

that on March 31, 1999, NOAA received formal notification that Ocean Management, Inc. (OMI), holder of Deep Seabed Exploration License USA-2, was dissolved. Dissolution papers were filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on January 14, 1999. NOAA has issued the exploration license for Site USA-2, to OMI in August 1984. Since OMI no longer exists as a legal entity, a condition precedent for the continued validity of the license has been eliminated and the license has, thereby, lapsed. This is deemed a relinquishment of the license under the Act. Also pursuant to those statutory and regulatory authorities, notice is hereby given that by letter to NOAA dated August 29, 1997, Ocean Mining Associates, holder of Deep Seabed Exploration License USA-3 issued by NOAA, formally relinquished its license as of the date of the letter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph P. Flanagan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Tel. 301-713-3121, ext. 201.

Dated: June 25, 1999.

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*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Technology Administration**

**Office of Technology Policy; National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee; Notice of Determination for Closure of Meeting**

The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee has scheduled a meeting for July 13, 1999.

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology. The committee's recommendations are made after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation. The Committee is chartered to have twelve members.

*Time and Place:* The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. on July 13, 1999. The meeting will be held in Room 1410 at the U.S. Department of

Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. For further information contact: Allison Rosenberg, Director, National Medal of Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, Ph: (202-482-5572).

If a member of the public would like to submit written comments concerning the committee's affairs at any time before and after the meeting, written comments should be addressed to the Director, National Medal of Technology as indicated above.

*Supplementary Information:* The meeting will be closed to discuss the relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the Medal. Public disclosure of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the National Medal of Technology program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration of the Medal, who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the Medal.

Accordingly, I find and determine, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended, that the July 13, 1999, meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code because revealing information about Medal candidates would likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

Due to the closure of the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting will not be available, however, a copy of the Notice of Determination will be available for public inspection and copying in the office of Allison Rosenberg, Director, National Medal of Technology, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Herbert Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, (Ph: 202-482-5572).

Dated: June 25, 1999.

**Kelly H. Carnes,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Technology Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed public information collection, and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed 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 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 30, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy/Military Personnel Policy), ATTN: Dr. Jane Arabian, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

**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 (703) 697-9271.

*Title and Applicable OMB Control Number:* Survey of Home School Associations, and OMB Control Number 0704-[to be determined].

*Needs and Uses:* The Conference Report of the Storm Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, Section 571, created a five-year pilot program that moved home school graduates from Tier II priority status (with General Education Development (GED) certificate holders) to Tier I (high school diploma graduates) for enlistment purposes. The purpose of this survey is to obtain information to support implementation of this program. Individual responses will be kept confidential. Only group statistics will be reported. All information will be used for research only. Participation will be voluntary.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

*Number of Respondents:* 200.