

been requested by May 16, 1996. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506 (c)(2)(A) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Director of the Information Resources Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4)

Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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.

Dated: May 13, 1996.  
Arthur F. Chantker,  
*Acting Director, Information Resources Group.*

Office of the Under Secretary

*Type of Review:* Emergency.  
*Title:* Evaluation of Federal Efforts to Assist in School Reform.

*Abstract:* The U.S. Department of Education is charged with evaluating its technical assistance efforts associated with the reauthorized ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) and Goals 2000. The survey will collect information from school districts regarding the sources of information and technical assistance they use in implementing federal programs.

*Additional Information:* This survey will contribute to an Evaluation of Federal Efforts to Assist in School Reform, particularly those supported through the ESEA and Goals 2000. This survey will be used to examine school districts' needs and access information and guidance. An emergency review is requested in order to ensure that timely information can inform Department efforts in supporting program implementation. Information is needed to report to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget on the Department's progress in implementing new laws. If data is not collected before districts close for the summer break, the Department would not be able to provide timely information to support program implementation efforts in the next year.

*Frequency:* One-time.  
*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

#### *Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 2,408.  
Burden Hours: 2,204.

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#### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

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Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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.

Dated: May 13, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Fulbright-Hays Training Grants: Faculty Research Abroad Program and Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping*

*Hour Burden:*

Responses: 805.

Burden Hours: 27,200.

*Abstract:* This application allows individual graduate student and faculty members to compete for Fulbright-Hays fellowships and enables the Department of Education to make awards to U.S. institutions of higher education to develop and improve modern foreign language and area studies.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

[Docket No. FE C&E 96-03—Certification Notice-151]

#### Mid-Georgia Cogen, L.P.; Notice of Filing of Coal Capability Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Filing.

**SUMMARY:** On May 2, 1996, Mid-Georgia Cogen, L.P., submitted a coal capability self-certification pursuant to section 201 of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, as amended.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, FE-52, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title II of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.), provides that no new baseload electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. In order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify, pursuant to FUA section 201(d), to the Secretary of Energy prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with section 201(a) as of the date filed with the Department of Energy. The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the Federal Register that a certification has been filed. The following owner/operator of a proposed new baseload powerplant has filed a self-certification in accordance with section 201(d).

*Owner:* Mid-Georgia Cogen, L.P.

*Operator:* Mid-Georgia Cogen, L.P.

*Location:* Houston County, Georgia.

*Plant Configuration:* Combined cycle—topping cycle cogeneration.

*Capacity:* 323 megawatts.

*Fuel:* Natural gas.

*Purchasing Entities:* Georgia Power Company.

*In-Service Date:* March 1, 1998.

Issued in Washington, D.C., May 13, 1996.

Anthony J. Como,

Director, Office of Coal & Electricity, Office of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.

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### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Notice of Intent To Provide Optional Prescreening Process for the National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE<sup>3</sup>) Program

**AGENCY:** The Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to provide optional prescreening process for

potential applicants under the DOE NICE<sup>3</sup> program solicitation.

*Presolicitation:* In September, the DOE's Office of Industrial Technologies will issue its FY 1997 competitive solicitation under DOE's NICE<sup>3</sup> program to fund innovative industrial technologies that reduce energy consumption, waste production, and operating costs. In an effort to assist perspective applicants, DOE intends to accept presolicitation submissions from potential applicants that set out a brief description of the project to be proposed under the FY 1997 solicitation. DOE's technical staff will review these brief descriptions and provide constructive feedback to the potential applicant within a two week period. This feedback can be used by a potential applicant in refining their proposal under the FY 1997 solicitation.

*Background Information:* The goals of the NICE<sup>3</sup> Program are to improve energy efficiency, promote cleaner production, and to improve competitiveness in industry. The intent of the NICE<sup>3</sup> program is to fund projects that have completed the research and development stage and are ready to demonstrate a fully integrated commercial unit. Some industrial technologies that the NICE<sup>3</sup> project has funded follow: SO<sub>3</sub> Cleaning Process in the Manufacture of Semiconductors; Innovative Design of a Brick Kiln Using Low Thermal Mass Technology; Continuously Reform Electroless Nickel Plating Solutions; Recovery and Reuse of Water-Washed Overspray Paint; and HCl Acid Recovery System. For the past five years the NICE<sup>3</sup> program has offered 47 grants (approximately \$14.8 million) to fund innovative industrial technologies.

Eligible applicants for funding under that solicitation include any authorized agency of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State agency applicants. Local governments, State and private universities, private non-profits, private businesses, and individuals, who are not eligible as direct applicants, must work with the appropriate State agencies in developing projects and forming participation arrangements. DOE strongly encourages and requires these types of cooperative arrangements in support of program goals.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.105. Up to \$9 million in Federal funds will be made available by