

characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive, or descriptive information that is related to academic achievement and aids in fair reporting of results. The intent of the law is to provide representative sample data on student achievement for the nation, the states, and subpopulations of students and to monitor progress over time. NAEP consists of two assessment programs: The NAEP long-term trend (LTT) assessment and the main NAEP assessment. The LTT assessments are given at the national level only and are administered to students at ages 9, 13, and 17 in a manner that is very different from that used for the main NAEP assessments. LTT reports mathematics and reading results that present trend data since the 1970s.

The request to conduct NAEP 2021, including operational assessments and pilot tests: Operational national/state/TUDA Digitally Based Assessments (DBA) in mathematics and reading at grades 4 and 8, and Puerto Rico in mathematics at grades 4 and 8; and operational national DBA in U.S. history and civics at grade 8 was approved in April 2020, with further updates to the materials approved in July and November 2020. Throughout 2020 NCES worked with its contractors and with OMB to find the best way to plan for a data collection in schools in 2021, and as the coronavirus pandemic progressed over the course of the year, plans for NAEP 2020 data collection changed multiple times. In November 2020, the NCES Commissioner announced the delay of NAEP 2021 by one year to early 2022.

Since then, NAEP has continued to work to salvage any pieces of their data collection plans for 2021 and begin planning for NAEP 2022. NCES has used the drawn and notified sample from 2021 for two data collections that don't include the student assessment that is central to the NAEP program, instead using that sample to collect information about basic school operations during the coronavirus pandemic (NAEP 2021 School Survey; OMB# 1850-0957) and the experiences of teachers and school staff over the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years (NAEP 2021 School and Teacher Questionnaire Special Study; OMB# 1850-0956).

The request to conduct NAEP operational assessments in 2022, which will follow the traditional NAEP design

which assesses each student in 60-minutes for one cognitive subject, was approved in May 2021, and the first update to the NAEP 2022 materials was approved in August 2021. The 2022 data collection will consist of operational national/state/TUDA DBA in mathematics and reading at grades 4 and 8, and Puerto Rico in mathematics at grades 4 and 8; and operational national DBA in U.S. history and civics at grade 8. In addition to the regular NAEP operational assessments delayed from 2021, this submission also contains materials for the LTT, which will be administered to 9-year-olds in 2022. This package finalizes all materials in time for the data collection in early 2022.

Dated: September 16, 2021.

Stephanie Valentine,

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2021-SCC-0135]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; William D. Ford Direct Loan Program General Forbearance Request

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 22, 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-0135. 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 regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at 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: William D. Ford Direct Loan Program General Forbearance Request.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0031.

Type of Review: An extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,188,770.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 175,102.

Abstract: Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the suspension of the collection of loans,

the Department of Education is requesting an extension without change of the currently approved Direct Loan General Forbearance Request form information collection. The current form includes the Direct Loan, FFEL, and Perkins Loan programs making it easier for borrowers to request this action. There has been no change to the form, the underlying regulations, or anticipated usage.

Dated: September 16, 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

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EIA submitted an information collection request for extension as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension, with only changes to the number of respondents, of Form NWP-830G, “Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste,” Appendix G, under OMB Control Number 1901–0260. Form NWP-830G, “Appendix G-Standard Remittance Advice for Payment of Fees (including Annex A to Appendix G), which is part of the Standard Contract collects information concerning a company’s quarterly payments into the Nuclear Waste Fund of ongoing fees for spent nuclear fuel disposal. Form NWP-830G, is a mandatory form that serves as the source document for entries into DOE accounting records to transmit data from purchasers to DOE concerning payment of the Spent Nuclear Fuel Disposal Fee into the Nuclear Waste Fund. Although the Department of Energy determined that, effective May 16, 2014, the Spent Nuclear Fuel Disposal Fee is 0.0 mills per kWh, the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of the General Counsel, given the continuing nature of the Department’s statutory responsibilities regarding spent nuclear fuel, directed EIA to continue activities associated

with the collection of net electricity generation data.

DATES: Comments on this information collection must be received no later than October 21, 2021. 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. 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: If you need additional information, contact Bonnie West, U.S. Energy Information Administration, telephone (202) 586–2415, and/or by email at Bonnie.West@eia.gov. The forms and instructions are available on EIA’s website at <http://www.eia.gov/survey/#nwpa-830g>.

Form NWP-830G, “Appendix G-Standard Remittance Advice for Payment of Fees,” may be accessed from this URL: https://www.eia.gov/survey/form/nwpa_830g/proposed/2021/appendix_g.pdf, and

Annex A to Appendix G from the URL below: https://www.eia.gov/survey/form/nwpa_830g/proposed/2021/annex_a_appendix_g.pdf.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.:* 1901–0260;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Form NWP-830G, *Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste, Appendix G;*
- (3) *Type of Request:* Three-year extension with changes;
- (4) *Purpose:* The Form NWP-830G survey included in the *Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste, Appendix G*, collect information on and is the source document for entries into DOE accounting records to transmit data from purchasers to DOE concerning payment of the Spent Nuclear Fuel Disposal Fee into the Nuclear Waste Fund. Appendix G collects payment data based on a utility’s net electricity generated and sold. 15 U.S.C. 772(b) provides that EIA may require all persons owning or operating facilities or business premises who are engaged in any phase of energy supply or major energy consumption to make available to the Administrator such information and periodic reports, records, documents, and other data, relating to the purposes of this Act, including full identification of all data

and projections as to source, time and methodology of development.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101 *et seq.*) required that DOE enter into Standard Contracts with all generators or owners of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste of domestic origin. Form NWP-830G *Appendix G-Standard Remittance Advice for Payment of Fees*, including Annex A to Appendix G, is an Appendix to this Standard Contract. Appendix G and Annex A to Appendix G are commonly referred to as Remittance Advice (RA) forms. RA forms must be submitted quarterly by generators and owners of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste of domestic origin who signed the Standard Contract. Appendix G is designed to serve as the source document for entries into DOE accounting records to transmit data to DOE concerning payment of fees into the Nuclear Waste Fund for spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste disposal. Annex A to Appendix G is used to provide data on the amount of net electricity generated and sold, upon which these fees are based.

(4a) *Changes to Information Collection:* The reduction of 80 annual burden hours for Form NWP-830G results from the reduction of the number of total respondents representing reactors that decreased from 99 to 95. Six reactors permanently shut down since the last clearance cycle and no longer are required to pay fees into the Nuclear Waste Fund nor respond to this survey. Additional respondents representing two new reactors in Georgia, VOGTLE 3 and VOGTLE 4, which are planned to be operational by end of 2021 and by end of 2022 respectively;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 95;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 380;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 1,900;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* The cost of burden hours to the respondents is estimated to be \$155,135 (1,900 burden hours times \$81.65 per hour.) EIA estimates that there are no additional costs to respondents associated with the survey other than the costs associated with the burden hours.

Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. 10222 and 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 16, 2021.

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Director, Office of Statistical Methods and Research, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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