

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension Without Change, of a Previously Approved Collection; Bureau of Justice Assistance Application Form: Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance**AGENCY:** Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice.**ACTION:** 60-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, will submit the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until January 23, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Michelle Martin, Senior Management Analyst, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 810 Seventh Street NW., Washington, DC 20531 (phone: 202 514–9354).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g.,

permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

1 *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

2 *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance.

3 *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* None. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Bureau of Justice Assistance, in the Office of Justice Programs.

4 *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Dependents of public safety officers who were killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty.

Abstract: BJA's Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) division will use the PSOEA Application information to confirm the eligibility of applicants to receive PSOEA benefits. Eligibility is dependent on several factors, including the applicant having received or being eligible to receive a portion of the PSOB Death Benefit, or having a family member who received the PSOB Disability Benefit. Also considered are the applicant's age and the schools being attended. In addition, information to help BJA identify an individual is collected, such as contact numbers and email addresses.

5 *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that no more than 200 respondents will apply a year. Each application takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

6 *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated public burden associated with this collection is 100 hours. It is estimated that respondents will take 30 minutes to complete an application. The burden hours for collecting respondent data sum to 100 hours (200 respondents × 0.5 hours = 100 hours).

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Room 3E–405B, Washington, D.C 20530 or Hope D. Janke, Director, Public Safety Officers' Benefits Office, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice,

810 7th Street NW., Washington, DC 20531.

Dated: November 17, 2016.

Jerri Murray,

Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Notice Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act**

On November 16, 2016, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed consent decree with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in the lawsuit entitled *United States and State of Illinois v. North Shore Gas Co.*, Civil Action No. 16–10672.

The proposed consent decree resolves claims by the United States and the State of Illinois in the associated complaint under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act against North Shore Gas Company (“NSG”) for response actions and future response costs relating to the NSG South Plant Manufactured Gas Plant Superfund Alternative Site in Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois (“the Site”). Under the proposed consent decree, NSG agrees to perform the remedial actions, estimated to cost \$10.5 million, selected by EPA and to pay future response costs incurred by the United States and the State of Illinois. The proposed consent decree includes a covenant not to sue NSG conditioned upon the satisfactory performance by NSG of its obligations under the proposed consent decree.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States and State of Illinois v. North Shore Gas Co.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90–11–3–11472. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	Send them to:
By email	pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov