
Appendix A

Federal Register Notices

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Navy Training Operations in the Northwest Training Range Complex and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings****AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), and Executive Order 12114, the Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS to evaluate the potential environmental effects of maintaining Fleet readiness through the use of the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC) to support current, emerging, and future training activities. The proposed action serves to implement range enhancements to upgrade and modernize range capabilities within the NWTRC thereby ensuring critical Fleet requirements are met. The Navy will invite the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service to be cooperating agencies in preparation of this EIS/OEIS.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Five public scoping meetings will be held in Washington, Oregon and California to receive oral and written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. Public scoping meetings will be held at the following dates, times and locations: September 10, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Coachman Inn, 32959 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, Washington, September 11, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Pacific Beach Fire Hall, 4586 State Route 109, Pacific Beach, Washington, September 12, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Grays Harbor College Cafeteria, 1620 Edward P. Smith Drive, Aberdeen, Washington, September 13, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Spouting Horn Restaurant, 110 Southeast Highway 101, Depoe Bay, Oregon, and September 15, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Eureka's Women's Club, 1531 J Street, Eureka, California.

Each of the five scoping meetings will consist of an informal, open house session with information stations staffed by Navy representatives. Details of the meeting locations and time will be announced in local newspapers.

Additional information concerning meeting times will be available on the EIS/OEIS web page located at: <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kimberly Kler, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Northwest, Attention: NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle Suite 203, Silverdale, Washington, 98315–1101.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NWTRC consists of airspace, surface operating areas, and land range facilities in the Pacific Northwest. Components of the NWTRC encompass 126,630 nm² of surface/subsurface ocean operating area, 33,997 nm² of special use airspace, and 22 nm² of restricted airspace. The EIS/OEIS study area lies within the NWTRC, and encompasses surface and subsurface ocean operating areas, land training areas and special use airspace in Washington, and over-ocean special use airspace offshore of Washington, Oregon and northern California. These ranges and operating areas are used to conduct training involving military hardware, personnel, tactics, munitions, explosives, and electronic combat systems. The NWTRC serves as a backyard range for those units homeported in the Pacific Northwest area including those aviation, surface ship, submarine, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal units homeported at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Naval Station Everett, Naval Base Kitsap—Bremerton, Naval Base Kitsap—Bangor, and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to: (1) Achieve and maintain Fleet readiness using the NWTRC to support and conduct current, emerging, and future training activities and research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) events (primarily unmanned aerial vehicles); (2) expand warfare missions supported by the NWTRC, consistent with the requirements of the Fleet Readiness Training Plan (FRTP) and other transformation initiatives; and (3) upgrade and modernize existing range capabilities to enhance and sustain Navy training and RDT&E.

The need for the Proposed Action is to: (1) Maintain current levels of military readiness by training in the NWTRC; (2) accommodate future increases in operational training tempo in the NWTRC and support the rapid deployment of naval units or strike groups; (3) achieve and sustain readiness of ships, submarines, and aviation squadrons using the NWTRC so that they can quickly surge significant combat power in the event of a national crisis or contingency operation and

consistent with the FRTP; (4) support the acquisition and implementation of advance military technology into the Fleet; (5) identify shortfalls in range capabilities, particularly training infrastructure and instrumentation, and address through range investments and enhancements; and (6) maintain the long-term viability of the NWTRC while protecting human health and the environment and enhancing the quality and communication capability and safety of the range complex.

The No Action Alternative is the continuation of training and RDT&E. Alternative 1 consists of an increase in the number of training activities from baseline levels and force structure changes associated with the introduction of new weapon systems, vessels, and aircraft into the Fleet. Alternative 2 consists of all elements of Alternative 1. In addition, Alternative 2 includes an increase in the number of training activities over Alternative 1 levels and implementation of range enhancements.

