

approximately 2,405 acres and is located between the northern duded impact area and the Installation's eastern boundary.

The Army also analyzed the No Action Alternative in detail. While the No Action Alternative would not satisfy the purpose of or need for the Proposed Action, it was retained to provide a comparative baseline against which to analyze the effects of the Action Alternatives as required under the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Regulations.

During formal consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Army determined that potential moderate adverse impacts on the federally listed red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) would occur primarily from removal of clusters and habitat during HOMMTA construction, resulting in up to 11 "incidental takes." The HOMMTA Biological Opinion, however, reached the conclusion that the Army can reduce those potential adverse impacts through mitigation, and implementation of the HOMMTA with Alternative 1 would not jeopardize recovery of the RCW.

Potential impacts to Unique Ecological Areas, a subcomponent of biological resources, may be significant if they cannot be fully avoided with implementation of Alternative 1. No other resource is anticipated to experience significant adverse impacts.

Based on the analysis presented in the Final EIS, the No Action Alternative is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. Of the Action Alternatives, Alternative 2 is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. Considering potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts, national defense needs, Fort Benning's mission requirements, and the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action, however, the Army has selected Alternative 1 (*i.e.*, the Army's Preferred Alternative) to implement the Proposed Action. The Army determined that Alternative 1 strikes a proper balance between providing environmental protection and achieving the Army's training requirements.

The Army received several comments during the Final EIS waiting period. The Army took these comments into account in making its decision; however, the comments do not present information that constitutes significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns that would require supplementation of the EIS.

The ROD formally adopts numerous mitigation measures that the Army will implement to reduce potential adverse environmental impacts under

Alternative 1. All practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the Selected Alternative have been adopted. Mitigation measures that the Army considered but does not adopt at this time are listed in the Draft Mitigation and Monitoring Plan in the Final EIS with explanations of why those mitigation measures were considered not practical or necessary.

An electronic copy of the ROD is posted on the HOMMTA EIS web page at <https://www.benning.army.mil/Garrison/DPW/EMD/HOMMTA>. Additionally, interested parties may contact Mr. John Brown (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request a printed copy.

Publication of the ROD formally concludes the NEPA planning process for this Proposed Action, acknowledging that the Army will implement the adopted mitigation measures as identified in the ROD. The Army will implement Alternative 1, including all mitigation measures identified in the ROD, as described in the Final EIS.

**James W. Satterwhite, Jr.,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2021-OS-0035]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 27, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela Duncan, 571-372-7574, or

[whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Federal Background Investigation and Personnel Vetting Investigative Request Forms (INV 40-44); INV Forms 40-44; OMB Control Number 0705-0003.

*Type of Request:* Revision.  
*Number of Respondents:* 2,591,229.  
*Responses per Respondent:* 1.  
*Annual Responses:* 2,591,229.  
*Average Burden per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 215,935.75.  
*Needs and Uses:* The information collected on the INV Forms 40-44 is used for Federal and Federal contract employment. The forms are used to collect information from a multitude of record sources to support federal background investigation and personnel vetting processes such as: investigations and determinations of eligibility for access to classified national security information, and for access to special access programs; suitability for federal employment; fitness of contractor personnel to perform work for or on behalf of the U.S. Government; and Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12 determinations for Personal Identity Verification (PIV) credentials to gain logical or physical access to government facilities and systems. The content of the INV forms is also designed to meet notice requirements for personnel investigations specified by 5 CFR 736.102(c). These notice requirements apply to any "investigation . . . to determine the suitability, eligibility, or qualifications of individuals for Federal employment, for work on Federal contracts, or for access to classified information or restricted areas." None of the forms are used for any purpose other than a personnel background investigation, as described above.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit Institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* As Required.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal**

**Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Angela Duncan.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Duncan at [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

Dated: August 24, 2021.

**Kayyonne T. Marston,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2021-SCC-0127]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Third Party Authorization Form

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 26, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2021-SCC-0127. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the PRA Coordinator of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S.

Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave SW, LBJ, Room 6W208D, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in 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:* Third Party Authorization Form.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-NEW.

*Type of Review:* A new collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 25,000.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 100,000.

*Abstract:* This is a request for a new information collection for a third-party authorization form to be used by federal student loan borrowers to designate or revoke a designation of an individual or organization to represent the borrower in matters related to their federally held student loans. The Department has revised the initially proposed form. This revised form will continue to standardize the way that borrowers provide privacy act releases and authorization for a third party to take action on borrowers' federal student loan accounts held by various servicers.

This will standardize processes and help borrowers and their third-party representatives when loans transfer between servicers. This information collection stems from the Privacy Act of 1974 and the common law legal principles of agency, which is not reflected in the Department's statute or regulations, but with which the Department must comply or which the Department supports.

Dated: August 24, 2021.

**Kate Mullan,**

*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

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP21-1043-000.

*Applicants:* NRG Power Marketing LLC, Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC.

*Description:* Joint Petition for Limited Waiver of Capacity Release Regulations, et al. of NRG Power Marketing LLC, et al.

*Filed Date:* 8/20/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210820-5248.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 9/1/21.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.