

Command, Alexandria, VA 22331-0482 for selective Army post cemeteries.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this records system should address written inquiries to the appropriate system manager.

Individual should provide sufficient details to permit locating pertinent records and signature.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the appropriate system manager.

Individual should provide sufficient details to permit locating pertinent records and signature.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Army's rules for accessing records, contesting contents, and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340-21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

From the reservist, his/her representative or next-of-kin; Army records and reports.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Management Group, 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 August 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick

J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**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 Director of the Information Resources Management Group publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: June 30, 1997.

**Gloria Parker,**

*Director, Information Resources Management Group.*

### Office of Postsecondary Education

*Title:* Quality Assurance (QA) Workbook.

*Frequency:* Semi-annually.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 300.

Burden Hours: 60,000.

*Abstract:* Only 300 postsecondary institutions have voluntarily agreed to participate in the Quality Assurance Program. They have received a waiver of certain regulations for their cooperation.

As participants in the Program, respondents are required to complete activities as described in the QA Workbook throughout the year. The Workbook itself is what we are requesting OMB to approve and clear. Twice a year, in February and August, participants send requested information to the Department.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Environmental Management; Release of Environmental Management Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Discussion Draft

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity for public comment

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces the release of, and invites the public to comment on, the Office of Environmental Management's Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Discussion Draft. This document, which focuses on completing cleanup of as many DOE sites as possible by 2006, presents for discussion and comment a new strategic approach for managing the Environmental Management program, along with accompanying cost, work scope and schedule. The strategy set forth in the Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Discussion Draft reflects DOE's efforts to make its operations more efficient and reduce overall costs in order to maintain compliance with applicable requirements and protect public health and safety in the face of diminishing discretionary budgetary resources.

**DATES:** To continue its ongoing dialogue with the public, the Department is providing a comment period on the Discussion Draft that will extend through September 9, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the Environmental Management Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Discussion Draft should be directed to: U.S. Department of Energy, Mr. Gene Schmitt, P.O. Box 44818, Washington, D.C. 20026-4481.

Comments may also be provided electronically to: FocusOn2006@EM.DOE.GOV.

Department of Energy Field sites have also completed site-specific Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Discussion Drafts and are holding concurrent public comment periods.

Comments on, or requests for copies of, Site Discussion Drafts should be submitted directly to the individual site points of contact listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for copies of the Discussion Draft or further information should be directed to the Center for Environmental Management Information (CEMI) at 1-800-736-3282.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Since its inception, the DOE's Office of Environmental Management has worked to safely manage wastes and clean up environmental releases from past practices. In response to the expressed desire of both the Administration and Congress to balance the Federal budget, the Environmental Management program is developing a strategy based on completing cleanup of as many DOE sites as possible by 2006. This vision acknowledges that, at a small number of sites, some environmental management functions (such as treatment and disposal of transuranic and high-level waste, and long-term monitoring operations) will continue beyond 2006. However, by 2006 it is envisioned that most Department of Energy Environmental Management sites will be able to stabilize and safely store their nuclear materials and clean up their land and buildings.

The Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Discussion Draft focuses on risk reduction, protection of public and worker health and safety, maintaining compliance with applicable regulations and agreements, reducing waste generation, and continuing a collaborative relationship with stakeholders. A key goal of the Discussion Draft strategy is to identify areas in which the Department can become more efficient, such as focusing funds on more rapid cleanup and thereby reducing longer-term "mortgage" costs of maintaining facilities. Other efficiency improvements and alternative management approaches are also identified for comment.

Between June and September 1997, the Department will work with Tribal Nations, states, regulators, local governments and other stakeholders to refine the Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 strategies presented in the Discussion Draft. The Department will release a Draft 2006 Plan later this year.

The primary avenues for public involvement will continue to be through activities at individual DOE sites. During the public comment period, it is anticipated that additional issues and

opportunities will be raised, and that the individual Operations and Field Offices will further refine their individual 2006 plans and support the analysis and development of the National Environmental Management Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Draft Plan.

Comments received may result in the development of Action Plans to resolve longer-term issues. Future versions of the Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Plan will reflect changes in the Environmental Management program and progress made toward achieving the vision of completing cleanup of as many DOE sites as possible by 2006.

Comments on Site Discussion Drafts should be submitted directly to the following individual site points of contact:

- U.S. Department of Energy,  
Albuquerque Operations Office, Ms. Tracy Loughhead, Pennsylvania and H Street, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM 87116, 505/845-5977
- U.S. Department of Energy, Ohio Field Office, Mr. Ken Morgan, 1 Mound Road, Miamisburg, OH 45342-3020, 513/865-3968
- U.S. Department of Energy, Carlsbad Area Office, Mr. Dennis Hurtt, P.O. Box 3090, Carlsbad, NM 88221, 505/234-7485
- U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, Mr. Walter Perry, 200 Administration Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, 423/241-6417
- U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Ms. Mary Jo Acke, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439, 630/252-8796
- U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, Mr. Jim Daily, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland, WA 99352, 509/376-7721
- U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, Ms. Kathy Whitaker, 850 Energy Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, 208/526-1062
- U.S. Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office, Mr. Mike Konczal, Highway 93 and Cactus Road, Golden, CO 80402, 303/966-7095
- U.S. Department of Energy, Nevada Operations Office, Mr. Kevin Rohrer, 2621 Losee Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89030-4134, 702/295-0197
- U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, Ms. Virginia Kay, PM&CD, Aiken, SC 29801, 803/725-5752
- U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, Mr. Ron Duvall, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612-5208, 510/637-1812

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*Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Energy Research**

**Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 97-15; Partnerships for Academic-Industrial Research (PAIR) in Support of Energy-Relevant Fundamental Research**

**AGENCIES:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Basic Energy Sciences (BES), Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for performance of basic research to support important, long-term national objectives in energy relevant research. The purpose of this program is to promote research activities involving academic researchers, their students, and industrial researchers.

**DATES:** Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 97-15, should be received by DOE by 4:30 P.M., November 5, 1997. A response discussing the potential program relevance of a formal application generally will be communicated to the applicant within 30 days of receipt. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 P.M., January 14, 1998, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 97-15, should be sent to Dr. Paul H. Maupin, Division of Chemical Sciences, ER-14, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

After receiving notification from DOE concerning successful preapplications, applicants may prepare formal applications and send them to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, Attn: Program Notice 97-15. The above address must also be used when