.gov system for the
submission and posting of public
comments in this proceeding. All
comments in response to this RFI are
therefore to be submitted electronically
through https://www.regulations.gov,
via the web form accessed by following
the “Submit a Formal Comment” link
near the top right of the Federal
Register web page for this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information may
be submitted to Quantum-Systems-
Access-RFI@science.doe.gov or Dr.
Ceren Susut, (301) 903–0366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Quantum information science (QIS) is
a potentially transformative emerging
field, with resulting quantum
technologies having significant
implications for scientific discovery as
well as for our Nation’s economic
prosperity and security.1 Widespread
access to a variety of quantum systems
for research, development, testing, and
evaluation is critical to continued rapid
progress and competitiveness in this
field and to accelerate QIS research and
development. Congress, in the Joint
Explanatory Statement accompanying
the Energy and Water Development and
Related Agencies Appropriations Act of
2021, requested DOE to “develop a
roadmap to provide researchers access
to quantum systems so as to enhance the
U.S. quantum research enterprise,
stimulate the fledging U.S. quantum
computing industry, educate the future
quantum computing workforce, and
accelerate advancement of quantum
computer capabilities.” 2

Types of quantum systems under
consideration: DOE may consider access
models for research and development

5 U.S. Dep’t of Energy, Report to Congress on the
sites/prod/files/gcprod/documents/par-rep.pdf (to
be referenced as “1998 Report”)

1 See https://www.quantum.gov/

2 https://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20201221/
BILLS-116THCWP6-jes-DIVISION-D.pdf