

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: Private School Universe Survey (PSS) 2025–26 and 2027–28 Data Collections, and 2027–28 PSS Frame Development Activities.

OMB Control Number: 1850–0621.

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 32,550.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 5,981.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: NCES: Title 20 U.S.C. 9543–44.

Abstract: The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education, conducts the Private School Universe Survey (PSS), a national survey of private elementary and secondary schools. The PSS is designed to collect biennial data on the total number of private schools, teachers, and students; and to create an NCES universe frame of private schools that serve as a sampling frame for NCES surveys. This survey is an ongoing project to improve NCES universe and sample data on private schools.

This request is to revise contacting materials associated with 2027–28 PSS frame-development activities (see: “Appendix A–C PSS 2025–2028 Communications Materials v.16rev” in this docket) and to extend the expiration date of the collection to May 31, 2028. Additional information about the currently approved collection can be found at https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202409-1850-004.

On April 15, 2026, NCES published a notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments on this request. It can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/ED-2026-SCC-1321-0001>. As shown there one comment was received,

which asked NCES to consider modifying the PSS to include one or more questions to elicit information about how private schools use instructional technology. Because the present request focuses only on recruitment materials, and because questions of this type are not historically in-scope for PSS, NCES elects to make no changes to the collection at this time. NCES anticipates submitting a subsequent amendment to this Information Collection Request to accommodate potential revisions to the 2027–28 PSS survey questionnaire and to further update communications materials associated with this collection.

As of May 2025, NCES's assurances of confidentiality protections for PSS 2025–26 have changed due to staffing changes at the Department of Education. NCES has removed the Foundations of Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018, Title III, Part B, Confidential Information Protection (“CIPSEA”) as a confidentiality assurance. However, confidentiality assurances under the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA) remain in effect. NCES will consider restoring CIPSEA protections for future PSS collections as appropriate.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2458–273]

Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On September 8, 2026, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) notice that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR 121.5, from Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC, in conjunction with the above captioned project on August 27, 2026. Pursuant to section 5.23(b) of the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify Maine DEP of the following dates.

¹ 18 CFR 5.23(b).

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: August 27, 2026

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request: One year, August 27, 2027

If Maine DEP fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: September 11, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 2572–141]

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(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: September 11, 2026.

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