

prior notification, in cases where this form has been signed subject to conditions specified within the approved procedure.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 225,000.

*Number of Respondents:* 450,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

The Personal Check Cashing Agreement Form is designed exclusively to help the DoD disbursing offices expedite the collection process of dishonored checks. The front of the form will be completed and signed by the authorized individual requesting check cashing privileges. By signing the form, the individual is freely and voluntarily consenting to the immediate collection from their current pay, without prior notice, for the face value of any check cashed, plus any charges assessed against the government by a financial institution, in the event the check is dishonored. In the event the check is dishonored, the disbursing office will complete and certify the reverse side of the form and forward the form to the applicable payroll office for collection from the individual's current pay.

Dated: December 30, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

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

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#### 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).

*Title and OMB Control Number:* Effectiveness of Defense Mergers.

*Type of Request:* New collection; Emergency Processing requested with a shortened public comment period ending January 21, 1997. An approval date of February 4, 1997 is requested.

*Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 50.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 4 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 200.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information is necessary to meet the requirements of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997. Section 826 thereof required the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress the results of a study of the effectiveness of defense mergers and acquisitions in eliminating excess capacity, and their effect on contractor dependence on defense-related contracts, defense employment, and competition for defense contracts. The information collected hereby, will provide the necessary data to conduct the study and compile the report to Congress.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*DOD Action Officer:* Mr. William M. Pegram.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Pegram, at DUSD(IA&I)/FEA, Room 2A318, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3330, or via facsimile at (703) 693-7038.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302 or via facsimile at (703) 604-6270.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. A-96-44]

##### Draft Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability with request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission (NRC) are announcing for public comment the availability of a draft document, entitled the "Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual" (MARSSIM). MARSSIM provides information on planning, conducting, evaluating, and documenting environmental radiological surveys for demonstrating compliance with dose-based regulations. The MARSSIM, when finalized, will be a multi-agency consensus document. The agencies are seeking public comment in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing the document is received. The agencies will review public comments received on the draft MARSSIM as well as comments from a concurrent, independent, scientific peer review. Suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, in response to those comments.

**DATES:** Comments received by July 7, 1997 will be considered. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but no assurance can be given for consideration of late comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public are invited to submit written comments to EITHER the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ATTN: Air and Radiation Docket, Mail Stop 6102, Air Docket No. A-96-44, Room M1500, First Floor Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20460 or the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001. Copies of all comments received by one agency will be periodically copied and sent to the others. Copies of the draft MARSSIM and all comments received may be examined or copied for a fee at the EPA Docket Room M1500, Docket No. A-96-44, First Floor Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20460; and the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington DC 20555-0001. The EPA docket may be inspected from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays in Room M1500 at the address above. A free single copy of the draft MARSSIM may be requested by writing to: the Distribution and Mail Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001 or by fax to (301) 415-2260. The document is also available through the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/cleanup> and through the National Technical