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Title of Collection: Annual Performance Reporting (APR) System for NIDRR Grantees (RERCs, RRTCS, FIPs, ARRTs, DBTAC, DRRPs).

OMB Control Number: 1820-0675.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 266.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 13,832.

Abstract: The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) of the Department of Education requests an extension of the Annual Performance Reporting (APR) System for NIDRR Grantees (RERCs, RRTCS, FIPs, ARRTs, DBTAC, DRRPs) 1820-0695. These APRs are collected by the Department to facilitate program planning and management; respond to Education Department General Administrative Regulations requirements; and reporting requirements under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-62) for these ten NIDRR grant programs: Rehabilitation Research Training Centers (RRTCs); Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERCs); Field Initiated Research Projects (FIPs); Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Projects (ARRTs); Model Systems (including spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, and burn centers); Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRPs); Knowledge Translation (KT) Projects; ADA National Network Centers (ADAs); Small Business Innovation Research Projects (SBIR) grantees (Phase 2 only) and Research Fellowships Program (RFP).

Dated: June 17, 2013.

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-2013-ICCD-0049]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Study of the Delivery of Services Under the State Vocational Rehabilitation Grants Program

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS).

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 July 22, 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-2013-ICCD-0049 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: Study of the Delivery of Services under the State Vocational Rehabilitation Grants Program.

OMB Control Number: 1820-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 83.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 212.

Abstract: The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program provides a wide range of services to help individuals with disabilities to prepare for and engage in gainful employment. Eligible individuals are those who have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment, who can benefit from VR services for employment, and who require VR services. If a State is unable to serve all eligible individuals, priority must be given to serving individuals with the most significant disabilities. The program is funded through formula-based grants awarded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) to State VR agencies receive funding from the basic Title I formula grant program. The Rehabilitation Act Title I formula grant program provides funds to VR agencies to help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment consistent with their strengths, abilities, interests, and informed choice through such supports as counseling, medical, and psychological services, job training, and other individualized services.

RSA proposes to conduct a national survey of all 80 state VR agencies. RSA seeks to evaluate how State VR agencies deliver services for individuals with disabilities, how and to what extent state VR agencies work with partner agencies or programs to deliver services, and to review program outcomes and their associated costs, including identifying cost effective practices for serving specific target populations. RSA will address the following objectives: Determine the methods and practices used by State VR agencies in delivering services to individuals with disabilities,

including optimal patterns of delivery in serving specific populations; determine how, and to what extent, State VR agencies work with partner agencies or programs to deliver services; and examine program outcomes and their associated costs, including identifying cost effective practices for serving specific target populations.

Dated: June 17, 2013.

Tomakie Washington,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Engineered High Energy Crop Programs, Southeastern United States

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement and conduct public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) announces its intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and conduct public scoping meetings to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of DOE's proposed action to implement one or more programs to catalyze the development and demonstration of engineered high energy crops (EHECs). EHECs are agriculturally-viable photosynthetic species containing genetic material that has been intentionally introduced through biotechnology, interspecific hybridization, or other engineering processes (excluding processes that occur in nature without human intervention), and specifically engineered to produce more energy per acre by producing fuel molecules that can be introduced easily into existing energy infrastructure.

EHECs include those being developed under the ARPA-E Plants Engineered to Replace Oil (PETRO) program. A main component of the proposed EHEC programs would be providing financial assistance for field trials to evaluate the performance of EHECs. Confined field trials may range in size and could include development-scale (up to 5 acres), pilot-scale (up to 250 acres), or demonstration-scale (up to 15,000 acres). All necessary permits, such as

from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), would be obtained before initiating confined field trials. This PEIS will assess the potential environmental impacts of such confined field trials in the southeastern United States.

DATES: DOE invites comments on the proposed scope of this PEIS from all interested parties. The scoping period for this PEIS starts with the publication of this notice and continues through July 22, 2013. DOE will consider all comments submitted electronically or postmarked by July 22, 2013. Comments submitted after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

DOE will conduct scoping meetings to solicit input on the issues, concerns, and alternatives of the PEIS. Poster sessions will be hosted at each location from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m., followed by an open forum to receive comments from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The scoping meetings will be held:

- July 9, 2013—Lexington Convention Center, 430 West Vine Street, Lexington, KY
- July 10, 2013—Mississippi e-Center at Jackson State University (Convention Hall), 1230 Raymond Road, Jackson, MS
- July 11, 2013—Raleigh Convention Center, 500 S. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC

DOE will also host one web-based meeting on July 17, 2013 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Details regarding the scoping meetings, including how to participate in the web-based meeting, are provided under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** and on the PEIS Web site: <http://engineeredhighenergycropsPEIS.com>.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *PEIS Web site:* <http://engineeredhighenergycropsPEIS.com>.
- *Email:* comments@engineeredhighenergycropsPEIS.com.
- *Mail:* Dr. Jonathan Burbaum, Program Director, ARPA-E, U.S. Department of Energy, ATTN: EHEC PEIS, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop-950-8043, Washington, DC 20585. **Note:** Comments submitted by U.S. Postal Service may be delayed by mail screening.

This Notice of Intent (NOI), the Draft PEIS, and the Final PEIS will be posted on the DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Web site at <http://energy.gov/nepa>. These documents and additional materials relating to this PEIS will also be available on the PEIS Web

site at: <http://engineeredhighenergycropsPEIS.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on the PEIS or to be added to the PEIS distribution list, contact Dr. Jonathan Burbaum, Program Director, by one of the methods described in the **ADDRESSES** section, or by telephone at (202) 287-5453.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, or telephone at (202) 586-4600, voicemail at (800) 472-2756, or email at askNEPA@hq.doe.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EHEC PEIS (DOE/EIS-0481) is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) requirements, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021).

DOE has prepared this NOI to inform interested parties of the planned PEIS and scoping meetings, and to invite public comments on the proposed action, reasonable alternatives for program implementation, and the range of environmental issues to be considered in the PEIS. DOE will consult with interested American Indian Tribes and federal, state, regional and local agencies during preparation of the PEIS. In addition, DOE invites agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise to participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of this PEIS.

Background

DOE's mission and strategic goals include promoting U.S. energy security by providing reliable, clean, and affordable energy and strengthening U.S. technological leadership and economic competitiveness through advancements in science and technology. ARPA-E's goals include enhancing U.S. economic and energy security through the development of advanced energy technologies that reduce imports of foreign oil, reduce energy-related emissions, and ensure that the U.S. maintains a technological lead in developing and deploying advanced energy technologies. A core aspect of ARPA-E's mission is to expedite the timeline for bringing technologies to market. The proposed