

to protect these functions and values considered under Section 404.

The following forested wetlands BMPs are designed to minimize the impacts associated with mechanical silvicultural site preparation activities in circumstances where these activities do not require a permit (authorization from the Corps is necessary for discharges associated with silvicultural site preparation in wetlands described above as requiring a permit<sup>9</sup>). The BMPs include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) position shear blades or rakes at or near the soil surface and windrow, pile, and otherwise move logs and logging debris by methods that minimize dragging or pushing through the soil to minimize soil disturbance associated with shearing, raking, and moving trees, stumps, brush, and other unwanted vegetation;

(2) conduct activities in such a manner as to avoid excessive soil compaction and maintain soil tilth;

(3) arrange windrows in such a manner as to limit erosion, overland flow, and runoff;

(4) prevent disposal or storage of logs or logging debris in streamside management zones—defined areas adjacent to streams, lakes, and other waterbodies—to protect water quality;

(5) maintain the natural contour of the site and ensure that activities do not immediately or gradually convert the wetland to a non-wetland; and

(6) conduct activities with appropriate water management mechanisms to minimize off-site water quality impacts.

#### Implementation

EPA and the Corps will continue to work closely with State forestry agencies to promote the implementation of consistent and effective BMPs that facilitate sound silvicultural practices. In those States where no BMPs specific to mechanical silvicultural site preparation activities in forested wetlands are currently in place, EPA and the Corps will coordinate with those States to develop BMPs. In the interim, mechanical silvicultural site preparation activities conducted in accordance with this guidance will not require a Section 404 permit.

In order to ensure consistency in the application of this guidance over time, changes to the vegetation of forested wetlands associated with human activities conducted after the issuance of this guidance will not alter its applicability. For example, this guidance is not intended to establish the

requirement for a permit for mechanical silvicultural site preparation where tree harvesting results in the establishment of site characteristics for which a permit would otherwise be required (e.g., where the selective cutting of naturally occurring pine in a Riverine Bottomland Hardwood wetland site with originally greater than 25% pine in the canopy results in a site "where hardwoods dominate the canopy"). In a similar manner, while harvesting of timber consistent with the requirements of Section 404(f) is exempt from regulation and natural changes (e.g., wildfire, succession) may change site characteristics, human manipulation of the vegetative characteristics of a site does not alter its status for the purposes of this guidance (e.g., removal of all the Atlantic White Cedar in an Atlantic White Cedar Swamp does not eliminate the need for a permit for mechanical silvicultural site preparation if the area would have required a permit before the removal of the trees).

Finally, the Agencies will encourage efforts at the State level to identify additional wetlands which may be of special concern and could be incorporated into State BMPs and cooperative programs, initiatives, and partnerships to protect these wetlands. To facilitate this effort, stakeholders are encouraged to develop a process after the issuance of this guidance to identify and protect unique and rare wetland sites on lands of the participating stakeholders. EPA and the Corps will monitor the application of this guidance, progress with conserving special wetland sites through cooperative programs and initiatives, and consider any new information, such as advances in silvicultural practices, improvements to State BMPs, or data relevant to potential impacts to wetlands, to determine whether the list of wetlands subject to the permit requirement should be modified or other revisions to this guidance are appropriate.

#### Further Information

The Corps and EPA will work closely with the States, forestry community, and public to answer any questions that may arise with regard to this guidance. For further information on this memorandum, please contact Mr. John Goodin of EPA's Wetlands Division at (202) 260-9910 or Mr. Sam Collinson of the Corps of Engineer's Regulatory Branch at (202) 761-0199. The public may also contact:

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Emergency Immigrant Education Program

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1996.

*Purpose of Program:* This program provides grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) that experience large increases in their student population due to immigration. These grants are to be used to provide high-quality instruction to immigrant children and youth and to help those children and youth make the transition into American society and meet the same challenging State performance standards expected of all children and youth.

*Eligible Applicants:* State educational agencies.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 15, 1996.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* July 15, 1996.

*Applications Available:* February 28, 1996.

*Available Funds:* \$37.5 million.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

<sup>9</sup>Contact the nearest Corps District listed at the end of this document for further information.

*Project Period:* Up to 16 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 85.

*Programmatic Information:* An SEA is eligible for a grant if it meets the eligibility requirements specified in sections 7304 and 7305 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (the Act), as amended by the Improving America's School's Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-382, enacted October 20, 1994). 20 U.S.C. 7544 and 7545. In order to receive an award under this program, an SEA must provide a count, taken during April 1996, of the number of immigrant children and youth enrolled in public and nonpublic schools in eligible LEAs in accordance with the requirements specified in section 7304 of the Act. Id. An eligible LEA is one in which the number of immigrant children and youth enrolled in the public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools within the district is at least either 500 or 3 percent of the total number of students enrolled in those public and nonpublic schools. 20 U.S.C. 7544(b)(2). Under section 7501(7) of the Act, the term "immigrant children and youth" means individuals who are aged 3 through 21, were not born in any State, and have not been attending one or more schools in any one or more States for more than 3 full academic years. 20 U.S.C. 7601(7).

*For Applications or Information Contact:* Ms. Harpreet K. Sandhu, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5086, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-6510. Telephone: (202) 205-9808. 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.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including a copy of the application notice for this grant program, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases); or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ed.gov/money.html>. However, the official application notice for this grant program is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7541-7549.

Dated: February 22, 1996.  
Delia Pompa,  
*Director, Office of Bilingual Education and  
Minority Language Affairs.*  
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### National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board, Education.  
**ACTION:** Amendment to notice of a partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This amends the notice of a partially closed meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board published in Vol. 61, No. 29, Page 5389.

**TIME:** March 1, 1996, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Nominations Committee, (closed); March 2, 1996, 11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, Full Board, (closed).

**LOCATION:** Ritz-Carlton Hotel—Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street NW., Washington, DC 20002-4233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 1, the Nominations Committee will meet in closed session from 7:30-8:30 a.m. This meeting must be closed because the committee will be considering qualifications of nominees for appointment to Board membership.

On March 2, the National Assessment Governing Board will meet in partially closed session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon to hear the report of the Nominations Committee. This portion of the meeting must be closed to permit the Board to review and discuss personal qualifications and experiences of nominees recommended to serve in respective categories of Board membership.

In both instances, discussion of such information will touch upon matters that would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosures would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and as such, is protected by exemption (6) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

A summary of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of Section 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment

Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: February 22, 1996.  
Roy Truby,  
*Executive Director.*  
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### Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of upcoming meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming partially closed meeting of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

**DATES AND TIMES:** March 20, 1996, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m.; and March 21, 1996, beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at approximately 2 p.m., but closed to the public from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Washington Hilton and Towers, the Thoroughbred Room, 1919 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue SW., Suite 601, Washington, DC 20202-7582 (202) 708-7439.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee is established to provide advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid matters, including providing technical expertise with regard to systems of need analysis and application forms, making recommendations that will result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students, conducting a study of institutional lending in the Stafford Student Loan Program, and assisting with activities related to reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965. As a result of the passage of the Higher