Environmental issues that will be addressed in the EIS/OEIS, as applicable, include but are not limited to: air quality; airspace; biological resources, including threatened and endangered species; cultural resources; geology and soils; hazardous materials and waste; health and safety; land use; noise; socioeconomics; transportation; and water resources.

The Navy is initiating the scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues that will be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. Federal agencies, state agencies, and local agencies, Native American Indian Tribes and Nations, the public, and interested persons are encouraged to provide oral and/or written comments to the Navy to identify specific issues or topics of environmental concern that the commenter believes the Navy should consider. All comments, written or provided orally at the scoping meetings, will receive the same consideration during EIS/OEIS preparation. Written comments must be postmarked no later than September 29, 2007, and should be mailed to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Northwest, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, Washington, 98315–1101, Attention: Ms. Kimberly Kler—NWTRC EIS/OEIS.

Dated: July 25, 2007.

M.C. Holley,

Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Administrative Law Division, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-8588-8]

Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/napa/>.

Weekly Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 12/15/2008 Through 12/19/2008 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

Due to the closing of Executive Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government on 12/26/2008, this Notice of Availability is being published on 12/29/2008. Comment and Wait Periods will be calculated from 12/29/2008.

EIS No. 20080527, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Modoc National Forest Motorized Travel Management Plan, Implementation, National Forest Transportation System (NFTS), Modoc, Lassen and Siskiyou Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: 02/11/2009, Contact: Kathleen Borovac 530-233-8754.

EIS No. 20080528, Draft EIS, USN, 00, Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC), To Support and Conduct Current, Emerging, and Future Training and Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Activities, WA, OR and CA, Comment Period Ends: 02/11/2009, Contact: Kimberly Kler 360-396-0927.

EIS No. 20080529, Draft EIS, FHW, CT, North Hillside Road Extension on the University of Connecticut Storrs Campus, Hunting Lodge Road, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, in the town Mansfield, CT, Comment Period Ends: 02/13/2009, Contact: Bradley D. Keafer 860-659-6703 Ext 3009.

EIS No. 20080530, Draft EIS, MMS, AK, Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea Planning Areas, Proposals for Oil and Gas Lease Sales 209, 212, 217, and 221, Offshore Marine Environment, Beaufort Sea Outer Continental Shelf, and North Slope Borough of Alaska, Comment Period Ends: 03/16/2009, Contact: Keith Gordon 907-334-5265.

EIS No. 20080531, Draft EIS, USN, WA, Naval Base Kitsap—Bangor, Construct and Operate a Swimmer Interdiction Security System (SISS), Silverdadle Kitsap County, WA, Comment Period Ends: 03/02/2009, Contact: Shannon Kasa 619-553-3889.

EIS No. 20080532, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, Vail Ski Area's 2007 Improvement Project, Addressing Issues Related to

the Lift and Terrain Network, Skier Circulation, Snowmaking Coverage, Guest Services Facilities, Special-Use-Permit, Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District, White River National Forest, Eagle County, CO, Comment Period Ends: 02/11/2009, Contact: Roger Poirier 970-945-3266.

EIS No. 20080533, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Plumas National Forest Public Motorized Travel Management, Implementation, Plumas National Forest, Plumas County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 02/11/2009, Contact: Jane Beaulieu 530-283-7742.

EIS No. 20080534, Final EIS, IBR, WA, Yakima River Basin Water Storage Feasibility Study, Create Additional Water Storage, Benton, Yakima, Kittitas Counties, WA, Wait Period Ends: 01/27/2009, Contact: David Kaumheimer 509-575-5848 Ext. 612.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20070327, Draft EIS, FTA, TX, Withdrawn—Denton to Carrollton Regional Rail Corridor Project, Transportation Improvements between Downtown Denton and the Dallas Area Rapid (DART) System, Right-of-Way Grant, Denton and Dallas Counties, TX, Contact: Robert C. Patrick 817-978-0550. Revision to FR Notice Published 08/03/2007: Officially Withdrawn by the Filing Agency.

