

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No. ED-2018-ICCD-0073]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Federal Perkins/NDSL Loan Assignment Form****AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 18, 2018.**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-2018-ICCD-0073. 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, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202-0023.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.**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:* Federal Perkins/NDSL Loan Assignment Form.*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0048.*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 37,943.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 18,972.*Abstract:* Institutions participating in the Federal Perkins Loan program use the assignment form to assign loans to the Department for collection without recompense, transferring the authority to collect on the loan. This request is for continued approval off the paper based assignment form and the electronic process. The electronic process will allow for batch processing as well as individual processing. The same information is being requested in both processing methods.

Dated: September 13, 2018.

**Kate Mullan,***Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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**BILLING CODE 4000-01-P****DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****National Coal Council****AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of open meetings.**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a virtual meeting of the National Coal Council (NCC) via WebEx. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.**DATES:** Monday, October 1, 2018 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. (EST)**ADDRESSES:** This will be virtual meeting conducted through WebEx. If you wishto join the meeting you must register by close of business (5:00 p.m. EST) on Wednesday, September 26th by using the form available at the following URL: <http://www.nationalcoalcouncil.org/page-NCC-Events.html>. The email address you provide in the on-line registration form will be used to forward instructions on how to join the meeting using WebEx. WebEx requires a computer, web browser and an installed application (free). Instructions for joining the webcast will be sent to you two days in advance of the meeting.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph Giove, U.S. Department of Energy, E-136/Germantown Building, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290; Telephone 301-903-4130.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Purpose of the Council:* The National Coal Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on general policy matters relating to coal and the coal industry.*Purpose of Meeting:* The National Coal Council (the Council) will hold a virtual meeting via webcast at 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (EST) on October 1, 2018, for the sole purpose of reviewing and voting on the following two reports: “Advancing U.S. Coal Exports: An Assessment of Opportunities to Enhance Exports of U.S. Coal” and “Power Reset: Optimizing the Existing Coal Fleet to Ensure a Reliable and Resilient Grid.” The Council membership will be asked to accept these reports and forward them to the U.S. Secretary of Energy. The draft reports are available on the National Coal Council website at the following URL: <http://www.nationalcoalcouncil.org/page-NCC-Studies.html>.**Tentative Agenda**

- Call to order by Joseph Giove, NCC Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Director Coal Business Operations, Office Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

- NCC Report Presentation on “Advancing U.S. Coal Exports: An Assessment of Opportunities to Enhance Exports of U.S. Coal” by report co-chairs Justin Burk, Commercial Director, Peabody and David Lawson, Vice President Coal, Norfolk Southern Corporation.

- NCC Report Presentation on “Power Reset: Optimizing the Existing Coal Fleet to Ensure a Reliable & Resilient Power Grid” by Janet Gellici, CEO, National Coal Council Inc.

- Public Comment Period & Closing Remarks.

- Adjourn.