

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

list of the ten Navy ships equipped with plastics processors by October 1, 1996 follows:

AO-178 USS Monongahela
CG-50 USS Valley Forge
CG-57 USS Lake Champlain
CGN-37 USS South Carolina
DDG-54 USS Curtis Wilbur
DDG-63 USS Stethem
DDG-996 USS Chandler
FFG-48 USS Vandegrift
FFG-55 USS Elrod
LPD-12 USS Shreveport

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 of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Improved Ordnance Storage at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona

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), the Marine Corps announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the environmental effects of improving ordnance storage at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Yuma. MCAS Yuma is located in the southwestern corner of Arizona near both the California border and the international border with Mexico. Current ordnance storage at MCAS Yuma is limited by the size and location of the station's existing ordnance storage magazines. The proposed action is to purchase 1,641 acres of land adjacent to the southern boundary of MCAS Yuma and construct new ordnance storage facilities. Alternatives being considered include: constructing new ordnance storage facilities in the vicinity of existing ordnance storage facilities; constructing new ordnance storage facilities on the nearby Barry M. Goldwater U.S. Air Force Range (BMGR) and transporting ordnance over public roads to MCAS Yuma as required; constructing a complete outlying landing field with ordnance storage magazines at Auxiliary

Airfield 2 in the BMGR; and continuing to use the existing ordnance storage area with no expansion (No Action). Additional alternatives may be identified during the scoping period and included in the EIS.

Environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS include: socioeconomics, geology and soils, biological resources, water resources, noise, air quality, land use, cultural resources, transportation/circulation, public health and safety, and utilities.

ADDRESSES: The Marine Corps will initiate a scoping process for the purpose of determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying significant issues relative to this action. The Marine Corps will hold public scoping meetings at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 1996, and at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 1996. Both meetings will be held at the Best Western Chilton Inn and Conference Center, located at 300 East 32nd Street in Yuma, Arizona. A formal presentation will precede public testimony. Marine Corps representatives will be available at the scoping meetings to receive comments from the public. It is important that federal, state, and local agencies, as well as interested individuals, take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during preparation of the EIS. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit their oral comments to five minutes.

Agencies and the public are also invited and encouraged to provide written comments in addition, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meetings. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the EIS should address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Written statements and/or questions regarding the scoping process should be mailed no later than January 31, 1996, to: Ms. Christine Bates, Environmental Planner; Box 99110; MCAS Yuma; Yuma, AZ 85369-9110. Questions or requests for information regarding the proposed action may also be directed to Ms. Bates at that address.

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Notice of Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are made available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. Copies of patents cited are available from the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231, for \$3.00 each. Requests for copies of patents must include the patent number. Copies of patent applications cited are available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield, Virginia 22161 for \$6.95 each (\$10.95 outside North American Continent).

Requests for copies of patent applications must include the patent application serial number. Claims are deleted from the copies of patent applications sold to avoid premature disclosure. The following patents are available for Licensing:

Patent 5,500,315: PROCESSES AND COMPOSITIONS FOR ELECTROLESS METALLIZATION; filed 4 October 1994; patented 19 March 1996.//Patent 5,504,338: APPARATUS AND METHOD USING LOW-VOLTAGE AND/OR LOW-CURRENT SCANNING PROBE LITHOGRAPHY; filed 30 June 1993; patented 2 April 1996.//Patent 5,504,714: ACOUSTIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SYSTEM; filed 24 February 1995; patented 2 April 1996.//Patent 5,505,158: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ACHIEVING GROWTH-ETCH DEPOSITION OF DIAMOND USING A CHOPPED OXYGEN-ACETYLENE FLAME; filed 4 November 1994; patented 9 April 1996.//Patent 5,506,616: DIFFERENTIAL IMAGING FOR SENSITIVE PATTERN RECOGNITION; filed 8 June 1994; patented 9 April 1996.//Patent 5,509,032: NON-ADAPTIVE AMPLITUDE-DIFFERENCE INTERFERENCE FILTER; filed 11 June 1991; patented 16 April 1996.//Patent 5,509,202: METHODS FOR UTILIZING HYDROSTATIC SEALING SLEEVE WIRE CONNECTIONS; filed 30 May 1995; patented 23 April 1996.//Patent 5,510,088: LOW TEMPERATURE PLASMA FILM DEPOSITION USING DIELECTRIC CHAMBER AS SOURCE MATERIAL; filed 11 June 1992; patented 23 April 1996.//Patent 5,510,627: INFRARED-TO-VISIBLE CONVERTER; filed 29 June 1994; patented 23 April 1996.//Patent 5,511,042: ENHANCED ADAPTIVE STATISTICAL FILTER PROVIDING