

Islands, primarily off of Maui, Hawaii, over a period of 2 years. The purpose of the research is to collect genetic information that will, among other things, determine the sex and behavior patterns of individual humpback whales involved in "singing" behavior. The permit holder is now requesting that the Permit be amended to authorize: the observation of up to 200 humpback whales annually by the use of remote cameras to (1) observe the activities of individual whales, and (2) to determine if images can be obtained that will allow the length measurement of specific whales; and the observation of up to 1000 humpback whales annually through fixed wing and helicopter flights to measure the length of whales through photogrammetry for the purpose of age estimation and to observe (video/film) behavior patterns.

Dated: April 23, 1997

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**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 Associated Form: Vehicle Access Application, DD Form X076, OMB Number 0704-0329.

Type of Request: Reinstatement With Change.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 300.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 25.

Needs and Uses: The information collection is necessary to control entry into the Pentagon. Respondents are non-DoD personnel who request consideration to enter controlled Pentagon entrances. The information provided by the requester consists of name, social security number, date of birth, race, sex, citizenship, vehicle description and tag number, and justification for entrance. The information is entered into a database

maintained by the Parking Management Office. Only the name and vehicle information are accessed by the Defense Protective Service Officers at controlled entry points. The Vehicle Access Application is filled out upon initial request and annually thereafter.

Affected public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: April 24, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

**Availability of Non-Exclusive,
Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive
Licensing of U.S. Patent #5,448,842
Entitled Enclosure Sign Device**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502) and section 207 of title 35, United States Code announcement is made of the availability of the U.S. Patent No. 5,448,842 entitled, "Enclosure Sign Device" for licensing. The Department of the Army as represented by the Communications-Electronics Command wishes to license the technology described below in a non-exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by this U.S. Patent. This U.S. Patent has been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army CECOM RDE Night Vision & Electronic Sensors Directorate, ATTN: AMSEL-RD-NV-OPS, 10221 Burbeck Road, STE 430, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Karen Gordon, Technology Transfer Manager, 703-704-2279, FAX 703-704-1215.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The above mentioned patent describes and claims a safety measure at the entrance to a laboratory/room where access must be limited due to safety reasons. A box is placed around the doorknob at the entrance to the laboratory/room. A hatch door at the front of the box allows access to the doorknob. The hatch door can be left open when equipment is not operating, allowing normal access to the room. However, when a piece of equipment (i.e. laser) is operating, the hatch door (marked on the front with an unmistakable warning) is closed. A latch on the hatch door allows access to the doorknob, but only after unavoidable recognition of the warning. No one can open the door and enter the room without noticing this warning. The device is especially useful when standard procedures prohibit locking the door (i.e. when lasers are operating and only one person is within the room). In an improvement to the current patent, a buzzer sounds whenever the lid is opened while the "danger" sign above the door is illuminated.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Notice of Public Meetings on
Improving the Free Application for
Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

AGENCY: United States Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Education will convene three public meetings to receive comments on its plan to make the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) easier to complete by reducing the overall number of questions on the form, reducing the number of questions that certain families must complete, and simplifying the way those questions are asked. The Department plans to use the revised FAFSA starting with the 1999-2000 award year. The FAFSA is completed by students and their families, and the information submitted