

at the Howard Hanson Dam on the Green River, King County, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by: Mike McNeely, Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Branch, PO Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-2255, Telephone (206) 764-3624; fax (206) 764-4470.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action

Howard A Hanson Dam was originally authorized as the Eagle Gorge Dam and Reservoir by the Flood Control Act of 1950. Construction was completed in 1962. It is an earthfill and rockfill structure which provides winter flood control and summer low flow augmentation. The dam is located at river mile 64.5 on the Green River, King County, Washington, 35 miles southeast of Seattle, and 35 miles northeast of Tacoma. The dam and reservoir provide approximately 106,000 acre feet of winter flood control storage reservoir and 26,000 acre feet of summer conservation storage (seasonally from March through September). This 26,000 acre feet of conservation storage provides a minimum instream flow of 110 cubic feet per second (cfs) at 98 percent reliability. The Additional Water Storage Project Feasibility Study purposes are water supply and environmental restoration. Potential benefits are: municipal and industrial (M&I) water supply and downstream low flow augmentation through added storage; and higher fish and wildlife survival through improved downstream fish passage at the dam and improved habitat.

2. Alternatives

The Corps of Engineers is currently examining four alternatives.

- a. No action.
- b. Water supply only via pool raise to elevation 1169.
- c. Water supply/restoration via pool raise to elevation 1177.
- d. Adaptive management water supply/restoration via phased pool raise to maximum elevation 1177.

3. Scoping and Public Involvement

Public involvement will be sought during the scoping process and throughout the course of the project in accordance with NEPA procedures. A public scoping process has been begun to clarify issues of major concern, identify any information sources that might be available to analyze and evaluate impact, and obtain public input on the range and acceptability of

alternatives. This Notice of Intent formally commences the scoping process under NEPA. As part of the scoping process, all affected Federal, state and local agencies, Indian Tribes, general public and other interested private organizations, including environmental interest groups, are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Comments are requested concerning project alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant environmental impacts, and permits or other approvals that may be required.

The following key areas have been identified to be analyzed in depth in the draft EIS:

- (1) Geology and Engineering Design.
- (2) Water Management.
- (3) Water Quality.
- (4) Fisheries.
- (5) Wildlife.
- (6) Wetlands.
- (7) Cultural Resources.
- (8) Socioeconomic Resources.

A scoping meeting has been scheduled for: July 18, 1996, in Auburn City Hall Council Chambers, 25 West Main Street, Auburn, Washington at 6 p.m.

4. Schedule

The draft EIS is scheduled for release on April 1, 1997.

Donald T. Wynn,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, 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 September 9, 1996.

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, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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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 Director of the Information Resources Group publishes this 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: July 2, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Training Assessment Form—Title IV Student Financial Assistance Programs.

Frequency: One Time.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 25,000; Burden Hours: 2,000.

Abstract: The information collected will aid in the monitoring of contractors and non-Federal trainers. It will also measure the effectiveness of training offered to financial aid administrators, counselors, fiscal officers, and other administrators participating in student financial aid and other Federal programs.

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Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for Comments on Agencies applying to the Secretary for Initial Recognition or Renewal of Recognition.

DATES: Commentors should submit their written comments by August 23, 1996, to the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and State Liaison Division, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3915 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-7417.

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SUBMISSION OF THIRD-PARTY COMMENTS:

The Secretary of Education recognizes, as reliable authorities as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs within their scope, accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education that meet certain criteria for recognition. The purpose of this notice is to invite interested third parties to present written comments on the agencies listed in this notice that have applied for initial or continued recognition. All comments received in response to this notice will be reviewed by Department staff as part of its evaluation of the agencies' compliance with the criteria for recognition. In order for Department staff to give full consideration to the comments received, the comments must arrive at the address listed above not later than August 23 1996. Comments must relate to the Secretary's Criteria for

the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies. Comments pertaining to agencies whose Interim Reports will be reviewed must be restricted to the concerns raised in the Secretary's letter for which the report is requested.

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (the "Advisory Committee") advises the Secretary of Education on the recognition of accrediting agencies and State approval agencies. The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet November 20-22, 1996 in Washington, DC. All written comments received by the Department in response to this notice will be considered by both the Advisory Committee and the Secretary. A subsequent Federal Register notice will announce the meeting and invite individuals and/or groups to submit requests for oral presentation before the Advisory Committee on the agencies being reviewed. That notice, however, does not constitute another call for written comment. This notice is the only call for written comment.

The following agencies will be reviewed during the November 1996 meeting of the Advisory Committee:

Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies and Associations

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of bible colleges and institutes offering undergraduate programs)
2. American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of generic nurse anesthesia educational programs/schools)
3. Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of units within institutions offering professional undergraduate and graduate (master's) degree programs)
4. The American Dietetic Association (requested scope of recognition: The accreditation of coordinated undergraduate programs in dietetics and post-baccalaureate dietetics internships)
5. American Physical Therapy Association (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of professional programs for the physical therapist and programs for the physical therapy assistant)
6. Distance Education and Training Council (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of home study schools, including associate, baccalaureate, or master's degree-granting home study schools)

7. Liaison Committee on Medical Education (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation programs leading to the M.D. degree)
8. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of higher education institutions in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands)
9. National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of baccalaureate programs in environmental health science and protection)
10. Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (requested scope of recognition: The accreditation of Christian postsecondary institutions that offer certificates, diplomas and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees)

Interim Reports (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted recognition to the agency)—

1. American Academy for Liberal Education
2. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
3. American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar
4. American Optometric Association
5. American Podiatric Medical Association
6. Council on Naturopathic Medical Education
7. Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
8. National Accreditation Commission for Schools and Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
9. National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences
10. National Association of Schools of Dance
11. National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
12. New York State Board of Regents

State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

Petition for Renewal of Recognition

1. Oklahoma State Board of Regents for Higher Education

Interim Report

1. New York State Board of Regents (Vocational Education Unit)