BYFT activities ended in December 2019. The study initially planned to conduct its BYFS data collection in the fall of 2020 and published all materials for a 60D review in February 2020. Due to the COVID–19 pandemic, it was decided to postpone this collection for one year and pause the review after the 60D period was completed in April 2020. OMB provided approval to adjust the schedule in June 2020 (OMB #1850–0944 v.6). This submission for 30D review is to request approval for the Fall 2021 BYFS study data collection. A document describing all changes between the documents presented in the 60D review and those presented in the 30D review is attached to this package.

Part A of this submission presents information on the basic design of HS&B:21. Part B discusses the statistical methods employed. Part C presents justification for the questionnaire content. Appendix A provides the communication materials to be used during state, school district, school, and parent BYFS recruitment and data collection activities. Appendix B provides the full-scale data collection instruments. The primary contractor to NCES for this study is RTI International (Contract #1919900–18–R0018).


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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2020–S CC–0143]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Study of Financial Aid Supports for GEAR UP Students

AGENCY: Institute for Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 2, 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–2020–S CC–0143. 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 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 Director of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208B, Washington, DC 20202–8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Daphne Garcia, 202–245–3592.

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, 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.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 42.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 95.

Abstract: This is a congressionally-mandated evaluation of the scholarship component of the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) program. Established in the 1998 Higher Education Act (HEA), GEAR UP provides competitive, multi-year grants to states and local partnerships to prepare students attending high-poverty middle and high schools for college enrollment and success. State grantees must use at least half of their funds to provide college scholarships to GEAR UP students, unless they receive a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

How GEAR UP grantees provide scholarships to support students’ enrollment and persistence in college is of interest for several reasons. First, this component distinguishes GEAR UP from other federal college access programs that serve primarily low-income students or those from high need schools. Second, the 2008 HEA reauthorization gave state grantees flexibility in how they implement and fund the scholarships. While program statute requires states to set aside at least half of their GEAR UP funds to provide scholarships (states that do are referred to as ‘set-aside states’), states may be granted a waiver to devote all of their GEAR UP funds to other activities (referred to as ‘waiver states’) if they can ensure that GEAR UP students have access to alternative scholarship funds—such as those that are state-funded. The reauthorization also changed other aspects of the scholarship component, such as the minimum amount and which students must be eligible to receive this financial aid.

The data collection for this study will examine the scholarship practices of all states that received a GEAR UP grant since fiscal year 2011, the first year the scholarship changes went into effect. ED plans to use the study results to inform program improvement, both current efforts and in the future through the upcoming reauthorization of the HEA.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open virtual meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an online virtual meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this conference call be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: Wednesday, September 23, 2020; 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held virtually via WebEx. To attend, please contact Menice Santistevan by email, Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov, no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

To Sign Up For Public Comment: Please contact Menice Santistevan by email, Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov, no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens’ Advisory Board (NNMCAB), 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506. Phone (505) 995–0393; Fax (505) 989–1752 or email: Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of July 22, 2020 Conference Call Minutes
- Update from NNMCAB Deputy Designated Federal Officer
- Old Business
- Report from NNMCAB Chair and Vice Chair

- New Business
- Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2021
- Other Items
- Update from EM Los Alamos Field Office
- Update from New Mexico Environment Department
- Update on DP Road
- Public Comment Period
- Wrap-Up and Comments from NNMCAB Members
- Adjourn

Public Participation: The online virtual meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting by sending them to Menice Santistevan at the aforementioned email address. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the conference call in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Menice Santistevan at the address or telephone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the internet at: https://www.energy.gov/em/nnmcab/meeting-materials.


LaTanya Butler, Deputy Committee Management Officer.

For further information contact: Menice Santistevan by email, Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov, no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Amended Record of Decision for the Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Amended record of decision.

SUMMARY: The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is announcing this amendment to the September 26, 2008 Record of Decision (ROD) for the Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the Continued Operation of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Los Alamos, NM (2008 LANL SWEIS ROD). In this Amended ROD, NNSA announces its decision to implement elements of the 2008 LANL SWEIS Expanded Operations Alternative needed to produce a minimum of 30 war reserve pits per year during 2026 for the national pit production mission and to implement surge efforts to exceed 30 pits per year to meet Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) and national policy. NNSA has previously evaluated this action at the programmatic level in the Complex Transformation SPEIS and at the site-specific level in the LANL Sitewide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS), and recently completed a review of those prior analyses in a separate Supplement Analysis (SA) for each document.

For further information contact: Kristen Dors, NEPA Compliance Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Field Office, 3747 W. Jemez Road, Los Alamos, NM 87544; phone: (505) 667–5491; or via email at lanlsweiss@nnsa.doe.gov. This Amended ROD, the 2020 LANL SA, and related NEPA documents are available at https://www.energy.gov/nnsa/nnsa-nepa-reading-room.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pit production, at a level of 80 pits per year at LANL, has been analyzed in two programmatic environmental impact statements (EISs) and two LANL site-wide EISs, including the 1999 Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (1999 LANL SWEIS) (DOE/EIS–0238), and the 2008 Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Operation of Los Alamos National Laboratory (2008 LANL SWEIS) (DOE/EIS–0380). As national policy and national defense needs have evolved, NNSA prepared a supplement analysis (SA) to the 2008 LANL SWEIS (2020 LANL SA) (DOE/EIS–0380–SA–06). The 2020 LANL SA re-evaluates the potential environmental impacts of producing a minimum of 30 pits per year at LANL and of implementing surge efforts to exceed 30 pits per year to determine if there have been substantial changes to NNSA’s proposed implementation of increased pit production or significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns, within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). After preparing and reviewing the 2020 LANL SA, NNSA has determined that no further NEPA analysis is needed prior to issuing this