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Dated: June 16, 2011.

**James Hyler,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.*

#### **Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* Program for International Student Assessments (PISA) 2012 Main Study.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0755.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 15,744.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 8,888.

**Abstract:** The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an international assessment that focuses on 15-year-olds' capabilities in reading, mathematics, and science literacy. It was first implemented by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in 2000 and has been administered every 3 years since. This submission is for the fifth cycle in the series, PISA 2012, and requests OMB approval for the main study recruitment and data collection, and for student contact information collection for a future follow-up study. As in 2003, in PISA 2012, mathematics will be the major subject domain. The field test will also include computer-based assessments in reading, science, and general problem solving, and an assessment of financial literacy in a paper-and-pencil format. In addition to assessment data, PISA provides background information on school context and student demographics to benchmark performance and inform policy. School recruitment for the field test will begin in September 2011 with data collection beginning in September 2012. NCES will submit to OMB the final versions of the main study data collection instruments in March 2012.

Copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site

at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's website at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4650. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

##### **Notice of Submission for OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 21, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or e-mailed to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) with a cc: to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**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. The OMB is particularly interested in comments

which: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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#### **Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* 2011-12 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:12) Full Scale Lists and Contacting.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0666.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 4,665.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 4,128.

**Abstract:** National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS), a nationally representative study of how students and their families finance education beyond high school, was first implemented by the National Center for Education Statistics in 1987 and has been fielded every 3 to 4 years since. This submission is for contacting respondents and collection of data from institutions in the eighth cycle in the series, NPSAS:12, and follows approvals for NPSAS:12 field test institutional and student data collections (OMB# 1850-0666 v. 7 & 8). NPSAS:12 will also serve as the base year study for the Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS) of first-time postsecondary students that will focus on issues of persistence, degree attainment, and employment outcome. BPS will conduct follow-up studies in 2014 and 2017, with revised strata for institution sampling to reflect the recent growth in enrollment in for-profit 4-year institutions. Institution contacting for the full scale collection will begin in September 2011, list collection will be

conducted January through June 2012, and student data collection will take place January through September 2012. This submission requests approval for contacting institutions and students, list sampling, obtaining student enrollment lists and institution record data for the full-scale NPSAS:12. A separate request for review pertaining to student record data collection, the student interview, and post-data collection administrative record matching will be submitted in September 2011.

Copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's Web site at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4636. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the U.S. Department of Energy Uranium Leasing Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement for the DOE Uranium Leasing Program.

**SUMMARY:** DOE announces its intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) NEPA regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and DOE's NEPA implementing procedures (10 CFR part 1021), to analyze the reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts, including the site-specific impacts, of

alternatives for the management of DOE's Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), under which DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative acreage of approximately 25,000 acres. In July 2007, DOE issued a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the ULP (DOE/EA-1535) (available at [http://www.lm.doe.gov/land/sites/uranium\\_leasing/uranium\\_leasing.htm](http://www.lm.doe.gov/land/sites/uranium_leasing/uranium_leasing.htm)), in which it examined three alternatives for the management of the ULP for the next ten years. In that same month, DOE issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) (available at <http://nepa.energy.gov/documents/EA-1535FONSI.pdf>), in which DOE announced its decision to proceed with the preferred "Expanded Program Alternative" that was examined in its July 2007 PEA, and also determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was not required.

DOE has determined that, in light of the site-specific information that DOE has gathered as a result of the site-specific agency actions proposed and approved pursuant to the July 2007 PEA/FONSI, it is now appropriate for DOE to prepare a PEIS in order to analyze the reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts, including the site-specific impacts, of a range of alternatives for the management of the ULP for the remainder of the ten-year period that was covered by the July 2007 PEA.

DOE is issuing this Notice of Intent (NOI) to inform interested parties of this PEIS and to invite public comments on its proposed scope, including the preliminary range of alternatives and environmental issues to be considered. DOE plans to invite Federal, state, and local governmental agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise to participate as cooperating agencies in preparing the PEIS.

**DATES:** DOE invites comments on the proposed scope of the PEIS. To ensure consideration, comments must be submitted by August 22, 2011. DOE will consider comments e-mailed or postmarked after that date to the extent practicable. In addition to receiving written comments (*see ADDRESSES* below), DOE will conduct public scoping meetings during which interested government agencies, Native American tribes, private-sector organizations, and the general public are

invited to present oral and written comments. DOE will announce the dates, times, and locations of the public scoping meetings in a separate **Federal Register** notice and in local news media at least 15 days before the meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the scope of the PEIS and requests to be included in future communications should be addressed to the ULP Program Manager, Ms. Laura Kilpatrick, Esq., Realty Officer, Asset Management Team, Office of Legacy Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 11025 Dover Street, Suite 1000, Westminster, CO 80021, 720-880-4338, [laura.kilpatrick@lm.doe.gov](mailto:laura.kilpatrick@lm.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about this PEIS, please contact the ULP Program Manager, Ms. Laura Kilpatrick, at the addresses listed above.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202-586-4600); fax (202-586-7031); or leave a toll-free message (1-800-472-2756).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Congress directed DOE's predecessor agency, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), to develop a supply of domestic uranium that would adequately meet the Nation's defense needs (42 U.S.C. 2096-2097). Congress gave to AEC the authority to withdraw Federal lands for the exploration and development of a viable domestic uranium source under a variety of programs that were carried forward in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. Around the same time, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued Public Land Order (PLO) 459 that stated, "Subject to valid existing rights and existing withdrawals, the public lands and the minerals reserved to the United States in the patented lands in the following areas in Colorado are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public-land laws, including the mining laws but not the mineral-leasing laws, and reserved for the use of the United States Atomic Energy Commission." The areas under consideration are located in western Colorado in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties. Subsequently, other PLOs increased or decreased the total acreage in withdrawn status.

In addition, the Federal Government, through the Union Mines Development Corporation, acquired a substantial