EIS No. 20080480, Draft EIS, USN, NJ, Laurelwood Housing Area, Access at Naval Weapons Station Earle, Lease Agreement, Monmouth County, NJ, Comment Period Ends: 01/23/2009, Contact: Kim Joyner-Barty 757-322-8473. Revision to FR Notice Published 11/28/2008: Extending Comment Period from 01/12/2009 to 01/23/2009.

Dated: December 22, 2008.

Clifford Rader,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8757-3, EPA-HQ-OW-2008-0055]

Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Vessel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 are finalizing an NPDES

Vessel General Permit (VGP) to cover discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels. This action is in response to a District Court ruling that vacates, as of December 19, 2008, a long-standing EPA regulation that excludes discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel from the need to obtain an NPDES permit. As of December 19, 2008, discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel that had formerly been exempted from NPDES permitting by the regulation will be subject to the prohibition in CWA Section 301(a) against the discharge of pollutants without a permit.

EPA solicited information and data on discharges incidental to normal vessel operations to assist in developing two NPDES general permits in a **Federal Register** Notice published June 21, 2007 (72 FR 32421). The majority of information and data in response to that notice came from seven different groups: Individual citizens, commercial fishing representatives, commercial shipping groups, environmental or outdoor recreation groups, the oil and gas industry, recreational boating-related businesses, and state governments. EPA considered all the information and data received along with other publicly available information in developing two proposed vessel permits.

EPA published the two proposed permits and accompanying fact sheets for public comment on June 17, 2008 (73 FR 34296). As proposed, the VGP would have covered all commercial and non-recreational vessels and those recreational vessels longer or equal to 79 feet, and the proposed RGP would have covered recreational vessels less than 79 feet in length. However, after the permits were proposed, Congress enacted two new laws that impact the universe of vessels covered under today's permit. On July 29, 2008, Senate bill S. 2766 ("the Clean Boating Act of 2008") was signed into law (Pub. L. 110-288). This law provides that recreational vessels shall not be subject to the requirement to obtain an NPDES permit to authorize discharges incidental to their normal operation. As a result of this legislation, EPA is not finalizing the proposed recreational vessel NPDES permit and has also modified the VGP, which included those recreational vessel over 79 feet, to eliminate that coverage. On July 31, 2008, Senate bill S. 3298 was signed into law (Pub. L. 110-299). This law generally imposes a two-year moratorium during which time neither EPA nor states can require NPDES permits for discharges (except ballast

Housing Area EIS Project Manager, Code EV21 Laurelwood PM, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, LRA Building A, Norfolk, VA 23508; <http://www.laurelwoodeis.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments on the Draft EIS should be mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, Attn: Laurelwood Housing Area EIS Project Manager, Code EV21 Laurelwood PM, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, LRA Building A, Norfolk, VA 23508. Comments can also be submitted via the project Web site: <http://www.laurelwoodeis.com>. All written comments postmarked or submitted to the project Web site by January 23, 2009, will become a part of the official public record and will be responded to in the Final EIS. An electronic copy of the Draft EIS, as well as further information on the proposed action, is available on the project Web site: <http://www.laurelwoodeis.com>.

Dated: December 19, 2008.

T.M. Cruz,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the Northwest Training Range Complex

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508), and Executive Order 12114, Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions, the Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for public release on December 29, 2008. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is a Cooperating Agency for the EIS/OEIS.

The Draft EIS/OEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of maintaining Fleet readiness through the use of the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC) to support current,

emerging, and future training activities. The proposed action serves to implement range enhancements to upgrade and modernize range capabilities within the NWTRC, thereby ensuring critical Fleet requirements are met. A Notice of Intent for this Draft EIS/OEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on July 31, 2007 (72 FR 41712).

The Navy will conduct five public hearings to receive oral and written comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS. Federal agencies, State agencies, and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the public hearings. This notice announces the dates and locations of the public hearings for this Draft EIS/OEIS.

