

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Army Corps of Engineers****Federal Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The annual public meeting of the Federal Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling (ISCMEM) will convene to discuss some of the latest developments in environmental modeling applications, tools and frameworks, as well as new operational initiatives for FY 2015 among the participating agencies. The meeting this year will emphasize environmental modeling challenges in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and receiving waters.

**DATES:** October 21–22, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Army Engineer Baltimore District, 10 S. Howard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be emailed to: Patrick Deliman, ISCMEM Chair, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering Research and Development Center, CEERD–EZT, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39046. TEL 601–634–3623. *Patrick.N.Deliman@usace.army.mil*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* Nine Federal agencies have been cooperating under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the research and development of multimedia environmental models. The MOU, which was revised in 2012, continues an effort that began in 2001. It establishes a framework for facilitating cooperation and coordination among the following agencies (the specific research organization within the agency is in parentheses): National Science Foundation; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Engineer Research and Development Center); U.S. Department of Agriculture (Natural Resources Conservation Service); U.S. Department of Energy (Office of Biological and Environmental Research); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Geological Survey; U.S. National Oceanographic and Atmosphere Administration; U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research); and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. These agencies are

cooperating and coordinating in the research and development (R&D) of multimedia environmental models, software and related databases, including development, enhancements, applications and assessments of site specific, generic, and process-oriented multimedia environmental models as they pertain to human and environmental health risk assessment. Multimedia model development and simulation supports interagency interests in risk assessment, uncertainty analyses, water supply issues and contaminant transport.

*Purpose of the Public Meeting:* The annual public meeting and workshop provides an opportunity for the scientific community, other Federal and State agencies, and the public to be briefed on ISCMEM activities and their initiatives for the upcoming year, and to discuss technological advancements in multimedia environmental modeling.

*Proposed Agenda:* The ISCMEM Chair will open the meeting with a brief overview of the goals of the MOU and an update on current activities of ISCMEM. This introduction will be followed by a series of invited presentations starting on Tuesday morning, Oct. 21, and ending on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 22.

*Meeting Access:* The meeting will be available through Web Meeting Services. To obtain web access to the ISCMEM October 21–22 meeting and workshop, all interested attendees will need to pre-register by emailing Martha Newman (*Martha.Newman@usace.army.mil*) and Patrick Deliman (*Patrick.N.Deliman@usace.army.mil*), indicating their intent to participate in the meeting and providing their full contact information and affiliation.

Dated: October 9, 2014.

**Patrick N. Deliman,**

*Chair, Federal Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No. ED–2014–ICCD–0142]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Impacts of a Detailed Checklist on Formative Feedback to Teachers**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences/ National Center for Education Statistics (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**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 December 15, 2014.

**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–2014–ICCD–0142 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov*. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will ONLY accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available.* 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, Mailstop L–OM–2–2E319, Room 2E115, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Christopher Boccanfuso, 202–219–1674.

**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:* Impacts of a Detailed Checklist on Formative Feedback to Teachers.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850—NEW.

*Type of Review:* A new information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 10,800.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1784.

*Abstract:* The Department of Education, in consultation with SEDL, is planning a clustered randomized evaluation in New Mexico to test the effectiveness of materials intended to improve the feedback that principals provide in one-on-one conferences to their teachers about their classroom instruction. New Mexico Public Education Department (NM PED) staff has identified the topic of principal feedback to teachers as an area where New Mexico needs assistance. It has limited resources and time to focus on the post-observation conference step in the teacher evaluation cycle. This impact study will examine whether an enhanced feedback guide relative to business-as-usual guidance to principals and teachers improves the structure and content of the principal-teacher feedback conversation, improves quality of teacher instruction as measured by subsequent formal observation ratings, and increases student achievement and state standardized tests.

Dated: October 9, 2014.

**Tomakie Washington,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2014-ICCD-0143]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; 2015-16 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:16) Field Test Student Data Collection

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences/ National Center for Education Statistics (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 15, 2014.

**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-2014-ICCD-0143 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will ONLY accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available. 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, Mailstop L-OM-2-2E319, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubzdela, 202-502-7411.

**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:* 2015-16 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:16) Field Test Student Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0666.

*Type of Review:* A revision of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 4,818.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 4,422.

*Abstract:* The National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS), a nationally representative study of how students and their families finance postsecondary education, was first implemented by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in 1987 and has been fielded every 3 to 4 years since. The next major data collection will occur in 2016, with a field test collection in 2015. This submission is for the ninth cycle in the series, NPSAS:16, which will also serve as the base year study for the 2016 Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B) which provides data on the various paths of recent college graduates into employment and additional education. The NPSAS:16 field test sample will include about 300 institutions (full-scale sample about 1,680) and about 4,500 students (126,000 full-scale). Institution contacting for the field test began in September 2014 and student data collection (interviews and institution record data) will be conducted from March through June 2015 (full-scale institution contacting will begin in October 2015 and student data will be collected January through October 2016). Packages to request clearance for the full-scale data collection effort (institution list collection, cognitive testing, student interview, and institution record collection) will be submitted beginning in 2015. This submission for the 2015 field test includes facsimiles of the student interview and student records abstraction instruments as well as student and institution contacting materials.

Dated: October 10, 2014.

**Kate Mullan,**

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

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