

New Orleans, et al. v. Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, et al., Civil Action No. 93-3212, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

In this action the United States sought civil penalties and injunctive relief for violations of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act that occurred at the East Bank Sewage Treatment Plant and its collection system in New Orleans, Louisiana. The League of Women Voters, Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation, Orleans Audubon Society, and Louisiana Environmental Action Network also were Plaintiff-Intervenor in this action, and the State of Louisiana was a statutory Defendant.

Under the Decree, the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans ("Board") and the City of New Orleans agreed to perform Clean Water Act remedial measures, estimated at more than \$200 million, including renovating the sewer collection system, implementing a preventive maintenance program, improving reporting procedures for unauthorized discharges from the sewer collection system, implementing a response action plan when sewage is discharged, and conducting storm sewer monitoring. The Board agreed to Clean Air Act remedial measures contained in the Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Fluidized Bed Incinerator at the East Bank Sewage Treatment Plant. The Board also agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1.5 million and to perform a \$2 million Supplemental Environmental Project that creates wetlands and a vegetative buffer at an abandoned local beach area. The Decree does not resolve the contingent liability of the State under Section 309(e) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1319(e).

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States and the League of Women Voters of New Orleans, et al. v. Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-1-1-4032.

The Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Hale Boggs Building, Room 210, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130, at U.S. EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202, and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree

Library, 1120 G Street, NW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In requesting a copy, please indicate whether you want the text of the Decree only, the Decree with all attachments (except oversize maps) in black and white, or the Decree with all attachments (except oversize maps) in color. Enclose a check in the amount of \$15.75 for the text of the Decree only, \$527.00 for the Decree with all attachments (except oversize maps) in black and white, \$785.00 for the Decree with all attachments (except oversize maps) in color, payable to the Consent Decree Library. Reproduction costs are 25 cents per page for normal pages and \$1.15 per page for color copies. For copies of the oversize maps, please add on additional \$325.000 to the total amount.

Joel M. Gross,

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506 (C)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Interstate Arrangement For Combining Employment and Wages, ETA 586.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before

July 13, 1998. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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;
- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Mary E. Montgomery, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4516, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. 20210, telephone number (202) 219-5340, ext. 178 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 3304(a)(9)(B), of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986, requires States to participate in an arrangement for combining employment and wages covered under the different State laws for the purpose of determining unemployed workers' entitlement to unemployment compensation. The Interstate Arrangement For Combining Employment and Wages (CWC), promulgated at 20 CFR part 616, requires the prompt transfer of all available employment and wages between States upon request. The Benefit Payment Promptness Standard, 20 CFR part 640, requires the prompt payment of unemployment compensation including benefits paid under the CWC arrangement. The ETA 586 report provides the ETA/ Unemployment Insurance Service with information necessary to measure the scope and effect of the CWC program and monitor the performance of each State in responding to wage transfer requests and the payment of benefits.

II. Current Actions

This information is necessary in order for ETA to analyze program performance, know when program

performance action plans are needed and to target technical assistance resources. Without this report, it would be impossible for the ETA to identify activity under the CWC program and carry out the Secretary's responsibility for oversight.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages.

OMB Number: 1205-0029.

Agency Number: ETA 586.

Recordkeeping: 3 years.

Affected Public: State Government.

Cite/Reference/Form: ETA Handbook No. 401, ETA 586.

Total Respondents: 53.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: 212.

Average Time per Response: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 848.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): N/A.

Total Burden Cost: \$16,960.00.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

Grace A. Kilbane,

Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice of Previously Held Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 12, 1998.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel Matter Related to the OPM Report. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

2. Personnel Action. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

The Board voted unanimously that Agency business required that a meeting be held with less than the usual seven days advance notice, that it be closed to the public, and that earlier announcement of this was not possible.

The Board voted unanimously to close the meeting under the exemptions

stated above. Deputy General Counsel James Engel certified that the meeting could be closed under those exemptions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, Telephone (703) 518-6304.

Becky Baker,

Secretary of the Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Comment Request: National Science Foundation Proposal/Award Information—Grant Proposal Guide

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: National Science Foundation is announcing plans to request renewed clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Gail A. McHenry, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 245, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to gmchenry@nsf.gov. Written comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mrs. McHenry on (703) 306-1125 x2010 or send email to gmchenry@nsf.gov. You may also obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Mrs. McHenry.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project

"National Sciences Foundation Proposal/Award Information—Grant Proposal Guide." The missions of the NSF are to increase the Nation's base of scientific and engineering knowledge

and strengthen its ability to support research in all areas of science and engineering; and promote innovative science and engineering education programs that can better prepare the Nation to meet the challenges of the future. The Foundation is committed to ensuring the Nation's supply of scientists, engineers, and science educators. In its role as leading Federal supporter of science and engineering, NSF also has an important role in national science policy planning.

Use of the Information

The regular submission of proposals to the Foundation is part of the collection of information and is used to help NSF fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 30,000 proposals annually for new projects, and makes approximately 10,000 new awards. Support is made primarily through grants, contracts, and other agreements awarded to approximately 2,800 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based mainly on evaluations of proposal merit submitted to the Foundation (proposal review is cleared under OMB Control No. 3145-0060).

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its information collection to identify and address excessive reporting burdens as well as to identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of the proposed principal investigator(s)/project director(s) or the co-principal investigator(s)/co-project director(s).

Burden on the Public

The Foundation estimates that an average of 120 hours is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 38,000 proposals are expected during the course of one year. These figures compute to an estimated 4,560,000 public burden hours annually.

Dated: May 8, 1998.

Gail A. McHenry,

NSF Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Modification Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.