

quantitative and qualitative outcomes of the training projects based on project evaluation results.

6. *Continuation Awards*: In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, whether the grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation grant, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

VII. Other Information

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2024-SCC-0026]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; PLUS Adverse Credit Reconsideration Loan Counseling

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 16, 2024.

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-2024-SCC-0026. 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. If the www.regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments 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 Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W203, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, (202) 377-4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, 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. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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: PLUS Adverse Credit Reconsideration Loan Counseling.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0129.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households *Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses*: 142,824.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 107,119.

Abstract: Section 428B(a)(1)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), provides that to be eligible to receive a Federal PLUS Loan under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, the applicant must not have an adverse credit history, as determined pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Secretary. In accordance with section 455(a)(1) of the HEA, this same eligibility requirement applies to applicants for PLUS loans under the Direct Loan Program. Since July 1, 2010, there have been no new FFEL Program loans originated and the Direct Loan Program is the only Federal loan program that offers Federal PLUS Loans.

The adverse credit history section of the eligibility regulations in 34 CFR 685.200(b) and (c) were updated in 2014 by the Department of Education (the Department) when a review of and a change to the regulations was made.

Specifically, an applicant for a PLUS loan who is determined to have an adverse credit history must complete loan counseling offered by the Secretary before receiving the Federal PLUS loan.

The Department is requesting an extension to the information collection regarding the adverse credit history regulations in 34 CFR 685.200 (b) and (c) and the burden these changes create for Federal PLUS loan borrowers, both parent and graduate/professional students.

Dated: February 13, 2024.

Kun Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Definition for a Zero Emissions Building: Part 1 Operating Emissions Version 1.00m Draft Criteria; Reopening of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published in the **Federal Register** a Request for Information (RFI) regarding the creation of a standardized, verifiable basis for defining a zero emissions building by the White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy (Climate Policy Office), through DOE. The RFI provided for the submission of written comments by February 5, 2024. This notice announces a reopening of the public comment period for submitting comments in response to the RFI through March 6, 2024.

DATES: The comment period for the RFI published on January 9, 2024 (89 FR 1086) is reopened. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this RFI received no later than March 6, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Responses to this RFI must be submitted electronically at <https://forms.office.com/g/Y0Ss3UFdL3>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hayes Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Building Technologies Office, Commercial

Buildings Integration, (202) 586-8873, Hayes.Jones@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 9, 2024, DOE published in the **Federal Register** a request for information (RFI) regarding the creation of a standardized, verifiable basis for defining a zero emissions building by the Climate Policy Office, through DOE. The RFI does not pertain to a rulemaking action. In addition to other net-zero emissions, economy-wide goals by 2050, within the building sector, the Biden-Harris Administration has set the goal to make zero emissions resilient new construction and retrofits comment practice by 2030. Accomplishing these goals will require increasing efficiency and expanding clean energy capacity. Zero emissions buildings will plug into a grid that is rapidly becoming cleaner.

The American Gas Association, American Public Gas Association, and National Propane Gas Association (“Joint Requesters”) have requested a 30-day extension of the comment period to allow additional time for preparation of their comments. The Joint Requesters explain that they provide the energy needed to fuel residential, commercial, and industrial buildings and are thus stakeholders in this proceeding. The Joint Requesters explained that they need additional time to develop comments that sufficiently analyze the impacts of the proposed definition and because limited staff available during the comment period would make it difficult to develop comments in response to the RFI. Similarly, the National Association of Home Builders requested an extension of the comment period because of staffing limitations and concerns over the definition for which they would like additional time to provide feedback.

DOE has determined that reopening the public comment period is appropriate based on the foregoing reasons. DOE will consider any comments received by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) of March 6, 2024, and deems any comments received by that time to be timely submitted.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on February 8, 2024, by Jeffrey Marootian, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE **Federal**

Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 13, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management (EM), Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person/virtual hybrid meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, March 20, 2024; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. MDT.

ADDRESSES: This hybrid meeting will be open to the public in person and via WebEx. To attend virtually, please contact the Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board (NNMCAB) Executive Director (below) no later than 5 p.m. MDT on Friday, March 15, 2024.

Cities of Gold Hotel,
10-A Cities of Gold Road,
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bridget Maestas, NNMCAB Executive Director, by phone: 505-709-7466 or email: bridget.maestas@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

Tentative Agenda: