

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Louis Maiuri, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Protection, Safety and Occupational Health Division, Crystal Plaza #5, Room 654, 2211 South Clark Place, Arlington, Virginia, 22244-5108; 703-602-2602.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Maritime Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from ships (MARPOL) as amended by the MARPOL Protocol of 1978, protects the ocean environment by prohibiting some discharges altogether, restricting other discharges to particular distances from land, and establishing "special areas" within which additional discharge limitations apply. Special areas are particular bodies of water, which, because of their oceanographic characteristics and ecological significance, require protective measures more strict than other areas of the ocean. Within special areas that are in effect internationally, except under emergency circumstances, the only authorized garbage discharge from vessels is food waste. At present, three special areas are in effect: the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, and the Antarctic Region.

The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships established deadlines for compliance by U.S. Navy ships with the Annex V special area requirements. Surface ships must comply with the special area requirements by December 31, 2000. Submarines must comply with the special area requirements by December 31, 2008. APPS further requires the Secretary of Defense to report in the **Federal Register** the amount and nature of Navy ship discharges in special areas, not otherwise authorized under MARPOL Annex V.

This **Federal Register** notice is the fifth of the required annual reports. This report covers the period between August 1, 1997, and September 30, 1998. During the period August 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998, there were no garbage discharges from Navy ships into MARPOL Annex V special areas that were not authorized under MARPOL Annex V.

Dated: November 9, 1998.

Ralph W. Corey,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and 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 January 19, 1999.

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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and 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: November 16, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: National Study of Charter Schools.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 1,113; Burden Hours: 509.

Abstract: This four-year study of charter schools will examine the impact of charter schools on student achievement, on education reform, and on an array of other issues. The study includes an annual survey of the universe of charter schools and site visits at a sample of charter schools and comparison schools.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and 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 December 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@al.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: November 16, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

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

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Federal Family Education Loan Program and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, Loan Discharge Applications.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 70,000; Burden Hours: 30,500.

Abstract: These forms will serve as the means of collecting the information necessary to determine whether a FFEL or Direct Loan Borrower qualifies for a loan discharge based on total and permanent disability, school closure, false certification of student eligibility, or unauthorized signature.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Federal Direct Consolidation Loan Program Application Documents.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profits.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 707,000; Burden Hours: 528,250.

Abstract: These forms are the means by which a borrower applies for/promises to repay a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan and a lender verifies an eligible loan to be consolidated.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting: Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel.

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 1998, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 9, 1998, 9:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Place: Florida Solar Energy Center, 1679 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, Florida 32922-5703; Telephone: 407-638-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Eaton, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy, Golden

Field Office, 1617 Cole Blvd., Golden, CO 80401, Telephone: 303-275-4740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Panel: The Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel (HTAP) will advise the Secretary of Energy who has the overall management responsibility for carrying out the programs under the Matsunaga Hydrogen Research, Development, and Demonstration Program Act of 1990, Public Law No. 101-566 and the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996, Public Law No. 104-271. The Panel will review and make any necessary recommendations to the Secretary on the following items: (1) The implementation and conduct of programs required by the Act, and (2) the economic, technological, and environmental consequences of the deployment of hydrogen production and use systems.

Tentative Schedule

Tuesday, November 3, 1998

9:00 A.M. Opening Comments—D. Nahmias
9:15 Introduction of Panelists and Remarks—D. Nahmias/R. Eaton
9:45 DOE Hydrogen Program Report—S. Gronich/N. Rossmeissl
10:00 DOE Hydrogen Program Budget, FY 1999—S. Gronich
10:30 Break
10:45 DOE Report to Congress—S. Gronich
12:00 P.M. Lunch
1:30 HTAP Report to Congress (This will include a signing ceremony by the HTAP members)—D. Nahmias
2:45 IEA Report-International Coordination—N. Rossmeissl
3:00 Break
3:30 Public Comments—Audience
4:00 HTAP Panel Comments—Panel
5:00 Adjourn
6:00 Reception

Wednesday, November 4, 1998

9:00 AM Round Table Discussion on Coordination and Collaboration (DOE Offices of Fossil Energy, Energy Research, Transportation Technologies, Biofuels; DOT and NASA)— Panel/ Agency Representatives
12:00 PM Lunch
1:45 Public Comments—Audience
3:15 HTAP Discussion, Comments and Roundup—Panel
3:30 Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Russell Eaton's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is