An open house session will precede the scheduled public hearing at each of the locations listed below, and will allow individuals to review the information presented in the Draft EIS/OEIS. Navy representatives will be available during the open house sessions to clarify information related to the Draft EIS/OEIS.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Five public scoping meetings will be held in Washington, Oregon, and California to receive oral and written comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS. All meetings will start with an open house session from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a presentation and formal public comment period from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Public hearings will be held on the following dates and at the following locations:

1. Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at Oak Harbor School District Office, ASC Board Room, 350 S. Oak Harbor Street, Oak Harbor, Washington;
2. Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at Pacific Beach Fire Hall, 4586 State Route 109, Pacific Beach, Washington;
3. Thursday, January 29, 2009, at Grays Harbor College Cafeteria, 1620 Edward P. Smith Drive, Aberdeen, Washington;
4. Friday, January 30, 2009, at Hatfield Marine Science Center, 2030 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, Oregon;
5. Monday, February 2, 2009, at Eureka Women's Club, 1531 J Street, Eureka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Kimberly Kler, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, Washington 98315-1101; or <http://www.NWTRRangeComplexEIS.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NWTRC consists of airspace, surface operating areas, and land range facilities in the Pacific Northwest. Components of

the NWTRC encompass 122,400 nm² of surface/subsurface ocean operating area, 46,048 nm² of special use airspace, and 875 acres of land. The EIS/OEIS Study Area lies within the NWTRC, and encompasses surface and subsurface ocean operating areas, land training areas, and special use airspace in Washington, and over-ocean special use airspace offshore of Washington, Oregon, and northern California. These ranges and operating areas are used to conduct training involving military hardware, personnel, tactics, munitions, explosives, and electronic combat systems. The NWTRC serves as a backyard range for those units homeported in the Pacific Northwest area including those aviation, surface ship, submarine, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal units homeported at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Naval Station Everett, Naval Base Kitsap—Bremerton, Naval Base Kitsap—Bangor, and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to: (1) Achieve and maintain Fleet readiness using the NWTRC to support and conduct current, emerging, and future training activities and research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) events (primarily unmanned aerial vehicles); (2) expand warfare missions supported by the NWTRC consistent with the requirements of the Fleet Response Training Plan (FRTP) and other transformation initiatives; and (3) upgrade and modernize existing range capabilities to enhance and sustain Navy training and RDT&E.

The need for the Proposed Action is to: (1) Maintain current levels of military readiness by training in the NWTRC; (2) accommodate future increases in operational training tempo in the NWTRC and support the rapid deployment of naval units or strike groups; (3) achieve and sustain readiness of ships, submarines, and aviation squadrons using the NWTRC so that they can quickly surge significant combat power in the event of a national crisis or contingency operation, consistent with the FRTP; (4) support the acquisition and implementation of advanced military technology into the Fleet; (5) identify shortfalls in range capabilities, particularly training infrastructure and instrumentation, and address through range investments and enhancements; and (6) maintain the long-term viability of the NWTRC while protecting human health and the environment and enhancing the quality and communication capability and safety of the range complex.

The No Action Alternative is the continuation of training and RDT&E.

Alternative 1 consists of an increase in the number of training activities from baseline levels and force structure changes associated with the introduction of new weapon systems, vessels, and aircraft into the Fleet. Alternative 2, the Preferred Alternative, consists of all elements of Alternative 1. In addition, Alternative 2 includes an increase in the number of training activities over Alternative 1 levels and implementation of range enhancements.

The Draft EIS addresses potential environmental impacts on multiple resources, including but not limited to: Air quality; water resources; airborne acoustic environment; biological resources, marine and terrestrial; cultural resources; socioeconomic; and public health and safety.

