## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

## **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

## Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission of requests.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Bureau of Indian Affairs is submitting three information collections to the Office of Management and Budget for renewal. The collections are the Student Transportation Form, 1076-0134; Data Elements for Student Enrollment in Bureau-funded schools, 1076-0122; and Application for Admission to Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI), 1076–0114. We are requesting a renewal of clearance and requesting comments on this information collection. These collections help fulfill the trust responsibility of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and support the educational efforts for Native American students from elementary through post-secondary.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395–6566 or you may send an e-mail to OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please send copies of comments to Kevin Skenandore, Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), 1849 C Street NW., MS-3609/MIB, Washington, DC

# **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Glenn Allison, (202) 208–3628 or Chris Redman, (405) 2605–6051 x305.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

Student Transportation Form

The student transportation regulations in 25 CFR Part 39, subpart G, contain the program eligibility and criteria that govern the allocation of transportation funds. Information collected from the schools will be used to determine the rate per mile. The information collection is needed to provide transportation mileage for Bureaufunded schools, which will receive an allocation of transportation funds.

Data Elements for Students in Bureaufunded Schools

The information is collected by school registrars to determine the student's eligibility for enrollment in a Bureaufunded school, and if eligible, is shared with appropriate school officials to identify the student's base and supplemental educational and/or residential program needs. The information is compiled into a national database by the Bureau of Indian Education to facilitate budget requests and the allocation of congressionally appropriated funds.

Application for Admission to HINU and SIPI

The BIE provides the admission forms for HINU and SIPI, which are used to determine eligibility of American Indian and Alaska Native students for educational services at these two institutions. These forms are utilized pursuant to the Blood Quantum Act, Public Law 99–228; the Snyder Act, chapter 115, Public Law 67–85; and the Indian Appropriations of the 48th Congress, chapter 180, page 91, For Support of Schools, July 4, 1884.

#### **II. Request for Comments**

A 60-day notice requesting comments was published on September 10, 2008 (Vol. 73, FR 52671). There were no comments received regarding that notice. You are invited to comment on the following items to the Desk Officer at OMB at the citation in ADDRESSES section.

- (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 the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

We may not conduct or sponsor, and you need not respond to, a collection of information, unless there is a valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Comments submitted will become a matter of public record. Before

including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made public at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All comments from representatives of businesses or organizations will be made public in their entirety.

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, has up to 60 days to make a decision but may decide after 30 days. Therefore, in order for your comments to have the greatest impact, they should be sent during the 30-day comment period.

# III. Data

1.

*Title:* Student Transportation Form, Subpart G. 25 CFR 39.

OMB Control Number: 1076–0134. Type of review: Renewal.

Brief Description of collection: This collection provides pertinent data concerning the schools' bus transportation mileage and related long distance travel mileage to determine funding for school transportation.

Respondents: Contract and Grant Schools; Bureau-operated schools. About 121 tribal school administrators annually gather the necessary information during student count week.

Number of Respondents: 121.

Estimated Time per Response: At an average of 6 hours each 121 reporting schools = 726 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually. Total Annual Burden to Respondents: 726 hours.

2.

Title: Data Elements for Student Enrollment in Bureau-funded Schools. OMB Control Number: 1076–0122. Type of Review: Extension.

Description: This annual collection provides data about students that impacts placement, special needs assessment, and funding for individuals, and it assists schools in developing a plan for the school year.

Total Number of Respondents: 48,000 Total Number of Annual Responses: 48,000.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 15 minutes for each response = 12,000.

3.

*Title:* Applications for Admission to Haskell Indian Nations University and to Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.

OMB Control Number: 1076–0114.
Type of Review: Extension.
Description: These eligibility
application forms are voluntary for
students but are mandatory in
determining a student's eligibility for
educational services.

Total Number of Respondents: 4,000. Total Number of Annual Responses: 4,000.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 30 minutes per application × (number of HINU applications) and 30 minutes per application × (number of SIPI applications) = 2000 total burden hours.

Filing fee: \$10 per application for HINU; fee for SIPI included in school cost but we have estimated a \$10 fee per completed application. We estimate the total filing fee to be \$16,500.00. SIPI has a number of applications which are never completed; therefore, their filing fee is not \$3,000, as it would be otherwise. Dormitory fees may also apply.

