**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED–2016–ICCD–0101]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Common Core of Data (CCD) School-Level Finance Survey (SLFS) 2016–2018**

**AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), 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 November 15, 2016.

**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–2016–ICCD–0101. 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. 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 2E–347, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact NCES Information Collections at NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov.

**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:** Common Core of Data (CCD) School-Level Finance Survey (SLFS) 2016–2018.

**OMB Control Number:** 1850—NEW.

**Type of Review:** A new information collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 306.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 4,938.

**Abstract:** In response to a growing demand, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education, has developed and conducted a pilot, in 2015 and 2016 (OMB #1850–0003), of a new collection of finance data at the school level. The School-Level Finance Survey (SLFS) centrally collects school-level finance data from state education agencies (SEAs), and is an extension of two existing collections conducted by NCES, in collaboration with the U.S. Census Bureau, the School District Finance Survey (F–33) and the state-level National Public Education Financial Survey (NPEFS). The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) signed into law on December 10, 2015, requires SEAs and local agencies to produce report cards for the 2017–18 school year that include per-pupil actual personnel and nonpersonnel expenditures of Federal, State, and local funds, disaggregated by source of funds, for each local educational agency (LEA) and each school in the State for the preceding fiscal year. SLFS collects 30 expenditure items, 12 of which are “personnel” and 18 “nonpersonnel” expenditures. The SLFS data items and definitions are consistent with those in the NPEFS and F–33 surveys. The first year of the pilot SLFS data collection (for fiscal year FY 2014) commenced on May 7, 2015, with 12 SEAs participating, and the second year of data collection (for FY 2015) commenced on April 4, 2016, with 19 SEAs participating. This request is to
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy.

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Information collection extension with change, comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to submit an information collection request for the Coal Markets Reporting System, OMB Control Number 1905–0167, with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed revisions and requests a three-year extension to Forms: EIA–3 “Quarterly Survey of Non-Electric Sector Coal Data” EIA–7A “Annual Survey of Coal Production and Preparation

EIA–4 “Annual Survey of Coal Stocks and Coal Exports”

No changes are proposed for Forms: EIA–6 “Emergency Coal Supply Survey (Standby)” EIA–20 “Emergency Weekly Coal Monitoring Survey for Coal Burning Power Producers (Standby)”

The EIA proposes to make moderate changes to questions, response options, and instructions to Forms EIA–3, EIA–7A, and EIA–8A and requests an extension to Forms EIA–6 and EIA–20 with no substantive changes. EIA is proposing to require submission of Form EIA–3 and EIA–8A through the U.S. Energy Information Administration Data xChange Portal and will eliminate unsecured reporting modes. The Data xChange Portal:

- Serves as a single point of entry for authorized users to respond to EIA surveys, access EIA data, and build customized reports.
- Provides expanded communication methods to include phone and email contact information of centralized data collection team.
- Uses security protocols to protect the information against unauthorized access during transmission.
- Requires data submission through an online web form, eliminating unsecured reporting methods.

DATES: Comments must be filed by November 15, 2016. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the EIA–7A Survey Manager at EIA of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Survey Manager may be contacted by email at JenAlyse.Arena@eia.gov or by telephone at 202–586–4866.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Ms. JenAlyse Arena at the contact information listed above. The proposed forms and instructions are available on the Internet at: http://www.eia.gov/survey/changes/coal/2016/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

1. Title of the collection: Quarterly Survey of Non-Electric Sector Coal Data

2. OMB control number: 1905–0167

3. Type of request: Extension with changes;

4. Purpose: The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 761 et seq.) and the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands and to promote sound policymaking, efficient markets, and public understanding of energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by, or in conjunction with, the EIA. Also, the EIA will later seek approval for this collection from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

EIA surveys are conducted to collect coal market data. The data elements include production, consumption, receipts, stocks, sales, and prices. Information pertaining to the quality of the coal is also collected. Aggregates of this collection are used to support public policy analyses of the coal industry, economic modeling, forecasting, coal supply and demand studies, and in guiding research and development programs. EIA publications, including the Monthly Energy Review, Quarterly Coal Report, Quarterly Coal Distribution Report, Annual Coal Report, and Annual Coal Distribution Report, each contain data collected through the coal production and consumption surveys listed above.

In addition, the EIA uses the data in short-term and long-term models such as the Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS) and the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) Coal Market Module. The forecast data also appear in the Short-Term Energy Outlook and the Annual Energy Outlook publications. Please refer to the proposed forms and instructions for more information about the purpose, who must report, when to report, where to submit, elements to be reported, detailed instructions, provisions for confidentiality, and uses of the information.

(4a) Proposed Changes: EIA will be requesting a three-year extension of approval for all its coal surveys with the following changes:

Form EIA–3: Quarterly Survey of Non-Electric Sector Coal Data

- Change the title of the survey to “Quarterly Survey of Industrial, Commercial, & Institutional Coal Users”

- In Part 2, Question 6, revise reporting for co-fired sites to allow reporting of more than one additional fuel source.

- In Part 3, Question 2, remove Adjustments to total cost of coal received during the reporting cycle.

- In Part 5, Questions 2–3, revise coking plant disposition categories and...