

As part of the 2020 NWPL update, USACE is also proposing administrative changes to reformat the Hawai'i and Pacific Islands Region (HI) and the South Pacific Islands Subregion (SPI). NWPL subregions are areas in which small numbers of wetland plants have wetland indicator status ratings that differ from the ratings for the same plant species in the rest of the region. Boundaries of subregions are typically based on Major Land Resource Areas. Under the current format, the SPI includes certain plant species which have an indicator status rating for SPI but not for HI (see e.g., indicator status ratings for *Abildgaardia ovata*; SPI= FACW, HI= NL). This current format of HI/SPI is inconsistent with the formatting of other NWPL regions and subregions and has caused some confusion when applying the NWPL within HI. USACE proposes two administrative changes to reduce this confusion. Neither of the proposed administrative changes to SPI or HI will affect the current boundaries of SPI, HI, or any other NWPL regions or subregions.

USACE proposes to reformat SPI and HI by merging the lists of plant species from the existing SPI and HI to form a single, comprehensive region, with SPI serving as a subregion of HI, instead of the current state of the region in which SPI serves as a stand-alone subregion separate from the larger HI region. As proposed, plant species which currently have an indicator status rating for SPI but not for HI (e.g., *Abildgaardia ovata*) will now have a single, comprehensive indicator status rating for the entire region (HI). For those species which currently have differing indicator status ratings between SPI and HI (e.g., *Abrus precatorius*), the current indicator status rating for SPI will be added to the reformatted SPI, which, as proposed, will serve as a subset of indicator status ratings within HI and will include only those plant species and associated indicator status ratings which differ from the HI indicator status rating. With the exception of *Xylocarpus moluccensis* and *Ligustrum lucidum*, which were submitted by the public, USACE is not proposing any changes to wetland indicator status ratings for SPI or HI. All current indicator status ratings for SPI and HI will be retained through this proposed reformatting. As proposed, the USACE believes this administrative change will provide greater clarity for the public, remove redundancies in the NWPL that currently exist between SPI and HI, allow for a consistent formatting of subregions between all NWPL regions,

and more accurately and appropriately reflect species' distribution and wetland frequency within SPI and HI.

USACE is also proposing to rename SPI from its current name, "South Pacific Islands Subregion", to "Pacific Islands Subregion." This subregion includes islands which are located within both the northern Pacific (i.e., the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Territory of Guam) and southern Pacific (i.e., the Territory of American Samoa). Therefore, the proposed name change will more accurately characterize the geographic extent and spatial variability of this subregion. The proposed change also creates consistency between the naming conventions of the NWPL regions and subregions and the Regional Supplements to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual regions.

#### Instructions for Providing Comments Online

USACE encourages public input in the form of data, comments, literature references, or field experiences, to help clarify the status of the species reviewed for this update. The list of these same 27 reviewed species, and their draft 2020 wetland ratings by region, can be viewed at the NWPL homepage, <http://wetland-plants.usace.army.mil/> under "2020 NWPL Update Information." A link to provide general or species-specific comments in response to this notice is also available at this location. Users are encouraged to submit literature citations, herbaria records, experiential references, monitoring data, and other relevant information. Specific knowledge of, or studies related to, individual species are particularly helpful. When providing input or information on the draft changes to the 2020 NWPL update, commenters should use their regional botanical and ecological expertise, field observations, reviews of the most recent indicator status information, appropriate botanical literature, floras, herbarium specimens with notation of habitat and associated species, habit data, relevant studies, and historic list information. Providing ratings without supporting documentation or information is not recommended. All submitted comments and information will be compiled and sent to the National Panel for their review and consideration.

USACE is also seeking comments on the NWPL update process. Detailed information on the update process, protocol, and technical issues can be found in the following documents, which are available on the "NWPL Publications" web page:

- Lichvar, Robert W. and Minkin, Paul. Concepts and Procedures for Updating the National Wetland Plant List. Sept 2008. ERDC/CRREL TN-08-3. Hanover, NH: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory.

- Lichvar, Robert W. and Gillrich, Jennifer J. Final Protocol for Assigning Wetland Indicator Status Ratings during National Wetland Plant List Update. Sept 2011. ERDC/CRREL TN-11-1. Hanover, NH: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory.

- Lichvar R.W., N.C. Melvin, M.L. Butterwick, and W.N. Kirchner. 2012. National Wetland Plant List Indicator Rating Definitions. ERDC/CRREL TN-12-1. Hanover, NH: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory.

#### Future Actions

Future updates to the NWPL will occur biennially. A change in indicator status for a given species, or a proposed species addition may be requested at any time at <http://wetland-plants.usace.army.mil/> under "Submit NWPL Change Request." Submissions throughout the two-year period will be compiled and reviewed prior to each NWPL update and any resulting proposed changes will be reflected in the subsequent notice of an updated list.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Program Application

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**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 April 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests 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 information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. Comments may also be sent to [ICDocketmgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketmgr@ed.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Tanyelle Richardson, 202-453-6391.

**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:* Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Program Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 1840-0796.

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

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private Sector.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 100.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 11,000.

*Abstract:* This application package is used by institutions of higher education, partnerships between nonprofit educational organizations and institutions of higher education, and public and private nonprofit organizations, to apply for grants under the Title VI UISFL program. Information submitted in this collection will be used during the peer review to evaluate and score the applications, and to make funding decisions. The Department requires this information collection in order to make discretionary grant awards under this program.

This collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1894-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection request.

Dated: March 19, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2021-SCC-0046]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; ED-524 Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form and Instructions

**AGENCY:** Institute for Education Sciences (IES), National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Approval by the OMB has been requested by Friday, March 19, 2021. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests 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 request by

selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, 202-245-6347.

**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:* NAEP 2021 School and Teacher Questionnaire Special Study.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0956.

*Type of Review:* A revised information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 50,294.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 35,443.

*Abstract:* The NAEP 2021 School and Teacher Questionnaire Special Study is collecting data necessary to fully understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on schools and educators. A previous emergency clearance (OMB#1850-0957) in February 2021 allowed work on the NAEP 2021 School Survey to begin. The NAEP 2021 School Survey is a monthly collection of data from 3,500 schools that gathers information about opening status