

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[Docket No.: ED–2013–ICCD–0038]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Experimental Sites Data Collection Instrument****AGENCY:** Department of Education (ED), Federal Student Aid (FSA).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 28, 2013.**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED–2013–ICCD–0038 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *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 Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202–4537.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.**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: Experimental Sites Data Collection Instrument.*OMB Control Number:* 1845–NEW.*Type of Review:* a new information collection.*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private Sector.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 25.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 275.*Abstract:* This data collection instrument will be used to collect specific information/performance data for analysis of the experiments. This effort will assist the Department in obtaining and compiling information to help determine change in the administration and delivery of Title IV programs. Institutions volunteer to become an experimental site to provide recommendations on the impact and effectiveness of proposed regulations or new management initiatives.

Dated: March 21, 2013.

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BILLING CODE 4000–01–P**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy****Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals: Standard Work Specifications for Single Family Energy Upgrades****AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).**ACTION:** Notice of availability.**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is making final content available for the *Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals: Standard Work Specifications for Single Family Energy Upgrades (SWS)*. This content is a set of recommended work specifications applicable to energy efficiency retrofits of single family homes. These

specifications are intended as a resource for any organization, company or individual involved in energy efficiency retrofits of residential homes. Draft versions of the SWS were made available for public comment on November 9, 2010 (75 FR 68781) and on March 29, 2012 (77 FR 19008). The comment period for the March 29, 2011 draft was extended through a notice issued on April 18, 2012 (77 FR 23238).

ADDRESSES: The SWS content can be found at: www.wip.energy.gov/pdfs/sws_singlefamily.pdf. The Comment Report with responses to each comment received as well as revisions made to the text of the SWS can be found at Regulations.gov under docket ID# EERE–2012–WE–0042 or via direct link: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;dct=FR%252BPR%252BN%252BO%252BSR%252BPS;rpp=25;po=0;D=EERE-2012-WE-0042> as well as: <http://nrel.pnnl.gov/forum.php>.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Joshua Olsen, Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs, Mailstop EE–2K, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone number: (202) 287–1813. Email: Joshua.Olsen@ee.doe.gov.For legal questions: Christopher Calamita, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, Forrestal Building, GC–71, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone number: (202) 586–1777. Email: christopher.calamita@hq.doe.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

EERE through the National Renewable Energy Laboratory is developing voluntary work specifications for the work involved in home energy upgrades. This content builds upon the considerable body of material already in circulation and the cumulative knowledge gathered throughout the 30-year history of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and broader home performance industry.

The development of the SWS is supported by the WAP Training and Technical Assistance Plan (T&TA). The process of developing the SWS has involved participation by numerous stakeholders, including WAP practitioners and trainers, home performance contractors, building scientists, organized labor, healthy homes and worker safety experts, and other professionals in the building trades and throughout the retrofit industry. On November 9, 2010, EERE issued a notice requesting public

comment on a draft version of the *SWS* (75 FR 68781). Additional background regarding this effort can be found in that document. The first public comment period resulted in nearly 1000 comments from approximately 100 unique commenters from across the Weatherization and home performance industries. As a result of issues identified by commenters, EERE gave further consideration to a number of technical issues and subsequently made changes to the *SWS*. EERE issued a notice requesting public comment on the changes to the *SWS* on March 29,

2012 (77 FR 19008). Due to the extent of the changes in the March 29, 2012 draft, additional time was requested by commenters for review and comment and the comment period for the March 29, 2012 draft was extended through a notice issued on April 18, 2012 (77 FR 23238). During this comment period DOE received submissions from 16 commenters, which DOE broke out into 367 comments.

II. Public Comments on the March 29, 2012 *SWS* Draft

DOE has reviewed all comments and incorporated those relevant and

appropriate to the *SWS*. DOE received 4 comments from 4 individuals that were not applicable to the *SWS* and therefore has not provided any response to those comments.

Comments were received via an online Web site created specifically for the purpose of receiving, tracking and responding to comments. The individuals, agency and organizations that provided comments are listed below:

Name	Organization	Location
Gregory Brunner	United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Washington, DC.
Charles White	Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors (PHCC)	South Bend, IN.
Robert De Vries	Nu Wool Company Inc	Jenison, MI.
Eric Williams	reEnergize Program, City of Omaha	Omaha, NE.
Minh Tu	www.phuclaitanh.com	New York.
John Smith	No Organization Given	York.
Jennifer Cleary	Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM)	Washington, DC.
Nurul Mustafit	Jepara Gallery	Jepara.
Alex Alexandru	Jocuri noi	Bucharest.
Donald Prather	Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)	Alexandria, VA.
Ted A. Williams	American Gas Association (AGA)	Washington, DC.
Chuck White	Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC)	South Bend, IN.
Phillip J. Wallace	Air-Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)	Washington, DC.
John Diem	ESCO Institute	Dickinson, ND.
Patrick Murphy	RSES	Des Plaines, IL.
Steve Baden	RESNET	Oceanside, CA.

Comments submitted were classified into one of three categories: Accepted, Accepted with Modifications, and Rejected.

- Accepted: Comment was accepted as presented by the Commentator.
- Accepted with Modifications: Comment was accepted, however the manner in which the comment was presented, or suggested to be presented within the *SWS* was revised to be in line with the *SWS* template.

- Rejected: Comment was not accepted for inclusion within the *SWS*.

The following table presents a summary breakdown of the classification of the comments received during the final comment review period:

Classification	Number of comments
Accepted	130
Accepted with Modification	104
Rejected	133
Total	367

Substantive, Reoccurring Comment Themes

Substantive issues raised in the 367 comments can be divided into the following four categories:

1. Combustion Safety—68.

2. Air Sealing—27.

3. International Residential Code—22.

4. Licensed Professionals—8.

1. Combustion Safety:

- a. *BPI-1100-T-2010*: The *SWS* incorporated a reference to a draft version of the *BPI-1100-T-2010* document for many of the Combustion Safety specifications. Comments made on by ACCA, AGA, and RSES identified that this reference was a draft and therefore should not be included within the *SWS*. These comments are available at regulations.gov under Docket ID: EERE-2012-WE-0042. The Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI) officially released this standard on July 27, 2012 (now *BPI-1100-T-2012*). After review and consideration of the standard, DOE determined that for the purposes of the *SWS*, the draft BPI standard referenced in the *SWS* is functionally identical to *BPI-1100-T-2012*. This standard provides the most relevant combustion safety protocols currently available for retro-fitting existing homes under the WAP. The *SWS* has been updated in order to reflect the change in status of *BPI-1100* from a draft to a published standard.

- b. *ANSI/ACCA Standard 12 and NFGC*: DOE received comments from ACCA and AGA indicating that the BPI

procedure for combustion safety testing should not be specified and that either the National Fuel Gas Code (NFGC) or the ACCA 12 QH standard should be used instead. These comments are available at regulations.gov under Docket ID: EERE-2012-WE-0042. Many of the comments fail to consider issues faced when working in the existing homes sector: appliances are not necessarily installed to code; other actions may have taken place over the years; and other issues that can impact venting of appliances may have been done poorly (e.g. duct leakage). The non-mandatory combustion safety testing in Annex G of the NFGC does not evaluate two of the most common causes of excessive depressurization, namely duct leakage of forced-air distribution systems and the closing of interior doors. The ACCA 12 QH standard references the BPI procedure but also lists several other options. A review of these options indicates that only the BPI procedure is sufficiently comprehensive in its requirements. For example, the procedure in ACCA 12 QH Appendix A turns on the air handler at the same time as exhaust fans, potentially obscuring the depressurization caused by the exhaust fans.

The combustion safety procedure in the BPI-1100-2012 standard is the most applicable to the work performed by the WAP. This method was retained in the SWS. If a suitable replacement becomes ANSI-approved it may be appropriate to modify the reference.

2. Air Sealing

a. *Reference Standards*: DOE received comments from ACCA, RSES and AHRI requesting that references be cited for action levels, as well as the addition of industry standards along with current citations to the International Residential Code. These comments are available at regulations.gov under Docket ID: EERE-2012-WE-0042. In reviewing the comments, it was apparent that the content required additional referencing that was also easily searchable in order to improve the comprehensiveness and usability of the SWS. Therefore, a cross-reference document was developed to allow for users to identify referenced standards for individual specification lines that is included as an Appendix to the SWS titled "Appendix C: Guide to Referenced Standards".

3. International Residential Code (IRC)

a. DOE received comments from ACCA and RSES, indicating the citation of specific sections of the 2012 IRC was not necessary. These comments are available at regulations.gov under Docket ID: EERE-2012-WE-0042. The comments identified that code sections are often revised and it would be better to cite "2012 IRC" versus a specific section. DOE acknowledges that code references are revised, however one of the goals of the SWS was to allow users to identify and find referenced information easily without having to purchase or search through numerous pages of referenced text. Due to the size of the IRC, it was apparent that referencing a specific section allowed the user to efficiently identify the section to refer to and be able to apply that knowledge quickly to the task. Therefore, citation of specific sections of the 2012 IRC remain in the SWS.

4. Licensed Professionals

a. DOE received comments from PHCC indicating that certain tasks should be carried out by individuals licensed in a particular trade. These comments are available at regulations.gov under Docket ID: EERE-2012-WE-0042. DOE agrees that the use of licensed professionals to perform certain tasks is an important component of maintaining work quality and safety. Given the wide range of licensure and credentialing requirements across the country, DOE made the decision to include a notification at the beginning of each detail in the SWS to alert the

reader that the detail may contain a task requiring a licensed or credentialed contractor. This is intended to ensure that the reader is aware of the possibility of the need for a licensed or credentialed professional and to encourage them to verify this with the authority having jurisdiction.

A full comment report with responses to each comment received as well as revisions made to the content of the SWS can be found at: <http://nrel.pnnl.gov/forum.php>

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC)

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, requires notice of the meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 8:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL); 901 D Street SW., Suite 930, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Email: HTAC@nrel.gov or at the mailing address: Joseph Stanford, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) was established under section 807 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), Pub. L. No. 109-58; 119 Stat. 849.

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on the program authorized by Title VIII of EPACT.

Tentative Agenda: (updates will be posted on the Web at: <http://hydrogen.energy.gov>).

- Public Comment
- HTAC Working Group Updates
- DOE Leadership Updates
- Program and Budget Updates
- Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Industry Speakers
- Other Industry Speakers
- Government Speakers
- Transportation Updates
- Department of Defense Update
- Ohio Activities and Initiatives

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who would like to attend and/or to make oral statements during the public comment period must register no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, by email at HTAC@nrel.gov. Foreign nationals must register no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013. Foreign nationals will be required to fill out a questionnaire in order to have access to the meeting site and will be notified within 5–10 business days regarding their access to the meeting. An early confirmation of attendance will help to facilitate access to the building more quickly. Entry to the building will be restricted to those who have confirmed their attendance in advance. Please provide your name, organization, citizenship, and contact information. Anyone attending the meeting will be required to present government-issued identification. Those wishing to make a public comment are required to register. The public comment period will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on April 23, 2013. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed five minutes. Those not able to attend the meeting or have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to HTAC@nrel.gov.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at <http://hydrogen.energy.gov>.

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