

coordination. USACE–MVN expects to better define the issues of concern and the methods that will be used to evaluate those issues through the scoping process.

5. *Environmental Consultation and Review.* USACE–MVN anticipates developing an EIS that meets NEPA requirements of several federal agencies evaluating whether to authorize and/or fund the proposed project. At this time the cooperating agencies includes: EPA, DOI, NOAA, NMFS, USFWS, and USDA. Other federal interests in the development of the EIS include those related to NMFS's obligations under the MMPA and the NRDA LA TIG Federal trustees' obligations under OPA NRDA regulations, Final Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, and the Consent Decree entered into in *In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" In the Gulf of Mexico*. In addition to the federal interests noted above for general development of the EIS, USFWS will assist in documenting existing conditions and assessing effects of project alternatives through the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act consultation procedures. Consultation will be accomplished with USFWS and NMFS concerning threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat per the Endangered Species Act. NMFS will be consulted regarding the effects of this proposed action on Essential Fish Habitat per the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act. USACE–MVN anticipates CPRA will submit an application for an incidental take authorization to NMFS in accordance with the MMPA.

Questions regarding consultation or compliance requirements described herein, will be directed to the appropriate jurisdictional agency.

6. The USACE–MVN will consult with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the appropriate Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO), per the National Historic Preservation Act.

7. *Availability.* The DEIS is presently scheduled to be available for public review and comment by April 30, 2020. All comments received throughout the review process will become part of the administrative record for the proposed MBSD project and subject to public release.

8. *NRDA LA TIG NOI: The Deepwater Horizon* NRDA LA TIG has published a Notice of Initiation of Restoration Planning that seeks to facilitate public involvement and streamline future processes by specifically seeking public comment on a controlled river diversion

in Barataria Basin, such as the MBSD, in a future Restoration Plan under OPA. To facilitate the potential consideration of the MBSD under OPA, it is the intent of the NRDA LA TIG Trustees to assist the USACE in the preparation of the EIS for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2017–ICCD–0054]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Consolidated State Plan Assurances Template

**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 non-substantive change to an existing collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 5, 2017.

**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–2017–ICCD–0054. 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. *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 Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 226–62, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Melissa Siry, (202)260–0926.

**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.

**Note:** OESE requests public comment on a non-substantive change to an existing collection approved under 1810–0576 currently running a separate comment period under ED–2017–ICCD–0021. OESE is seeking OMB approval to use these non-substantive changes to the assurances data collection instrument by May 17, 2017. You may provide comments to the assurances template under 1810–0576 ED–2017–ICCD–0054 by May 5, 2017. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**Title of Collection:** Consolidated State Plan Assurances Template.

**OMB Control Number:** 1810–0576.

**Type of Review:** Non-substantive change to an existing collection.

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

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 52.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 108,155.

**Abstract:** On March 9, 2017, pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (CRA) (5 U.S.C. 801–808), Congress approved a joint resolution disapproving the U.S. Department of Education's (Department's) regulations related to State plans, including consolidated State plans, statewide accountability systems, and data reporting. The President signed the Congressional resolution on March 27, 2017, which means that the regulations have no force or effect. As a result, the Department updated the assurances that each State must submit in order to receive FY 2017 funding to align only with the statutory assurances required in ESEA Section

8304. The revised assurances template includes an annotated version of ESEA Section 8304 which specifically references consultation requirements and two certifications that SEAs are assuring to by completing the assurances template. Finally, we included a reference, with no associated burden, to other approved forms the SEA will need to complete.

Dated: April 24, 2017.

**Tomakie Washington,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0057]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Loan Discharge Applications (DL/FFEL/Perkins)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 26, 2017.

**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-2017-ICCD-0057. 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. *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 Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 224-84, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection 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:* Loan Discharge Applications (DL/FFEL/Perkins).

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0058.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 30,051.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 15,027.

*Abstract:* The Department of Education is requesting an extension of the currently approved information collection. This information collection is necessary for loan holders in the FFEL, Direct Loan, and Perkins Loan programs to obtain the information that is needed to determine whether a borrower qualifies for a closed school or false certification loan discharge. The loan discharge regulations in all three loan programs require borrowers who seek discharge of their FFEL, Direct Loan, or Perkins Loan program loans to request a loan discharge and provide their loan holders with certain information in writing.

This information collection includes the following five loan discharge applications that are used to obtain the information needed to determine whether a borrower qualifies for a closed school discharge, false certification—ATB, false certification—disqualifying status, false certification—

unauthorized signature/unauthorized payment or unpaid refund loan discharges.

Dated: April 24, 2017.

**Kate Mullan,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-133-000]

### Northwest Pipeline LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on April 6, 2017, Northwest Pipeline LLC (Northwest), having its principal place of business at 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108 filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to Northwest proposes to (1) remove and replace 1,700 feet of 30-inch pipeline and (2) remove 1,550 feet of previously abandoned-in-place 26-inch pipeline located in Whatcom County, Washington referred to as Nooksack Line Lowering Project (Project), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The Project is designed to reduce the exposure to the pipeline caused by river channel migration and improve reliability for the benefit of existing customers. The total cost of the Project is approximately \$16,585,331. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Richard N. Stapler Jr., Business Development, 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, by phone at (801) 584-6883, by fax (801) 584-6496 or by emailing [richard.stapler@williams.com](mailto:richard.stapler@williams.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules (18 CFR 157.9), within 90 days of this Notice, the