No significant impacts are identified for any resource area in any geographic location within the NWTRC Study Area that cannot be mitigated, with the exception of exposure of marine mammals to underwater sound. The Navy has requested from NMFS a Letter of Authorization (LOA) in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act to authorize the incidental take of marine mammals that may result from the implementation of the activities analyzed in the NWTRC Draft EIS/OEIS. In compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation Management Act, the Navy is in consultation with NMFS regarding potential impacts to Essential Fish Habitat. In accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Navy is consulting with NMFS and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for potential impacts to federally listed species. The Navy is coordinating with the Washington Department of Ecology, the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, and the California Coastal Commission for a Coastal Consistency Determination under the Coastal Zone Management Act for each respective state. Navy analysis has indicated that under the Clean Air Act requirements, no significant impacts would occur to the regional air quality, and under the Clean Water Act there would be no significant impacts to water quality. National Historic Preservation Act analysis indicated that no significant impacts to cultural resources would occur if the Proposed Action or alternatives were implemented. Implementation of the Proposed Action or alternatives would not disturb, adversely affect, or result in any takes of bald eagles, nor result in a significant adverse effect on the population of a migratory bird species.

The decision to be made by the Navy is to determine which of the alternatives

analyzed in the EIS/OEIS best meet the operational needs of the Navy given that all reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts have been considered.

The Draft EIS/OEIS was distributed to Federal, State, and local agencies, elected officials, and other interested individuals and organizations. The public comment period will end on February 11, 2009. Copies of the Draft EIS/OEIS are available for public review at the following libraries: Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third Street, Eureka, CA; Jefferson County Rural Library, 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock, WA; Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA; Lincoln City Public Library, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR; Oak Harbor Public Library, 1000 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor, WA; Port Townsend Public Library, 1220 Lawrence St., Port Townsend, WA; and Timberland Regional Library, 420 Seventh Street, Hoquiam, WA.

The Northwest Training Range Complex Draft EIS/OEIS is also available for electronic public viewing at: <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com>. A paper copy of the Executive Summary or a single CD with the Draft EIS/OEIS will be made available upon written request by contacting Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: Mrs. Kimberly Kler—NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, WA 98315-1101.

Federal, State, and local agencies, and interested parties are invited to be present or represented at the public hearing. Written comments can also be submitted during the open house sessions preceding the public hearings.

Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on the Draft EIS/OEIS and will be responded to in the Final EIS/OEIS. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements. In the interest of available time, and to ensure all who wish to give an oral statement have the opportunity to do so, each speaker's comments will be limited to four (4) minutes. If a long statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public hearing with the full text submitted either in writing at the hearing, or mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: Mrs. Kimberly Kler—NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, WA 98315-1101. In addition, comments may be submitted

online at <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com> during the comment period. All written comments must be postmarked by February 11, 2009, to ensure they become part of the official record. All comments will be addressed in the Final EIS/OEIS.

Dated: December 19, 2008.

T.M. Cruz,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 29, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. 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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. 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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****National Estuarine Research Reserve System**

AGENCY: Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Approval and Availability for the Revised Management Plan for the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve.

SUMMARY: The Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce has approved the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan Revision. Notice and an opportunity for public comment on the Revised Management Plan was first published in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 2008 (73 FR 65837).

Four sites along the York River comprise the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve; Sweet Hall Marsh, Taskinas Creek, the Catlett Islands, and the Goodwin Islands. The four sites were designated as the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve in 1991 pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461. The reserve has been operating in partnership with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science under a management plan approved in 1991. Pursuant to 15 CFR Section 92.1.33(c), a state must revise their management plan every five years. The submission of this plan fulfills this requirement and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the reserve. A boundary expansion, a revised geographic vision for the reserve, new facilities, and updated programmatic objectives are notable revisions to the 1991 approved management plan.

The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure; the education, stewardship, and research goals of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations. This management plan describes how the strengths of the reserve will focus on four areas relevant to the Chesapeake Bay: Functions and

linkages of land-margin ecosystems; ecosystem vulnerability to climate and human-induced stressors; water quality and aquatic stressors; and integrated ocean observing systems.