Dated: December 17, 2008

## Sanjeev Bhagowalia,

Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs.
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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

# **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

# **Navajo Nation Liquor Regulations**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the Secretary's certification of the Navajo Nation Liquor Regulations. These Regulations regulate and control the possession, sale and consumption of liquor within the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation is located on extensive reservation lands, and these Regulations establish a legal framework for licensing the transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages within the exterior boundaries of the Nation. These regulations will ensure the ability of the tribal government to control the distribution and possession of liquor within the reservation and at the same time will provide an important source of revenue. These Regulations provide solely for civil enforcement (fines) imposed on parties whose actions are subject to the licensing provisions set forth herein. Any violation of these regulations may also result in prosecution under other sections of the Navajo Nation Code, or under relevant State or Federal law.

**DATES:** Effective Date: These Regulations are effective as of December 24, 2008.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Irene Herder, Tribal Operations Specialist, Navajo Regional Office, P.O. Box 1060, Gallup, New Mexico 87305; Telephone (505) 863–8207; Fax (505) 863–8292; or Elizabeth Colliflower, Office of Indian Services, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4513–MIB, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 513–7627; Fax (202) 208–5113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953; Public Law 83–277, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in *Rice* v. *Rehner*, 463 U.S. 713 (1983), the Secretary of the Interior shall certify and publish in the **Federal** Register notice of adopted liquor ordinances for the purpose of regulating liquor transactions in Indian country.

The Navajo Nation is governed by the Navajo Nation Council, which has developed a comprehensive legal code (the Navajo Nation Code, N.N.C.). Title 17, subchapter 12, of the N.N.C. bars the transportation, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Navajo Reservation. Section 412 of Title 17 sets out exceptions to the prohibitions in the title.

In 2001, the Council amended 17 N.N.C. section 412 to permit use of alcohol at the Antelope Point Development Area of the Navajo Nation, and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. (Resolution CYJ-62-01). In 2008, the Council again amended 17 N.N.C. section 412, to authorize transportation, sale, delivery and consumption on the Navajo Reservation at authorized casinos. (Resolution CJA-03-08, passed by the Council January 31, 2008, and signed into law by the President of the Navajo Nation on February 11, 2008). By the same resolution, the Council delegated the authority to promulgate liquor regulations to the Navajo Tax Commission.

The following Liquor Regulations were adopted and approved by the Navajo Nation Tax Commission by Resolution TAX–08–208.

This notice is published in accordance with the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs. I certify that these Liquor Regulations of the Navajo Nation were promulgated by the Navajo Tax Commission pursuant to the authority vested in the Commission by the Navajo Nation Council by Resolution CJA–03–08.

Dated: December 19, 2008.

#### George T. Skibine

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development.

The Navajo Nation's Liquor Regulations read as follows:

## Navajo Nation Liquor Regulations

- 1.101. Title. These Liquor Regulations shall be known as the Navajo Nation Liquor Regulations ("Liquor Regulations").
- 1.102. Purpose. The purpose of these Liquor Regulations is to ensure the proper transportation, sale, delivery, and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Nation and to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the Navajo people.
- 1.103. Authority. The Commission enacts these Liquor Regulations pursuant to the authority delegated to the Commission by the Navajo Nation Council in 17 N.N.C. § 412.
- 1.104. Definitions. Except as otherwise provided herein, the following definitions apply throughout these Liquor Regulations:
- A. "Antelope Point" means the area covered by the Antelope Point Resort and Marina Business Site Lease;
- B. "Beer" means any beverage obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction of barley, malt, and hops or other cereals in drinking water, and includes porter, beer, ale and stout;
- C. "Certified Server" means any employee of a Retailer Licensee who is certified to Sell Liquor on the Navajo Nation on behalf of the Retailer Licensee in accordance with these Liquor Regulations, and who has successfully completed a liquor server training program approved by the Office;
- D. "Commission" means the Navajo Tax Commission, delegated by the Navajo Nation Council to ensure the proper transportation, sale, delivery, and consumption of alcoholic beverages; or any such commission so delegated by the Navajo Nation;
- E. "Enterprise" means a Navajo Nation Enterprise or entity that is engaged in, or wishes to engage in, the business of Selling Liquor within the Navajo Nation;
- F. "Liquor" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, rectified either once or more often, of whatever the origin, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol, which is considered potable. "Liquor" includes distilled or rectified spirits, potable alcohol, brandy, whiskey, rum, gin, and aromatic bitters bearing the federal internal revenue strip stamps or any similar alcoholic beverage, including