

of the Kuskokwim River to the Donlin Gold mine site.

2. *Alternatives.* A reasonable range of alternatives will be identified and evaluated through scoping and the alternatives development process.

3. *Scoping Process.* The scoping period will extend from December 14, 2012 through March 29, 2013.

a. *Public involvement.* The Corps invites full public participation to promote open communication on the issues to be addressed in preparation of the EIS regarding the proposed action. All Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies, and other interested persons or organizations, are urged to participate in the NEPA scoping process. Scoping meetings will be conducted to inform interested parties of the proposed project, receive public input on the development of proposed alternatives to be reviewed in the EIS, and to identify significant issues to be analyzed.

b. *Scoping meetings.* The Corps plans to hold scoping meetings in Crooked Creek, Aniak, Bethel, and Anchorage in mid-January 2013. Scoping meetings in Akiak, Nunapitchuk, Kipnuk, Quinhagak, Toksook Bay, Hooper Bay, Emmonak, St. Mary's, Holy Cross, and McGrath are planned for late-January through March 2013. Information about these meetings and meeting dates will be published locally, posted at <http://www.donlingoldeis.com>, and available by contacting the Corps as previously described. A description of the proposed project will be posted on the project web site prior to these meetings to help the public focus their scoping comments.

4. *Issues To Be Analyzed in the EIS.* The EIS will analyze the potential social, economic, physical, biological, and cultural resource impacts of the proposed project. Numerous issues will be analyzed in depth in the EIS related to the effects of mine and associated infrastructure construction, operation, and closure. These issues will include, but will not be limited to, the following: Wetlands, water quality, air quality, hazardous materials, fish and wildlife, special status species, vegetation, cultural resources, subsistence, human health, land use and management, socioeconomic, and cumulative impacts.

5. *Other Environmental Review and Consultation Requirements.* Other environmental review and consultation requirements include Executive Order 13175 *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Endangered Species Act consultation; and subsistence uses in accordance with

Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

6. *Land Ownership.* The proposed mine is located predominately on lands owned by the Kuskokwim Corporation and the Calista Corporation, although some project components would be located on BLM, State of Alaska and CIRI Inc. lands.

7. *Estimated Date Draft EIS Available to Public.* It is anticipated that the Draft EIS will be available in August 2014 for public review.

Dated: November 28, 2012.

Don P. Kuhle,

Project Manager, Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2012-ICCD-0040]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; State of Preschool Survey 2013-2015

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED), IES/NCES.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 12, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2012-ICCD-0040 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 2E117, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

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: State of Preschool Survey 2013-2015.

OMB Control Number: 1850-NEW.

Type of Review: New information collection.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 53.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 636.

Abstract: The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education (ED), is seeking approval to conduct in 2013, 2014, and 2015 the annual, web-based State of Preschool survey, which centralizes data about publicly provided early childhood education opportunities. Data are collected from state agencies responsible for providing early childhood education and made available for secondary analyses. Data collected as part of the survey focus on enrollment counts in state-funded early childhood education programs, funding provided by the states for these programs, and program monitoring and licensing policies. The collected data are then reported, both separately and in combination with extant data available from federal agencies supporting early childhood education programs such as Head Start and the U.S. Census Bureau. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau form the basis for some of the rates developed for the State of Preschool reports. The data and annual report resulting from

the State of Preschool data collection provide a key information resource for research and for federal and state policy on publicly funded early childhood education.

Dated: December 11, 2012.

Tomakie Washington,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-387]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Energia Renovable S.C., LLC

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Energia Renovable S.C., LLC (Energia Renovable) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before December 31, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be addressed to: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to

CHRISTOPHER.LAWRENCE@HQ.DOE.GOV, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260, or by email to Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C.824a(e)).

On September 11, 2012, DOE received an application from Energia Renovable for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico for five years as a power marketer using existing international transmission

facilities. Energia Renovable does not own any electric transmission facilities nor does it hold a franchised service area.

The electric energy that Energia Renovable proposes to export to Mexico would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by Energia Renovable have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties. In its application, Energia Renovable requested expedited application treatment due to an scheduled imminent transaction. DOE hereby grants this request by shortening the comment period to 15 days.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Energia Renovable application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. 387. An additional copy is to be filed directly with Jorge Gutierrez, Reforma 905, Lomas de Chapultepec, Delegación Miguel Hidalgo, Mexico, D.F. Mexico 11000, and Federico Santacruz Gonzalez, Ritch Mueller, S.C. Blvd. M. Avila Camacho No. 24, piso 20, Lomas de Chapultepec, Mexico, D.F. Mexico 11000.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program Web site at <http://energy.gov/node/11845> or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 7, 2012.

Jon Worthington,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of the Final Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of its *Final Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington* (Final TC & WM EIS, DOE/EIS-0391), prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This final environmental impact statement addresses all public comments on the Draft TC & WM EIS, which was issued in October 2009, and identifies DOE's preferred alternatives.

DATES: DOE will publish a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final TC & WM EIS (paper or electronic) may be obtained by contacting:

Ms. Mary Beth Burandt, NEPA Document Manager, Office of River Protection, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 1178, Richland, Washington 99352, Email: TC&WMEIS@saic.com.

The Final TC & WM EIS is also available on the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://energy.gov/nepa>, as well as in the public reading rooms listed in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the Final TC & WM EIS, contact Ms. Burandt at the address listed in **ADDRESSES** or by telephone at 1-888-829-6347. For general information regarding the DOE NEPA process, contact:

Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC-54, U. S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756, Email: askNEPA@hq.doe.gov.