

CWA, or believes that NWP 46 does not apply to his or her particular proposed activity, and thus does not choose to voluntarily seek NWP 46 authorization for that activity, he or she is not required to submit an NWP 46 pre-construction notification to the appropriate Corps district office prior to commencing that activity. One reason why a landowner or other project proponent may choose not to make use of NWP 46, and thus may choose not to send in a pre-construction notification for NWP 46, could be that the project proponent believes that the ditch in question is not subject to CWA jurisdiction, or for any other reason believes that his proposed activities do not require authorization under CWA Section 404. In such a situation, there is nothing in NWP 46 that would require that project proponent to send in a pre-construction notification or to seek any form of CWA Section 404 permit authorization.

A person may desire to obtain a Corps Section 404 permit authorization, such as NWP 46, before discharging dredged or fill material into aquatic areas that may arguably be jurisdictional waters of the United States to avoid a citizens lawsuit seeking to enjoin his proposed activities, and/or avoid civil penalties. A citizens lawsuit challenging unpermitted discharges of dredged or fill material would be based on the application of the relevant Federal statutes and regulations relating to jurisdiction, and would not be based on or affected in any way by the terms or conditions of any NWP or other general permit, including NWP 46. A landowner or other person can voluntarily choose to avail himself of the legal protection from a possible citizens lawsuit that a permit authorization under NWP 46 can provide. If so, that person has the right to make use of NWP 46 if he voluntarily chooses to use it, and if his proposed activity meets all the terms and conditions of that NWP.

For any sort of water body that is subject to the geographic jurisdiction of the CWA, and for any proposed activity that would constitute or involve the discharge of dredged or fill material into that jurisdictional water body, said geographic or activity-based jurisdiction is derived from the relevant statute (e.g., the CWA) and its implementing regulations that specifically address jurisdiction. No NWP or any other form of general permit asserts jurisdiction in any way, either explicitly or by implication.

It follows from the principles explained above that the issuance of NWP 46 did not and does not involve, and does not result in, any assertion of

Clean Water Act jurisdiction over any particular aquatic area or over any category of aquatic habitats, or over any particular activity or over any category of activities. Instead, issuance of NWP 46 or any other NWP is merely one means of providing permit authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, if a landowner or other person voluntarily elects to make use of that form of permit authorization, whatever his reason for doing so may be.

Dated: April 9, 2009. Approved by:

Steven L. Stockton,
Director of Civil Works.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.
SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 15, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974 or send an e-mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov.

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, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that 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.

Dated: April 9, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,
Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program—Phase I—Grant Application Package.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 200.

Burden Hours: 9,000.

Abstract: This application package invites small business concerns to submit a Phase I application for the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program (CFDA 84.133). This is in response to Public Law 106-554, the "Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, H.R. 5667" (the "Act") enacted on December 21, 2000. The Act requires certain agencies, including the Department of Education (ED) to establish a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program by reserving a statutory percentage of their extramural research and development budgets to be awarded to small business concerns for research or research and development through a uniform, highly competitive, three-phase process each fiscal year.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1894-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Dated: April 10, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Documents Associated with the Notice of Terms and Conditions of Additional Purchase of Loans under the "Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008".

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 14,780.

Burden Hours: 14,780.

Abstract: The Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008 (Pub. L. No. 110-227) (the ECASLA) which was signed into law on May 7, 2008, amended the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (the HEA) by adding a new Section 459A that provides the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) with temporary authority to purchase student loans from Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program lenders. The documents included with this submission establish the terms and conditions that will govern certain loan purchases through the replication for the 2009-2010 academic year of the Loan Participation Purchase Program and the Loan Purchase Commitment Program that have been established for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 academic years.

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