

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Headquarters Marine Corps, Assistant Chief of Staff for Advertising, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, #2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20380-1775.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Captain T. M. Fox at (703) 614-8640.

Title and OMB Number: Marine Corps Advertising Awareness and Attitude Tracking Study; OMB Control Number 0704-0155.

Needs and Uses: The Marine Corps Advertising Awareness and Attitude Tracking Study is used by the Marine Corps to measure the effectiveness of current advertising campaigns. This information is also used to plan future advertising campaigns.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; *Annual Burden Hours:* 630; *Number of Respondents:* 900; *Responses per Respondent:* 2; *Average Burden per Response:* 21 minutes; *Frequency:* Semi-annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Marine Corps Advertising Awareness and Attitude Tracking Study will be used by the Marine Corps to gauge the effectiveness of current advertising campaigns. The study also serves as an important planning tool in shaping the strategy for future advertising efforts.

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Notice on Garbage Discharges for Navy Ships in MARPOL Annex V Special Areas

SUMMARY: Under Section 1003 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, Public Law 103-160, the Secretary of Defense must report annually in years 1994 through 2000 on the amount and nature of garbage discharges from Navy ships operating in special areas, when such discharges are not otherwise authorized under Annex V of the International Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL). This notice is the third annual report.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from ships (MARPOL) as amended by the MARPOL Protocol of 1978, protects the ocean environment by prohibiting some discharges altogether, restricting other discharges to particular distances from land, and establishing "special areas" within which additional discharge limitations apply. Special areas are particular bodies of water which, because of their oceanographic characteristics and ecological significance, require protective measures more strict than other areas of the ocean. Within special areas that are in effect internationally, except under emergency circumstances the only authorized garbage discharge from vessels in food waste. At present, three special areas are in effect: the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, and the Antarctic Region.

Section 1003 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, Public Law 103-160, 107 Stat. 1745, established deadlines for compliance by U.S. Navy ships with the Annex V special area requirements. Surface ships must comply with the special area requirements by 31 December 2000. Submarines must comply with the special area requirements by 31 December 2008. The Act further requires the Secretary of Defense to report in the Federal Register the amount and nature of Navy ship discharges in special areas, not otherwise authorized under MARPOL Annex V. This Federal Register notice is the third of the required annual reports. This report covers the period between 1 August 1995 and 31 July 1996. The end date of July 31st is necessary to allow time for data collection and report preparation. During the period 1 August 1995 through 31 July 1996 there were no garbage discharges from Navy Ships into MARPOL Annex V special areas that

were not authorized under MARPOL Annex V.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Louis Maiuri, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Protection, Safety and Occupational Health Division, Crystal Plaza #4, Room 654, 2211 South Clark Place, Arlington, Virginia 22244-5108; telephone 703-602-2602.

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Notice on Plastic Processor Installation on Navy Ships

SUMMARY: Under Section 1003 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, Public Law 103-160, the Secretary of Defense must report annually in years 1996 through 1998 a list of ships equipped with plastic processors. This notice is the first annual report.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from ships (MARPOL) as amended by the MARPOL Protocol of 1978, protects the ocean environment by prohibiting some discharges altogether, restricting other discharges to particular distances from land, and establishing "special area" within which additional discharge limitations apply. One of the discharges specified for restriction under MARPOL Annex V is plastics.

Section 1003 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, Public Law 103-160, 107 Stat. 1745, requires ships equipped with plastics processors to comply with MARPOL Annex V provisions for the disposal of plastics. The Act also establishes an installation schedule for plastics processor equipment aboard ships. The first production unit shall be installed by July 1, 1996 on board a Navy ship. At least 25 percent of ships requiring processors shall be equipped by March 1, 1997. At least 50 percent of ships requiring processors shall be equipped by July 1, 1997. No less than 75 percent of ships requiring processors shall be equipped by July 1, 1998, and all vessels requiring plastics processors shall be equipped by December 31, 1998. The Act further requires the Secretary of Defense to report in the Federal Register a list of the names of ships equipped with plastics processors.

This Federal Register notice is the first of the required annual reports. A