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John H. Hager,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education

AGENCY: National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE), U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (the Council) and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend. This notice also describes the functions of the Council. Notice of the Council's meetings is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and by the Council's charter.

Agenda: During the meeting, NACIE members will receive an Ethics briefing from the Office of the General Counsel's Ethics Division, will discuss the upcoming reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and will be briefed by OGC and an outside expert on the legislative history of various laws impacting Indian education.

Date and Time: February 17, 2005; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: The Department of Education, Bernard Auditorium, FOB-6, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202. **Note:** Attendees will be required to show picture identification to enter the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bernard Garcia, Group Leader, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: 202-260-1454. Fax: 202-260-7779.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Council advises the Secretary of Education on the funding and administration (including the development of regulations, and administrative policies and practices) of any program over which the Secretary has jurisdiction and includes Indian children or adults as participants or programs that may benefit Indian children or adults, including any program established under Title VII, Part A of the ESEA. The Council submits to the Congress, not later than June 30 of each year, a report on the activities of the Council that includes recommendations the Council considers appropriate for the improvement of Federal education programs that include Indian children or adults as participants or that may benefit Indian children or adults, and recommendations concerning the funding of any such program.

The general public is welcome to attend the February 17, 2005 meeting to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Washington, DC. Individuals who need accommodations for a disability in order to participate (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Bernard Garcia at 202-260-1454 by February 11, 2005. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

A summary of the activities of the meeting and other related materials that are informative to the public and will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Council proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of Indian Education, United States Department of Education, Room 5C141, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

Margaret Spellings,

Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed three-year extension to the EIA-882T, "Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research."

DATES: Comments must be filed by April 8, 2005. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Kara Norman. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-287-1705) or e-mail (kara.norman@eia.doe.gov) is recommended. The mailing address is Statistics and Methods Group, EI-70, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Kara Norman may be contacted by telephone at 202-287-1902.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Kara Norman at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and

other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The EIA-882T is a generic clearance, which is a plan for conducting one or more customer surveys. A generic clearance is considered only when EIA is able to demonstrate that there is a need for multiple, similar collections, but that the specifics of each collection cannot be determined until shortly before the data are to be collected. The EIA-882T is used to conduct various projects, including pretest/pilot surveys (in-person interviews, telephone interviews, mail questionnaires, and electronic reporting options), focus groups, and cognitive interviews. The information collections that would be conducted as part of this approval will facilitate EIA's use of techniques to improve our current information collections and to develop new collections. Further goals are reduced respondent burden and improving the quality of the information collected. The number and type of respondents varies depending on the activities being conducted. The 882T was last extended for three years on August 16, 2002, and expires August 31, 2005.

The information collections will include:

1. **Pretests.** Pretest methods will include face-to-face interviews, telephone interviews, mail questionnaires, and electronic questionnaires. Pretests conducted will generally be methodological studies of limited size, normally involving either purposive or statistically representative samples. They will include a variety of surveys, the exact nature and sample designs will be determined at the time of development of the pretests. The samples will be designed to clarify particular issues rather than to be representative of the universe. Collection may be on the basis of convenience, *e.g.*, limited to specific geographic locations. The needs of a particular sample will vary based on the content of the information collection being tested, but the selection of sample cases will be made using sound statistical procedures.

2. **Pilot surveys.** Pilot surveys will generally be methodological studies of limited size, but will always employ

statistically representative samples. The pilot surveys will replicate components of the methodological design, sampling procedures (where possible), and questionnaires of a full-scale survey. Pilot surveys may be utilized when EIA is undertaking a complete revamping of a survey methodology (*e.g.*, moving to computer-assisted information collections) or when EIA is undertaking a new information collection.

3. **Focus groups.** Focus groups involve group sessions guided by a monitor who follows a topical outline containing questions or topics focused on a particular issue, rather than adhering to a standardized questionnaire. Focus groups are useful for surfacing and exploring issues. Focus groups are typically used with specific groups of stakeholders.

4. **Cognitive interviews.** Cognitive interviews are one-on-one interviews in which a respondent is typically asked to "think aloud" as he or she answers survey questions, reads survey materials, or completes other activities as part of a survey process. A number of different techniques may be involved, including asking respondents to paraphrase questions, probing questions to determine how respondents come up with their answers, and similar inquiries. The objective is to identify problems of ambiguity, misunderstanding, or other difficulties respondents have answering questions. This may be used as the first stage of questionnaire development.

A wide variety of uses are made of the data obtained through this generic clearance. These projects represent significant strides in our efforts to improve the pretesting of EIA surveys. As EIA gains more experience, we are broadening our involvement in testing, evaluation, and research, including working with staff at the National Science Foundation.

II. Current Actions

EIA plans to request a three-year extension of the OMB approval for this collection. No changes are being proposed to the types of surveys being conducted under the generic clearance. For each information collection that EIA proposes to undertake under this generic clearance, OMB will be notified at least two weeks in advance, and provided with an information copy of the collection instrument and all other materials describing the testing activity. EIA will only undertake a collection if OMB does not object to EIA's proposal.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on

the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

General Issues:

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent to the Request for Information:

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information to be collected?

B. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average .25 hours (15 minutes) per response. The estimated burden includes the total time necessary to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

C. The agency estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to complete the collection. Will a respondent incur any start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

As a Potential User of the Information To Be Collected:

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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