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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2024–SCC–0128]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Mandatory Civil Rights Data Collection

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Sala Green at Sala.Green@ed.gov, (202) 900–8558.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department 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: Mandatory Civil Rights Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 1870–0504.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection request.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 17,717.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,378,410.

Abstract: The collection, use, and reporting of education data is an integral component of the mission of the U.S. Department of Education (Department). The Department has collected civil rights data about the nation’s public schools via the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) since 1968. As with previous CRDC collections, the purpose of the 2025–26 and 2027–28 CRDCs is to obtain vital data related to the civil rights laws’ requirement that public local educational agencies (LEA) and elementary and secondary schools provide equal educational opportunity. The Department has analyzed the uses of many data elements collected in the 2020–21 CRDC and sought advice from experts across the Department to refine, improve, and where appropriate, add or remove data elements from the collection. CRDC data definitions and metrics are consistent with other mandatory collections across the Department wherever possible. The Department seeks the Office of Management and Budget’s approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act to collect from LEAs the elementary and secondary education data described in the sections of Attachment A. The Department requests that LEAs and other stakeholders review and comment on the proposed changes (detailed in Supporting Statement A, Attachments A–1, A–2, A–3, and A–4, and Attachment B).

Dated: January 13, 2025.

Stephanie Valentine,

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 EDUCATION

Application of the Revised Version of the Uniform Guidance to Department Grants

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces updates to awardees’ Grant Award Notices (GANs) to apply the 2024 revision of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, And Audit Requirements for Federal Awards the Uniform Guidance to all Department grants that are subject to the Uniform Guidance.

DATES: This change is effective January 16, 2025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 22, 2024, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published a final rule in the **Federal Register** that revised the Uniform Guidance (89 FR 30046). This final rule, effective as of October 1, 2024, provided new flexibilities and due process protections to grantees, and also clarified several grant requirements. In order to ensure that the new flexibilities and due process protections for grantees set out in that revised 2024 guidance apply uniformly to Department grantees, we have updated the terms and conditions of Department grants to clarify that the revised Uniform Guidance (89 FR 30136, April 22, 2024) is the version that applies to all Department grants that are subject to the Uniform Guidance.

Specifically, the Department is adding the following condition to Box 10 of its Grant Award Notifications (GANs):

By the drawdown of funds under this GAN, the grantee accepts that this award is subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Title 2 CFR part 200 as revised at 89 FR 30136–30208 (April 22, 2024).

While grantees will not automatically receive a new printed GAN, the updated Box 10 and this notice supersede any previous GAN or notice that applied an earlier version of the Uniform Guidance. Grantees are not required to take any action other than continuing to draw down funds to take advantage of this change but are encouraged to maintain a copy of this notice within their grant files as documentation for grant management and auditing purposes.

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Program Authority: 2 CFR part 200 as adopted at 89 FR 30046 (April 22, 2024); 2 CFR 3474.

Roberto Rodriguez,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Request for Information Regarding Treatment and Disposal of Elemental Mercury

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center and Office of Environmental Management are currently in the acquisition planning and regulatory planning stages for a potential future treatment and disposal (T&D) acquisition activity and fee rulemaking activities for elemental mercury waste. This planning supports DOE's efforts to implement the requirements of the Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008, as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. DOE's Office of Environmental Management is issuing this RFI for the purpose of conducting market research in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). This RFI is also being issued to potentially support a future rulemaking action that would establish a fee to provide long-term management and storage of elemental mercury. No contract solicitation is available through this RFI.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested on or before March 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit comments via any of the following methods:

Email: mercury.mgt.fee@em.doe.gov. Please include "Treatment and Disposal of Elemental Mercury RFI" in the subject line, and submit comments in Microsoft Word, or PDF file format, and avoid the use of encryption.

Postal Mail: Timothy Herald, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, Office of Waste Disposal (EM-4.22), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Herald, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, Office of Waste Disposal (EM-4.22), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (240) 243-8753, Email: mercury.mgt.fee@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose and Introduction

The purpose of this RFI is to identify entities capable of providing (1) infrastructure, capabilities, and capacities for the treatment and/or disposal of elemental mercury, (2) documentation of permits held, or viable strategies for obtaining permits and regulatory approval for the T&D methods identified, and (3) physical and administrative methods to segregate and control the elemental mercury considered under this RFI separately from other hazardous wastes managed at the facility or facilities.

To that end, this RFI solicits input via capability statements from interested parties with the specialized capabilities necessary to meet all, or part of, the major elements of scope for the T&D of elemental mercury. Within these capability statements, DOE is seeking feedback from contractors, small business concerns, and other interested parties regarding options for innovative approaches to perform the work scope elements of this RFI. This feedback will assist DOE with identifying interested and capable sources, and with advancing development of DOE's acquisition strategy and future rulemaking action.

This RFI is issued as part of DOE's implementation of the requirements of the Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-414), as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (Pub. L. 114-182) (collectively identified herein as MEBA). Within MEBA, DOE interprets "long-term management" to include T&D. Elemental mercury managed under MEBA is a hazardous waste and

thus must be treated and disposed of in accordance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

DOE is aware that Land Disposal Restrictions (LDRs) described in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*) (RCRA) at 40 CFR part 268, subpart D—Treatment Standards, do not currently include an approved treatment standard for non-radioactively contaminated elemental mercury waste that provides an LDR-compliant waste form acceptable for shallow land disposal. However, a treatment and land disposal path for non-radioactively contaminated elemental mercury would be available if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a new rulemaking (per 40 CFR 260.20) or approved a site-specific No Migration Variance (NMV) (per 40 CFR 268.6) or a site-specific Determination of Equivalent Treatment (DET) (per 40 CFR 268.42(b)). Recently, DOE received information that could provide other potential T&D options (e.g., deep well injection) to disposition elemental mercury. Also, RCRA may allow for intermediary treatment methods that convert elemental mercury to a more stable form (e.g., cinnabar/mercury sulfide) suitable for longer duration storage pending disposal availability. DOE therefore encourages all interested parties to identify their T&D methods for DOE consideration.

II. Performance Work Statement

DOE requires services for the T&D of elemental mercury conveyed to DOE pursuant to MEBA. DOE may initially seek T&D services for up to 120 metric tons (MT) of elemental mercury to which DOE holds title as established in an August 2020 settlement agreement with Nevada Gold Mines, LLC (NGM), whereby DOE agreed to accept title to and all further responsibility for 112 MT of elemental mercury that was in temporary storage at certain NGM facilities as of December 31, 2019.

DOE is considering additional contract options that could increase the quantity of elemental mercury T&D capacity over a 5-year contract period of performance. The potential need for additional T&D capacity is based on the expectation that additional quantities of elemental mercury would be conveyed to DOE, and such options would afford DOE the capability to disposition a much larger volume of elemental mercury waste. Interested parties' responses to this RFI should address their capabilities and capacities to treat and/or dispose of the following three volumes of elemental mercury waste during a base period of performance