

activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

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: Borrower Defenses Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0142.

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

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 11,487.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 5,531.

Abstract: The Department of Education (the Department) requests a revision of the current information collection associated with OMB Control Number 1845–0142 due to an increase in the number of borrowers asserting a borrower defense to repayment claim. The only change to the collection is an update to increase the number of respondents, responses and burden hours.

The regulations in § 685.222 provide a framework for the borrower defense individual and group process that applies to loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2020, including descriptions of the circumstances under which group

borrower defense claims could be considered, and the process the Department will follow for borrower defenses for a group. The regulations establish a process for review and determination of a borrower defense for groups identified by the Secretary for which the borrower defense is made regarding a Direct Loans for attendance at a closed school that has not provided financial protection currently available to the Secretary from which to recover any losses based on borrower defense claims, and for which there is no appropriate entity from which the Secretary can otherwise practicably recover such losses. The regulations also establish the process for groups identified by the Secretary for which the borrower defense is asserted with respect to Direct Loans to attend an open school.

Dated: November 26, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2019–ICCD–0149]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Cash Management Contract URL Collection

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 31, 2020.

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–2019–ICCD–0149. 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 www.regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDDocketMgr@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 Director of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208, D, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

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Title of Collection: Cash Management Contract URL Collection.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0147.

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

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 552.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 45.

Abstract: The Department of Education (the Department) is seeking to renew OMB control number 1845–0147 for the collection of URLs hosting

institutional contracts and contract data relating to campus banking agreements. The Department has created a Cash Management Contract electronic form to allow institutions to report their contract and contract URL to the Department. The Department has also created a central repository for the information provided by the institution that includes the contract data and the web addresses that is publicly available for research and comparison purposes. Both of these are located on *studentaid.gov*. The database allows interested parties, such as students, families, press, institutions, and researchers to easily access and compare banking agreements available at different institutions.

Dated: November 25, 2019.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EIA is requesting a three-year extension without changes of the *Coal Markets Reporting System* as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The *Coal Markets Reporting System* (CMRS) consists of 5 surveys including, Form EIA-3 *Quarterly Survey of Non-Electric Sector Coal Data*, Form EIA-7A *Annual Survey of Coal Production and Preparation*, Form EIA-8A *Annual Survey of Coal Stocks and Coal Exports*, Form EIA-6 *Emergency Coal Supply Survey (Standby)*, and Form EIA-20 *Emergency Weekly Coal Monitoring Survey for Coal Burning Power Producers (Standby)*. The CMRS collects data on U.S. coal production, quality, consumption, receipts, stocks, and prices.

DATES: EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than January 31, 2020. 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: Send your comments to Sara Hoff electronically at coal2020@eia.gov or by mail to Office of Energy Production, Conversion, & Delivery, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, EI-23, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Hoff, (202) 586-1242. The forms and instructions are available on EIA's website at <http://www.eia.gov/survey/changes/coal/2020/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB Control Number:* 1905-0167;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Coal Markets Reporting System;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Three-year extension without changes;

(4) *Purpose:* The Coal Markets Reporting System (CMRS) program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on coal production, sales, technology, reserves, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of coal and other energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands and to promote sound policymaking, efficient markets, and public understanding of energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment.

Form EIA-3 collects quarterly data on the use of coal at U.S. manufacturing plants, coal transformation/processing plants, coke plants, and commercial and institutional users of coal. Form EIA-7A collects characteristics of coalbeds mined, recoverable reserves, production capacity, coal sales and revenue, stocks held at mines, and the disposition of the coal mined. For coal preparation, information collected includes operations, locations, production capacity, disposition, and volume of coal prepared. Form EIA-8A collects data on coal stocks by state location, exported coal by origin state, and export revenue of coal sold during the reporting year.

Form EIA-6 *Emergency Coal Supply Survey* and Form EIA-20 *Emergency Weekly Coal Monitoring Survey for Coal Burning Power Producers* are standby surveys used during periods of coal supply and transportation disruptions. In the event of a supply or transportation disruption, these two standby surveys activate and operate weekly over a ten week period. Once activated, Form EIA-6 collects weekly coal production and stocks data from U.S. coal mining companies. Data are aggregated and reported at the state

level. During disruptive events, Form EIA-20 collects available coal-fired capacity, generation, consumption, and stocks from coal-fired electric power generators.

The CMRS collects coal market data and information pertaining to the quality of the coal, including heat content, ash content, sulfur content and contents of mercury and chlorides. Aggregates of this collection are used to support analysis on the effects of public policy on the coal industry, economic modeling, forecasting, coal supply and demand studies, and in guiding research and development programs. The data are included in EIA publications, such as the *Monthly Energy Review*, *Quarterly Coal Report*, *Quarterly Coal Distribution Report*, *Annual Coal Report*, and *Annual Coal Distribution Report*.

EIA also uses the data in short-term and long-term forecast models such as the Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS) and the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) Coal Market Module. The forecast data also appear in the *Short-Term Energy Outlook* and the *Annual Energy Outlook* publications.

(5) *Estimated Number of Survey Respondents:* 1,164.

- Form EIA-3 has 397 respondents;
- Form EIA-7A has 692 respondents;
- Form EIA-8A has 48 respondents;
- Form EIA-6 (standby) has 15 respondents;
- Form EIA-20 (standby) has 12 respondents.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 2,598.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 4,417.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$346,823 (4,417 burden hours times \$78.52 per hour). EIA estimates that there are no additional costs to respondents associated with the surveys other than the costs associated with the burden hours since the information is maintained during 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; and (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.