

Background Information

In 2014, NOAA issued a final rule establishing the sanctuary nomination process (SNP), which details how communities may submit nominations to NOAA for consideration of national marine sanctuary designation (79 FR 33851). NOAA moves successful nominations to an inventory of areas that could be considered for national marine sanctuary designation. The final rule establishing the SNP included a five-year limit on any nomination added to the inventory that NOAA does not advance for designation.

In November 2019, NOAA issued a **Federal Register** notice (84 FR 61546) to clarify procedures for evaluating and updating a nomination as it approaches the five-year mark on the inventory of areas that could be considered for national marine sanctuary designation. This notice explained that if a nomination remains responsive to the evaluation criteria for inclusion on the inventory, it may be appropriate to allow the nomination to remain on the inventory for another five years. The notice also established a process for NOAA to consider the continuing viability of nominations nearing the five-year expiration mark.

The nomination for St. George Unangan Heritage NMS was accepted to the national inventory on January 27, 2017, and is therefore scheduled to expire on January 27, 2022. The full nomination can be found at <https://nominate.noaa.gov/nominations/>.

NOAA is not proposing to designate the St. George Unangan Heritage NMS with this action. Instead, NOAA is seeking public comment on ONMS' five-year review of the nomination for St. George Unangan Heritage NMS. Accordingly, written comments submitted as part of this request should not focus on whether NOAA should initiate the designation process for a St. George Unangan Heritage NMS. Rather, comments should address the relevance of the nomination towards NOAA's 11 evaluation criteria and any new information NOAA should consider about the nominated area (these criteria are detailed at <https://nominate.noaa.gov/guide.html>). Comments that do not pertain to the evaluation criteria, or present new information on the St. George Unangan Heritage NMS nomination, will not be considered in NOAA's decision on whether to retain this nomination in the inventory.

Whether removing or maintaining the nomination for St. George Unangan Heritage NMS, NOAA would follow the same procedure for notifying the public as was followed when the nomination

was submitted, including a letter to the nominator, a notice in the **Federal Register**, and posting information on "nominate.noaa.gov".

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*)

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Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2021-SCC-0162]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Native Hawaiian Education and Alaska Native Education Annual Performance Report

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2021-SCC-0162. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the PRA Coordinator of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208D, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Joanne Osborne, (202) 401-1265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Native Hawaiian Education and Alaska Native Education Annual Performance Report.

OMB Control Number: 1810-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 102.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 510.

Abstract: This is a request for a new Annual Performance Report (APR) information collection for the Title VI, Part B of the ESEA (Native Hawaiian Education), Title VI, Part C of the ESEA (Alaska Native Education), and Title XI, Section 11006 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The information shared with the Rural, Insular, and Native Achievement Program (RINAP) division will help ensure Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native Education program grantees make progress toward meeting program goals and objectives. Information collected will also inform the selection and delivery of technical assistance to grantees, allowing RINAP to better monitor the connection between grant administration and intended outcomes. Collection of APR information will also allow RINAP to proactively engage with grantees to

identify potential compliance issues ahead of more comprehensive monitoring, decreasing the need for enforcement action and minimizing burden for grantees.

Dated: November 12, 2021.

Kate Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

U.S. Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Proposed Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EIA invites public comment on the proposed three-year extension of the following Oil and Gas Reserves System Survey Forms, as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; extension without changes of Form EIA-64A, *Annual Report of the Origin of Natural Gas Liquids Production*; extension without changes of Form EIA-23L, *Annual Report of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, County Level Report*; and continued suspension of Form EIA-23S, *Annual Survey of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, Summary Level Report*.

DATES: EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than January 18, 2022. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically to steven.grape@eia.gov or mail comments to Mr. Steven Grape, EI-24, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, or by fax at (202) 586-4420.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you need additional information, contact Mr. Steven Grape, U.S. Energy Information Administration, telephone (202) 586-1868, or by email at steven.grape@eia.gov. The forms and instructions are available on EIA's website at <https://www.eia.gov/survey/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.:* 1905-0057;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Oil and Gas Reserves System;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Three year extension without changes of the currently approved Form EIA-64A; extension without changes of the currently approved Form EIA-23L; and continued suspension of collection of the currently approved Form EIA-23S (suspended).

(4) *Purpose:* In response to Public Law 95-91 Section 657, estimates of U.S. oil and gas reserves are to be reported annually. Many U.S. government agencies have an interest in the definitions of proved oil and gas reserves and the quality, reliability, and usefulness of estimates of reserves. Among these are the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Department of Interior; Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of the Treasury; and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Each of these organizations has specific purposes for collecting, using, or estimating proved reserves. The EIA has a congressional mandate to provide accurate annual estimates of U.S. proved crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids reserves, and EIA presents annual reserves data in EIA Web reports to meet this requirement. The BOEM maintains estimates of proved reserves to carry out their responsibilities in leasing, collecting royalty payments, and regulating the activities of oil and gas companies on Federal waters. Accurate reserve estimates are important, as the BOEM is second only to the IRS in generating Federal revenue. For the IRS, proved reserves and occasionally probable reserves are an essential component of calculating taxes for companies owning or producing oil and gas. The SEC requires publicly traded petroleum companies to annually file a reserves statement as part of their 10-K filing. The basic purpose of the 10-K filing is to give the investing public a clear and reliable financial basis to assess the relative value, as a financial asset, of a company's reserves, especially in comparison to other similar oil and gas companies. The Government also uses the resulting information to develop national and regional estimates of proved reserves of domestic crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids to facilitate national energy policy decisions. These estimates are essential to the development, implementation, and evaluation of energy policy and

legislation. Data are used directly in EIA Web reports concerning U.S. crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids reserves, and are incorporated into a number of other Web reports and analyses;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* Forms EIA-23L/23S/64A: 1,100;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* Forms EIA-23L/23S/64A: 1,100;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 24,800 hours;

Form EIA-23L Annual Survey of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, County Level Report: 110 hours (120 large operators); 40 hours (140 medium operators); 15 hours (240 small operators); 22,400 hours

Form EIA-23S Annual Survey of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, Summary Level Report: 4 hours (small operators); 0 hours (Currently suspended)

Form EIA-64A Annual Report of the Origin of Natural Gas Liquids Production: 4 hours (600 natural gas plant operators); 2,400 hours

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$2,024,920 (24,800 burden hours times \$81.65 per hour). EIA estimates that respondents will have no additional costs associated with the surveys other than the burden hours and the maintenance of the information during the normal course of business.

Comments are invited on whether or not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; (e) All data items collected on Form EIA-23L are necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, and if not which data items could be removed without affecting practical utility; and (f) The ability to upload the Form EIA-23L data in a standard file format (xlsx, csv, txt, xml, etc.) would improve data preparation and reduce burden compared to the current process.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*