

Appendix—Transmittal Letter to the Secretary of Energy*Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board*

December 11, 2002.

The Honorable Spencer Abraham,
*Secretary of Energy, 1000 Independence
 Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1000.*

Dear Secretary Abraham: The prevention and mitigation of potential accidents inherent in the mission activities at defense nuclear facilities is a fundamental objective of both the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board). This objective requires DOE and its contractors to identify accident scenarios and then establish effective and reliable safety controls to address them. Engineered controls are preferred over administrative controls because, in general, engineered controls are considered to be more reliable and effective than administrative controls. However, in certain applications, DOE and its contractors have concluded that discrete operator actions or administrative controls are required to address consequences of accidents that would otherwise be unacceptable.

The Board agrees with DOE's overall guidance for a hierarchy of controls and agrees that administrative controls are sometimes appropriate to prevent or mitigate accident consequences—even those that exceed evaluation guidelines for risk to the public. However, the Board has identified a number of administrative safety controls, proposed or in use, at various defense nuclear facilities that are technically inadequate. In many cases, DOE and/or its contractors have asserted that the methods used to establish these administrative controls comply with existing DOE directives. After further analysis, the Board has concluded that the DOE directives system does not contain adequate requirements for the design, implementation, and maintenance of important safety-related administrative controls to ensure that they will be effective and reliable.

As a result, the Board on December 11, 2002, unanimously approved Recommendation 2002-3, Requirements for the Design, Implementation, and Maintenance of Administrative Controls, which is enclosed for your consideration. After your receipt of this recommendation and as required by 42 U.S.C. 2286d(a), the Board will promptly make it available to the public. The Board believes that the recommendation contains no information that is classified or otherwise restricted. To the extent this recommendation does not include information restricted by DOE under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. 2161-68, as amended, please see that it is promptly placed on file in your regional public reading rooms. The Board will also publish this recommendation in the **Federal Register**. The Board will evaluate the Department of Energy response to this recommendation in accordance with Board Policy Statement 1, Criteria for Judging the Adequacy of DOE Responses and Implementation Plans for Board Recommendations.

Sincerely,
 John T. Conway,

Chairman.

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BILLING CODE 3670-01-P**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request****AGENCY:** Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address *Lauren.Whittenberg@omb.eop.gov*.

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 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.

Dated: December 16, 2002.

John D. Tressler,

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

Federal Student Aid*Type of Review:* New.*Title:* FSA Students Portal Web site.*Frequency:* On occasion, monthly, annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 5,000,000.

Burden Hours: 200,000.

Abstract: Federal Student Aid (FSA) of the U.S. Department of Education seeks to establish a registration system within the "Students Portal", an Internet Portal Web site (hereafter "the Web site") The Web site will make the college application process more efficient, faster, and accurate by making it an automated, electronic process that targets financial aid and college applications. The Web site uses some personal contact information criteria to automatically fill out the forms and surveys initiated by the user. The Web site will also provide a database of demographic information that will help FSA target the distribution of financial aid materials to specific groups of students and/or parents. For example, studies have shown that providing student financial assistance information to middle school (or elementary school) students and/or their parents dramatically increases the likelihood that those students will attend college. The demographic information from the Web site will help us to identify potential customers in the middle school age range and is information that was previously unavailable to us.

Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or directed to her e-mail address *Vivian.Reese@ed.gov*. Requests may also be 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 Joseph Schubart at his e-mail address *Joe.Schubart@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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