

Abstract: The National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics, collects data directly from households on early childhood care and education, children's readiness for school, parent perceptions of school safety and discipline, before- and after-school activities of school-age children, participation in adult and continuing education, parent involvement in education, school choice, homeschooling, and civic involvement. NHES surveys have been conducted approximately every other year from 1991 through 2007 using Random Digit Dial (RDD) sampling and telephone data collection from landline telephones. Each survey collection included the administration of household screening questions (screener) and two or three topical surveys. Like virtually all RDD surveys, NHES Screener response rates have declined (from above 80% in early 1990s to 53% in 2007) and the decline in the percentage of households without landline telephones (from 93% in early 2004 to about 75% in 2009 mostly due to conversion to cellular-only coverage) raises issues about population coverage. To address these issues, the NHES is transitioning from a RDD interviewer administered study to an Address Based Sample, self-administered study. A feasibility test of the methodology was conducted successfully in 2009 and the new design along with a number of interventions to improve response rates and data quality were field tested in 2011. This submission seeks clearance to conduct the first full-scale national NHES data collection utilizing the new design in 2012. Data collection approaches that were most successful at balancing the need to limit overall bias, respondent burden, and cost in the field test will be used for the 2012 data collection. The Parent and Family Involvement in Education and Early Childhood Program Participation modules will be utilized, focusing on early education and care program participation among preschoolers, and parent and family involvement in the education of children in kindergarten through twelfth grades.

Copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's Web site at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4722. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view.

Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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 EDUCATION

Notice of Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 27, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or e-mailed to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov with a cc: to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

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. The OMB is particularly interested in comments which: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Dated: September 22, 2011.

Darrin King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Extension.

Title of Collection: Federal Family Educational Loan Program (FFEL) Regulations—Administrative Requirements for States, Not-For-Profit Lenders, and Eligible Lender Trustees.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0085.

Agency Form Number(s): N/A.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit Institutions; State. Local or Tribal Government.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 73.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 73.

Abstract: The regulations in 34 CFR 682.302 (f) assure the Secretary that the integrity of the program is protected from fraud and misuse of the program funds. These regulations require a State, non-profit entity, or eligible lender trustee to provide to the Secretary a certification on the State or non-profit entity's letterhead signed by the State or non-profit's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), which states the basis upon which the entity qualifies as a State or non-profit entity. The submission must include documentation establishing the entity's State or non-profit status. In addition, the submission must include the name and lender identification number for which the eligible not-for-profit designation is being certified. Once an entity has been approved as an eligible not-for-profit holder, the entity must provide to the Secretary an annual certification on the State or non-profit entity's letterhead signed by the CEO, which includes the name and lender identification number(s) of the entities for which designation is being recertified. The annual certification must state that the State or non-profit entity has not altered its status as a State or non-profit entity since its prior certification to the Secretary and that it continues to satisfy the requirements of an eligible not-for-profit holder either in its own right or through a trust

agreement with an eligible lender trustee. Further, when an approved not-for-profit holder has a change in status, within 10 days of becoming aware of the occurrence of a change that may result in a State or non-profit entity that has been designated an eligible not-for-profit holder, either directly or through an eligible lender trustee, losing that eligibility, the State or non-profit entity must submit details of the change to the Secretary.

Copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's Web site at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4663. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

12:30 p.m.–1 p.m. (E.D.T.)—Registration.

1 p.m.–4 p.m. (E.D.T.)—Meeting.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lou Capitano, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas,

Washington, DC 20585. *Phone:* (202) 586-5600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy's Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

Tentative Agenda: The agenda will include:

Welcome and Introductions;

Committee Business;

Overview of DOE's Methane Hydrate Program;

Report and discussion on work in Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico;

Report and discussion on International activities;

National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)'s Methane Hydrate Fellowship; and

Outreach: National Laboratory, NETL, and Interagency Program aspects.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Designated Federal Officer of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals who would like to attend must RSVP to Trudy Transtrum, at (202) 586-7253 or by e-mail at:

trudy.transtrum@hq.doe.gov, no later than 12 p.m. on Thursday, October 6,

2011. Please provide your name, organization, citizenship, and contact information. Anyone attending the meeting will be required to present government issued identification. Space is limited. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Trudy Transtrum at the phone number or e-mail listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the three-minute rule.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing, emailing or calling Trudy Transtrum, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, or by e-mail at: trudy.transtrum@hq.doe.gov or telephone at: (202) 586-7253.

Issued at Washington, DC, on September 21, 2011.

LaTanya Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Electricity Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, October 19, 2011: 2 p.m.–5 p.m. E.D.T.

Thursday, October 20, 2011: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. E.D.T.

ADDRESSES: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Meyer, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 8G-024, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; *telephone:* (202) 586-3118; *e-mail:* David.Meyer@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) was re-established in July 2010, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, to provide advice to the U.S. Department of Energy in implementing the Energy Policy Act of 2005, executing the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and modernizing the nation's electricity delivery infrastructure. The Committee is composed of individuals of diverse backgrounds selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues that pertain to electricity.

Purpose of the Meeting: The meeting of the EAC is expected to include presentations and discussions of reports on a prosperous, low-carbon Europe and the Smart Grid, as well as activities of the Smart Grid, Energy Storage Technologies, and Transmission Subcommittees.