

investigations conducted by the Navy for this project. The commentor was concerned that the North American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) was not considered. This law provides Indian Tribes, recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), certain rights concerning the treatment of ancestral burial. Another commentor noted that it appeared that no tribal representatives had been contacted during the preparation of the environmental impact statement, and that the archeological survey conducted for this project appears to have not been adequately completed. In response to these concerns, the Navy solicited the identification of interested persons and/or issues that should be addressed in the EIS through the scoping process, the notice of which was published in the **Federal Register** and local area newspapers. Additionally, the Navy consulted with the BIA, state and local governments and other interested agencies during the preparation of the EIS. Regarding the protection of ancestral burials, the Navy, in conjunction with the SHPO, developed a Phase IA archeological survey which identified approximately 300 acres of NWIRP Calverton that may contain artifacts that may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A follow-on study, also developed with the SHPO, was conducted to complete further archeological investigations on the lands most likely to be developed through the reuse of the site. Results of these surveys and the Programmatic Agreement prepared for the treatment of cultural resources at NWIRP Calverton, which requires that future development on archeologically sensitive portions of NWIRP Calverton be preceded by appropriate archeological studies, will ensure archeological resources, including burial sites in accordance with NAGPRA, are protected. The Programmatic Agreement covers the entire NWIRP Calverton site and requires future development to be preceded by consultation with and approval by the SHPO.

Cultural Resources

A number of commentors were concerned about the protection of cultural and archeological resources. EPA requested that Navy incorporate provisions of the Programmatic Agreement, developed in compliance with National Historic Preservation Act, into this ROD. The Navy will fulfill its responsibilities designated in the Programmatic Agreement.

Environmental Justice

EPA requested information concerning how the Navy satisfied its responsibilities under Executive Order (EO) 12898 for Environmental Justice particularly with regard to the concerns of the Montaukett Tribe. The Tribe notified EPA that the Tribe would be disproportionately affected by the reuse of NWIRP Calverton by the loss of Tribal burial grounds that may be disturbed during redevelopment of the site. The FEIS states that the proposed transfer and reuse of the site are not expected to cause disproportionate adverse environmental impacts specific to any groups or individuals from minority or low income populations residing in the study area. The concern noted by the Montaukett Tribe with regard to the requirements of this EO on the future development of the site potentially impacting ancestral burial areas has been considered and is provided for in the Programmatic Agreement and attached archeology covenant that will be included in the deed.

Calverton National Cemetery

The VA commented that increased traffic will affect public access to the Calverton National Cemetery. The Navy acknowledges that the planned redevelopment of the NWIRP facility will result in additional vehicular traffic in the area. The FEIS identified traffic improvements that may be implemented by the state and local governments that will improve traffic conditions.

Conclusion

The Calverton Enterprise Park Reuse Plan has been identified by the Town of Riverhead as its preferred alternative reuse plan. In the development of this plan, the Town of Riverhead Planning Commission established the following goals for the reuse of the NWIRP site: maximize job creation; increase tax bases; and enhance regional quality of life. The Calverton Enterprise Park Reuse Plan responds to local and regional economic conditions and promotes economic recovery from the closure of the NWIRP Calverton. The resultant environmental impacts can be mitigated by the acquiring entity under the direction of federal, state and local requirements.

The transfer of property to NYSDEC will allow undeveloped, wooded land to remain in its natural state. The transfer of property to VA for use as a federal cemetery will ensure a land use consistent with the adjoining VA property, and will allow the continued service that VA provides to the community.

Although the "no action" alternative has less potential for causing adverse environmental impacts, this alternative would not promote local economic redevelopment of the NWIRP site and would not create new jobs. Additionally it would not take advantage of the property's physical characteristics and infrastructure.

Based on the analysis contained in the FEIS and support provided in the administrative record, I have decided, on behalf of the Department of Navy, to direct transfer of portions of NWIRP Calverton to the Town of Riverhead to be redeveloped consistent with the Calverton Enterprise Plan; to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Dated: September 9, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and 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, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat.Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 16, 1998.

Hazel Fiers,

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart I—Immigration Status Confirmation.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: Responses: 7,310.

Burden Hours: 23,026.

Abstract: Collection of this information used for immigration status confirmation reduces the potential of fraud and abuse caused by ineligible aliens receiving Federally subsidized student financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended. The respondent

population is comprised of 7,310 postsecondary institutions who participate in administration of the Title IV, HEA programs.

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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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, 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 October 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, 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 Werfel_d@a1.eop.gov. 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, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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Dated: September 16, 1998.

Hazel Fiers,

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: Third International Mathematics and Science Study Video—Repeat (TIMSS-R).

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.
Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 6,200.

Burden Hours: 1,400.

Abstract: Videotape study of 8th grade math and science classrooms in the United States, the Czech Republic, France, Japan, the Netherlands, and One Asian Nation during the 1998-1999 school year. Designed and conducted by the U.S., this study supplements the Main TIMSS-R academic assessment data collection in which 45 to 50 countries are expected to participate. This study is based on and extends the work of the previous TIMSS video study. That study included only mathematics and compared the U.S. data with two other countries—Japan and Germany. This study will include science in addition to mathematics lessons, will be conducted in five high-achieving nations, and will collect and produce video tapes that will be useful for improving teaching practices.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program Electronic Debit Account Brochure and Authorization Form.

Frequency: On occasion.