

procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On July 19, 2005, (70 FR 41398), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments.

EPA had established a public docket for this ICR under Docket No. EPA-HQ-OARM-2005-001, which is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Environmental Information Docket is (202) 566-1752. An electronic version of the public docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Use <http://www.regulations.gov> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

An comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in <http://www.regulations.gov> as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in <http://www.regulations.gov>. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in <http://www.regulations.gov>. For further information about the electronic docket go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Title: General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs (Renewal).

Abstract: The information is collected from applicants/recipients of EPA assistance to monitor adherence to the programmatic and administrative requirements of the Agency's financial assistance program. It is used to make

awards, pay recipients, and collect information on how Federal funds are being spent. EPA needs this information to meet its Federal stewardship responsibilities. This ICR renewal requests authorization for the collection of information under EPA's General Regulation for Assistance Programs, which establishes minimum management requirements for all recipients of EPA grants or cooperative agreements (assistance agreements). Recipients must respond to these information requests to obtain and/or retain a benefit (Federal funds). 40 CFR part 30, "Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations," includes the management requirements for potential grantees from non-profit organizations. 40 CFR part 31, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," includes the management responsibilities for potential State and local government grantees. These regulations include only those provisions mandated by statute, required by OMB Circulars, or added by EPA to ensure sound and effective financial assistance management. The OMB 83-I Form associated with this ICR combines all of these requirements under OMB Control Number 2030-0020. The information required by these regulations will be used by EPA award officials to make assistance awards and assistance payments and to verify that the recipient is using Federal funds appropriately to comply with OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-102, A-110, A-122, A-128, and A-133, which set forth the pre-award, post-award, and after-the-grant requirements.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 18 hours per respondent. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and

disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Institutions of higher education, hospitals, and other not-for-profit institutions; State, local, and Indian tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,105.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, quarterly, and annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 108,887.

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

\$4,852,000, includes \$0 annualized capital or O&M costs and \$4,852,000 annual labor costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 67,682 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease has occurred for several reasons, and includes a program change decrease of 65,287 hours and an adjustment decrease of 2,395 hours. EPA removed five forms (EPA Forms: 5700-20A, 5700-20B, 5700-30, 5700-49 and 5700-52A) and added three forms ("Lobbying Cost Certificate for Indirect Costs," NCER Form 5, and NCER Form 3212). These programs changes resulted in an overall decrease of 65,287 hours. In addition EPA made several adjustments to its burden and respondent assumptions, which resulted in an overall decrease of 2,395 hours.

Dated: December 12, 2005.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed CERCLA Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement; Lee County Housing Authority

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C.

9622(i), notice is hereby given of eight proposed administrative settlements for recovery of past response costs concerning the New Buffalo site in New Buffalo, Michigan, with the following settling parties: Bechstein Construction Company; Champion Environmental Services, Inc.; Community School District 200; Lee County Housing Authority; Loyola University of Chicago; Loyola University Medical Center; North Central College; and Northern Illinois University. The settlements with Community School District 200, Lee County Housing Authority, Loyola University of Chicago, Loyola University Medical Center, North Central College, and Northern Illinois University require each of the settling parties to pay \$3,000 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund.

The settlement with Bechstein Construction Company requires it to pay \$4,000 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund. The settlement with Champion Environmental Services, Inc., requires it to pay \$5,000 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund. Each settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling party under section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), and provides the settling party with protection from contribution actions or claims as provided by sections 113(f) and 112(h)(4) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9613(f) and 9622(h)(4), for past response costs at the site. For 30 days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlements. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to any of the settlements if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at U.S. EPA's Region 5 Office at 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604 and the New Buffalo Township Public Library, 33 North Thompson Street, New Buffalo, Michigan 49117.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlements are available for public inspection at U.S. EPA's Region 5 Record Center, 7th Floor, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

A copy of any of the proposed settlements may be obtained from Ann Coyle, Associate Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, telephone (312) 886-2248. Comments should reference the New Buffalo site, New Buffalo,

Michigan, the name of the settling party, and the EPA Docket Number, which is stamped on the first page of each settlement agreement, and should be addressed to Ann Coyle, Associate Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (C-14J), Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Coyle, Associate Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (C-14J), Chicago, Illinois 60604, telephone (312) 886-2248.

Dated: December 20, 2005.

Richard Karl,

Director, Superfund Division.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 9 a.m. Eastern Time.

PLACE: Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Conference Room on the Ninth Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 1801 "L" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Open Session:

1. Announcement of Notation Votes, and
2. Modification of EEOC Order 120—Boundaries of the Baltimore Field Office.

Note: In accordance with the Sunshine Act, the meeting will open to public observation of the Commission's deliberations and voting. (In addition to publishing notices on EEOC Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides a recorded announcement a full week in advance on future Commission sessions.)

Please telephone (202) 663-7100 (voice) and (202) 663-4074 (TTY) at any time for information on these meetings.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Stephen Llewellyn, Acting Executive Officer on (202) 663-4070.

Dated: January 10, 2006.

Stephen Llewellyn,

Acting Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Proposed Principles for Federal Support of Graduate and Postdoctoral Education and Training in Science and Engineering; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Executive Office of the President, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document extends the comment period for "Proposed Principles for Federal Support of Graduate and Postdoctoral Education and Training in Science and Engineering" published in the **Federal Register** on November 16, 2005.

The proposed principles are intended to increase collaboration and consistency within the Federal agencies in support of graduate and postdoctoral education and training in science and engineering. Principles are:

- Federal Support of Graduate and Postdoctoral Education and Training Is a Critical Investment in the Future;
- The Federal Investment Portfolio Must Broadly Support Science and Engineering Disciplines;
- Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars Must Receive Quality Education and Training;
- Federal Contributions toward Graduate and Postdoctoral Education and Training are Provided in Partnership with Academic and Other Non-Federal Institutions;
- Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars Should Be Adequately Supported to Encourage Their Pursuit of Science and Engineering Careers; and
- Federal Agencies Should Collaborate in Areas of Common Interest.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Date to receive comments has been extended to January 31, 2006. *Electronic comments may be submitted to: MWeiss@ostp.eop.gov.* Please include in the subject line the words "National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Education and Workforce Development Comments." Please put the full body of your comments in the text of the electronic message and as an attachment. Be certain to include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and e-mail address in the text of the message. A return message will acknowledge receipt of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please call Mark Weiss, Office of Science and Technology Policy, (202)