

selection of Board members will be that the commodities carried or shipped by those individuals or their firms will be reasonably representative of the above commodity categories.

d. *Nomination.* Reflecting preceding selection criteria, the current representation by the five (5) Board members whose terms expire December 31, 2001 is one member representing region 1, two members representing region 2, one member representing region 3, and one member representing region 5. Also, these Board members represent three carriers, one shipper, and one shipper/carrier. Three (3) of the five members whose terms expire December 31, 2001, are eligible for reappointment. Nominations to replace Board members whose terms expire December 31, 2001, may be made by individuals, firms or associations. Nominations will:

- (1) State the region to be represented;
- (2) State whether the nominee is representing carriers, shippers or both;
- (3) Provide information on the nominee's personal qualifications;
- (4) Include the commercial operations of the carrier and/or shipper with whom the nominee is affiliated. This commercial operations information will show the actual or estimated ton-miles of each commodity carried or shipped on the inland waterways system in a recent year (or years) using the waterway regions and commodity categories previously listed. Nominations received in response to last year's **Federal Register** notice, published on July 18, 2000, have been retained for consideration. Renomination is not required but may be desirable.

Deadline for Nominations. All nominations must be received at the address shown above no later than August 31, 2001.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability for the Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Report (DFR/DEIS-EIR) for the Pine Flat Dam, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Investigation, California

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in coordination with the Kings River Conservation District and Kings River Water Association, have prepared a DFR/DEIS-EIR for the Pine Flat Dam, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Investigation. This investigation proposes to restore and protect the ecosystem for fish and wildlife resources in Pine Flat Lake, and in and along the lower Kings River by improving the fishery habitat; increasing the fishery survival rate; increasing riparian, shaded riverine aquatic (SRA), and oak woodland habitats; and reestablishing native historic plant and wildlife communities. This DFR/DEIS-EIR is being made available for a 45-day public comment period. All comments should be submitted on or before August 28, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information related to this Report, interested persons are invited to contact the following: Mr. David Tedrick, Biological Sciences Environmental Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814-2922, (916) 557-7087 or (916) 557-5138 (FAX), dtedrick@spk.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Report Availability.* Printed copies of the DFR/DEIS-EIR are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Sacramento District, 1325 J Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814-2922
Kings River Conservation District, 4886
E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725
Fresno County Library, Main, 2420
Mariposa, Fresno, CA 93721
Fresno County Library, Clovis Branch,
1155 5th Street, Clovis, CA 93611
Fresno County Library, Fig Garden
Branch, 3071 W. Bullard, Fresno, CA
93711
Fresno County Library, Sunnyside
Branch, 5562 E. Kings Canyon Road,
Fresno, CA 93727
Reedley Public Library, 1027 E Street,
Reedley, CA 93654
Sanger Public Library, 1812 7th Street,
Sanger, CA 93657

2. *Commenting.* Comments received in response to this report, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information (FOIA)

permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Corps will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without the name and address.

Luz D. Ortiz,
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 11, 2001.

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. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. 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.

Dated: July 9, 2001.

John Tressler,

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: International Adult Literacy and Lifestyle Skills Survey.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 2,320.

Burden Hours: 5,140.

Abstract: The International Adult Literacy and Lifeskills Survey (IALL) will collect internationally comparable information on the literacy and numeracy performance of adults from around the world. The IALL will be administered in the general household population aged 16–65 and in selected federally-funded adult education programs. The IALL household assessment will provide a detailed picture of the literacy and numeracy skills of U.S. adults compared to adults from other countries. The IALL adult education program assessment will show the literacy skills of the adults enrolled in adult education programs and how they differ from the U.S. general population and international populations.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202–4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202–708–9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at her internet address Kathy.Axt@ed.gov. 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

Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for the Approval of Nurse Education

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education (The Advisory Committee).

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to invite written comments on accrediting agencies whose applications to the Secretary for initial or renewed recognition or request for an expansion of scope will be reviewed at the Advisory Committee meeting to be held on December 10–11, 2001.

Where Should I Submit My Comments?

Please submit your written comments by August 27, 2001 to Carol Griffiths, Chief, Accrediting Agency Evaluation, Accreditation and State Liaison. You may contact her at the U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 7th Floor, Room 7105, Washington, DC 20006–8509, telephone: (202) 219–7011. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

What Is the Authority for the Advisory Committee?

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA), as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c. One of the purposes of the Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of Education on the recognition of accrediting agencies and State approval agencies.

Will This Be My Only Opportunity To Submit Written Comments?

Yes, this notice announces the only opportunity you will have to submit written comments. However, a subsequent **Federal Register** notice will announce the meeting and invite individuals and/or groups to submit requests to make oral presentations before the Advisory Committee on the agencies that the Committee will review. That notice, however, does not

offer a second opportunity to submit written comment.

What Happens to the Comments That I Submit?

We will review your comments, in response to this notice, as part of our evaluation of the agencies' compliance with the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition of Accrediting Agencies. The Criteria are regulations found in 34 CFR part 602 (for accrediting agencies) and in 34 CFR part 603 (for State approval agencies).

We will also include your comments in the staff analyses we present to the Advisory Committee at its December 2001 meeting. Therefore, in order for us to give full consideration to your comments, it is important that we receive them by August 27, 2001. In all instances, your comments about agencies seeking initial or continued recognition or request for an expansion of scope must relate to the Criteria for Recognition. In addition, your comments for any agency whose interim report is scheduled for review must relate to the issues raised and the Criteria for Recognition cited in the Secretary's letter that requested the interim report.

What Happens to Comments Received After the Deadline?

We will review any comments received after the deadline. If such comments, upon investigation, reveal that the accrediting agency is not acting in accordance with the Criteria for Recognition, we will take action either before or after the meeting, as appropriate.

What Agencies Are on the Agenda for the Meeting?

The Secretary of Education recognizes accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education if the Secretary determines that they meet the Criteria for Recognition. Recognition means that the Secretary considers the agency to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs that are encompassed within the scope of recognition he grants to the agency. The following agencies will be reviewed during the December 2001 meeting of the Advisory Committee:

Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

Petition for Initial Recognition

1. Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of institutions and programs that award