Since 1991, the reserve has added a coastal training program that delivers science-based information to key decision makers in the Chesapeake Bay; has completed a site profile that characterizes the reserve; and has expanded the monitoring, stewardship and education programs significantly. A new administrative building (2003) and a new science and education lab (2005) have been built to support the growth of reserve programs.

With the approval of this management plan, the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve will change their total acreage from 2,849 acres to a new total of 2,705 acres. This change is attributable to boundary modifications at two of the reserve sites. At Sweet Hall Marsh, 189 acres of reserve property are being removed from the reserve boundary due to a change in ownership. At the Taskinas Creek site, 44.5 acres are being added to the reserve boundary to provide a deciduous and hardwood forest buffer to protect the estuarine areas used for research and education.

The 1991 Management Plan proposed a multi-phased expansion of the reserve that started with the four sites on the York River and planned to incorporate over 20 sites throughout Virginia to ensure adequate representation of Virginian estuarine areas important to the Chesapeake Bay. This expansion has not occurred since 1991. Due to the anticipated logistical, economic, and programmatic difficulties of having over 20 sites administered as part of the National Estuarine Research Reserve, the 2008 Management Plan focuses on the York River for the next five years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Miglion at (301) 563-1126 or Laurie McGilvray at (301) 563-1158 of NOAA's National Ocean Service, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM5, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910. For copies of the Chesapeake Bay Virginia Management Plan revision, visit <http://web.vims.edu/cbnerr/index.htm>.

Dated: February 4, 2009.

David M. Kennedy,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Extension of Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the Northwest Training Range Complex**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A notice of availability was published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 79473) on December 29, 2008 for the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). The public review period ends on February 11, 2009. This notice announces a seven-day extension of the public comment period until February 18, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Kimberly Kler, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, Washington 98315-1101; or <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public comment period on the NWTRC Draft EIS/OEIS will be extended by seven days until February 18, 2009. Comments may be submitted in writing to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: Mrs. Kimberly Kler—NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, WA 98315-1101. In addition, comments may be submitted online at <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com> during the comment period. All written comments must be postmarked by February 18, 2009, to ensure they become part of the official record. All comments will be addressed in the Final EIS/OEIS.

Copies of the Draft EIS/OEIS are available for public review at the following libraries:

1. Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third Street, Eureka, CA;
2. Jefferson County Rural Library, 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock, WA;
3. Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA;
4. Lincoln City Public Library, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR;
5. Oak Harbor Public Library, 1000 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor, WA;
6. Port Townsend Public Library, 1220 Lawrence St., Port Townsend, WA;
7. Timberland Regional Library, 420 Seventh Street, Hoquiam, WA.

proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Department of the Army, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 661 Sheppard Place, Ft. Eustis, VA 23604, ATTN: (Richard Cody), or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 428-6440.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Department of Defense Standard Tender of Freight Services, SDDC Form 364-R, OMB Control Number 0702-0261.

Needs and Uses: The information derived from the DoD tenders on file with the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) is used by SDDC subordinate commands and DoD shippers to select the best value carriers to transport surface freight shipments. Freight carriers furnish information in a uniform format so that the Government can determine the cost of transportation, accessorial, and security services, and select the best value carriers for 1.1 million Bill of Lading shipments annually. The DoD tender is the source document for the General Services Administration post-shipment audit of carrier freight bills.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,391.

Number of Respondents: 434.

Responses per Respondent: 50.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The DoD tender format was developed to take advantage of improved information collection technology and to connect with ongoing initiatives to implement automated systems to file tenders, select carriers, quote rates, and audits. The disciplined data fields of the tenders will facilitate the Electronic Data Interchange of tender data between carriers and SDDC, also between SDDC subordinate commands and DoD shippers. This initiative ultimately will permit electronic filing of the tender and eliminate mailing paper documents, which are manually processed.

Dated: February 19, 2009.

Patricia L. Toppings,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA-2008-0078]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 27, 2009.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Transportation Discrepancy Report; DD Form 361; OMB Control Number 0702-0124.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 1,434.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,434.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,434.

Needs and Uses: DD Form 361 is essential for documenting any loss, damage, or other discrepancy, which may result from the movement of Government freight by commercial transportation companies (carriers). The form is ordinarily completed by the Federal agencies for which the transportation service is provided. However, in a small minority of cases (Approximately 9%), contractor personnel acting for the government may be required to complete this form.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Seehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any

personal identifiers or contact information.

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.

Dated: February 19, 2009.

Patricia L. Toppings,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Additional Public Hearing and Extension of Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the Northwest Training Range Complex

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A notice of availability (NOA) was published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 79473) on December 29, 2008, for the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). A notice of public hearing dates and locations was published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 79856) on December 30, 2008. This notice announces an additional public hearing in Oregon and extension of the public comment period until March 11, 2009. The comment period was previously extended from February 11, 2009 to February 18, 2009 [notice published February 11, 2009 (74 FR 6859); amended NOA published February 13, 2009 (74 FR 7230)].

Dates and Addresses: A public hearing has been scheduled for February 26, 2009, at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds Auditorium, 4603 East 3rd Street, Tillamook, Oregon, to receive oral and written comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS. The meeting will start with an open house session from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a presentation and formal public comment period from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The open house session will allow interested individuals to review information presented in the Draft EIS/OEIS. Navy representatives will be available during the open house

session to clarify information related to the Draft EIS/OEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Kimberly Kler, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, Washington, 98315-1101; or <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal, State, and local agencies, and interested parties are invited to be present or represented at the public hearing. Written comments can also be submitted during the open house session preceding the public hearing.

Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on the Draft EIS/OEIS and will be responded to in the Final EIS/OEIS. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements. In the interest of available time, and to ensure all who wish to give an oral statement have the opportunity to do so, each speaker's comments will be limited to four (4) minutes. If a long statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public hearing with the full text submitted either in writing at the hearing, or mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: Mrs. Kimberly Kler—NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, WA, 98315-1101. In addition, comments may be submitted online at <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com> during the comment period. All written comments must be postmarked by March 11, 2009, to ensure they become part of the official record. All comments will be addressed in the Final EIS/OEIS.

Copies of the Draft EIS/OEIS are available for public review at the following libraries:

1. Newport Public Library, 35 NW Ney Street, Newport, OR;
2. Tillamook County Library, 1716 3rd Street, Tillamook, OR;
3. Suislaw Public Library, 1460 9th Street, Florence, OR;
4. Driftwood Public Library, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR;
5. Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third Street, Eureka, CA;
6. Jefferson County Rural Library, 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock, WA;
7. Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA;
8. Oak Harbor Public Library, 1000 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor, WA;
9. Port Townsend Public Library, 1220 Lawrence St., Port Townsend, WA;

10. Timberland Regional Library, 420 Seventh Street, Hoquiam, WA.

The NWTRC Draft EIS/OEIS is also available for electronic public viewing at: <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com>.

Dated: February 20, 2009.

A. M. Vallandingham,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 April 27, 2009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. 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 Director, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. 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. OMB invites public comment.

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: February 19, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,

Director, Information Collections Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Deferment Request Forms.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 2,399,196.

Burden Hours: 383,871.

Abstract: These forms serve as the means by which borrowers in the FFEL Program may request deferment of repayment on their loans if they meet certain statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements. The holders of a borrower's FFEL Program loans use the information collected on these forms to determine whether a borrower meets the eligibility requirements for the specific deferment type that the borrower has requested.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3916. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. Sec. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed renewal of its Disaster Response Database (DRD). The DRD is a data collection tool that allows the Corporation to collect information from its programs and grantees on disaster response activities across the country. This tool serves as a central repository of information on Corporation disaster response activities for reporting to the public.

Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by May 18, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) *By mail sent to:* Corporation for National and Community Service; Attention Phil Shaw, Emergency Management Coordinator, 9th Floor; 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.

(2) *By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 8100 at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.*

(3) *By fax to:* (202) 606-3477, Attention Phil Shaw, Emergency Management Coordinator.

(4) *Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system: pshaw@cns.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Shaw, (202) 606-6697, or by e-mail at pshaw@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are expected to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses).

Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service regularly engages its national service programs and grantees to respond to disasters as a part of its mandate to promote community service and meet community needs. The great number of national service participants and variety of support offered necessitate a centralized reporting tool to track and measure resources dedicated to supporting communities recovering from disaster.

Current Action: The Corporation seeks to renew the data collection: CNCS Disaster Response Database (OMB control number 3015-0114) scheduled to expire on June 30th, 2009. The database is a Web-based system that permits programs and grantees to report contributions to disaster responses. The system will be updated to include a previously approved quantifiable accomplishment reporting module.

The current data collection can be found at http://www.nationalservice.gov/relief/tbl_response/

AddTbl_responsePage.aspx.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Disaster Relief Information Collection.

OMB Number: 3045-0114.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Corporation for National and Community Service

programs/grantees involved in disaster activities.

Total Respondents: 100.

Frequency: Every two weeks.

Average Time per Response: Averages 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 50 Hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 12, 2009.

Kristin McSwain,

Chief of Program Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy**

Notice of Extension of Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the Northwest Training Range Complex

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An amended notice of availability was published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 8940) on February 27, 2009 for the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) extending the public comment period to March 11, 2009. This notice announces a further extension of the public comment period until April 13, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Kimberly Kler, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, Washington, 98315-1101; or <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public comment period on the NWTRC Draft EIS/OEIS will be extended until April 13, 2009. Comments may be submitted in writing to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: Mrs. Kimberly Kler—NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, WA 98315-1101. In

addition, comments may be submitted online at <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com> during the comment period. All written comments must be postmarked by April 13, 2009, to ensure they become part of the official record. All comments will be addressed in the Final EIS/OEIS.

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5. Newport Public Library, 35 NW. Ney Street, Newport, OR;
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7. Suislaw Public Library, 1460 9th Street, Florence, OR;
8. Oak Harbor Public Library, 1000 SE. Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor, WA;
9. Port Townsend Public Library, 1220 Lawrence St., Port Townsend, WA;
10. Timberland Regional Library, 420 Seventh Street, Hoquiam, WA.

The NWTRC Draft EIS/OEIS is also available for electronic public viewing at: <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com>.

Dated: March 13, 2009.

A.M. Vallandigham,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should

be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Bridget Dooling, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) 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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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.

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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 10, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Grant Application.

Abstract: On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) became law. A major part of ARRA is the new State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (Stabilization) program. The program provides \$53,600,000,000 to States to keep teachers in the classroom, prevent the cutting of valuable education programs, and help mitigate college tuition increases. Additionally, the Stabilization program will provide resources that States and districts may use to implement important education reforms, such as launching strategies that address inequities in the distribution of highly qualified teachers, building robust data systems that allow districts to better track student achievement, raising standards and strengthening student assessments, and turning around failing schools. We are requesting approval of the Stabilization program grant application so that State governors may apply for the first portion of these funds.

Additional Information: In order to provide immediate assistance to help alleviate the substantial budget shortfalls that States are facing, the Department is committed to providing 67 percent of each State's Stabilization allocation within a very short timeframe, necessitating emergency clearance of the Stabilization program application. The requested approval date for OMB approval is March 23. This formula grant program has two distinct portions—the Education Fund and the Government Services Fund. Specifically, the Department intends to award each State with 67 percent of the total amount that it is to receive under both the Education Fund and the Government Services Fund within two weeks of our receipt of a complete application.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Gov't.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 52.

Burden Hours: 894.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3976. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address

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