

(which was so confusing and impractical that the cited letter has to be written to interpret it) was changed because it: (a) Is not feasible in a non-paper environment, (b) does not correspond to commercial practice of using a GMG as the sole arbiter of mileage, and (c) resulted in an unrealistic administrative burden calculating and reconciling mileages in each and every state through which a shipment passed, and typically involved adding mileages from one state line to the next.

Comment: Towaway Service (Item 228) This new Item does not fairly divide liability issues between shipper and carrier; instead all liabilities are imposed on the carrier.

Response: We have adopted the language "or other failure to properly maintain * * *". We have considered the additional request that DoD assume liability, including attorney fees, for third-party claims resulting from Towaway Service. We cannot assume this liability and do not believe that it would be equitable to do so. Each claim, if any, would have to be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Comment: Weight Verification (Item 250).

Response: There has been no substantive change from the 1A to the 1B.

Comment: Dromedary Services (old Items 325 and 327). Why are these Items eliminated? While much of the information has been incorporated elsewhere (e.g. Item 105), some essential information appears nowhere in the 1B. 5000 and 10000 pound minimum charges for regular and 410 dromedary shipments, respectively, have been eliminated for Dual Driver and Protective Security accessorial, and for White Phosphorus and similar commodities.

Response: These provisions have not been eliminated for the two accessories cited; the 1B includes them in Item 35, para 1n, Item 40, para 2b, and Item 105, para c. The provisions for white phosphorus and similar commodities have been restored, and now appear in Item 328, paragraph 2.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: This change is not considered rule making within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612.

Paperwork Reduction Act: The Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3051 *et seq.*, does not apply because no information collection requirement or recordskeeping responsibilities are

imposed on offerors, contractors, or members of the public.

Thomas Hicks,

Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Authorization of an Ohio River Ecosystem Restoration Program

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Intent is an amendment to the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Ohio River Main Stem System Study," published in **Federal Register**, volume 63, number 203 page 56165, on Wednesday, October 21, 1998.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and resource agencies of states bordering the Ohio River, is currently evaluating various ecosystem restoration opportunities for the Ohio River corridor. The proposed action is being conducted under the authority of United States Senate, Committee on Public Works resolution dated May 16, 1955; and, United States House of Representatives, Committee on Public Works and Transportation resolution dated March 11, 1982.

The Corps of Engineers will prepare and circulate a Decision Document and integrated Environmental Assessment which will announce an intention to prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), if appropriate. Public review of this report is scheduled to begin in July 2000. Interested parties are encouraged to send written comments or requests for information, regarding the proposed study process, to the point-of-contact below. All comments and information requests should be postmarked no later than 30 days after this Notice of Intent is published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please address questions regarding this notice to Mr. Michael Q. Holley, PM-C, Louisville District, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, Kentucky 40201-0059, Telephone: (502) 582-5152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. Reference **Federal Register**, volume 63, number 203, dated Wednesday, October 21, 1998. Within that document, the Corps of Engineers gave notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Ohio River Main Stem System Study.

This study is designed to capture foreseeable maintenance, rehabilitation and new construction needs for the navigation infrastructure of the Ohio River until the year 2060 and to investigate habitat restoration options along the main stem Ohio River. The study would also identify those actions which are economically justified and environmentally prudent.

b. As part of the Ohio River Main Stem System Study, an environmental team, consisting of personnel from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the natural resource agencies of six states, and the Corps of Engineers was formed. This team investigated opportunities and established general goals for ecosystem restoration projects. During the initial study process, resource officials of states bordering the Ohio River, identified over 250 site-specific environmental projects for further analysis. Because of the considerable interest, the Corps of Engineers, with support from state officials, initiated a study report for proposed authorization of a cost shared ecosystem restoration program for the Ohio River.

c. The Corps of Engineers originally intended to study ecosystem restoration, within the entire Ohio River Main Stem System Study, as indicated in the Supplemental Information of **Federal Register**, volume 63, number 203. However, an ecosystem restoration program does not relate directly to navigational improvements and can stand independent of those improvements. It was therefore determined that an ecosystem restoration program would be developed as a separate product of the Ohio River Main Stem System Study.

d. The primary purpose of the proposed ecosystem restoration program is to restore and protect aquatic, wetland, floodplain and riparian habitats that would benefit from such a program for the Ohio River watershed. These goals would be accomplished by means of erosion control, island restoration, bottomland reforestation, creation of aquatic habitat, and other generally accepted environmental measures. As a secondary objective, the program would preserve the historic and cultural resources of the Ohio River through implementation of various low cost educational and recreational amenities that would not detract from

the environmental restoration goals of the program.

e. The Corps of Engineers will prepare and circulate a Decision Document and integrated Environmental Assessment which will announce an intention to prepare a FONSI, if a FONSI is determined to be appropriate.

Circulation of this document will assist the Corps in determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a FONSI is the next appropriate step in the NEPA process prior to authorization of a cost shared ecosystem restoration program for the Ohio River.

Daniel E. Steiner,

Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Announcement of Army Corps of Engineers Regional Listening Sessions

AGENCY: Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice correction.

SUMMARY: In a previous **Federal Register** notice (65 FR 34453), Tuesday, May 30, 2000, an incorrect phone number was inadvertently provided on page 34454, column 1, line 12. The correct phone number for local calls in Northern Virginia area is (703) 428-8535.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Gmitro, Program Manager, phone toll free (877) 447-6342 or if you're in the Northern Virginia area, please refer to the correct phone number as listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

John A. Hall,

Alternate Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing; Government-Owned Inventions

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the

Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of Navy.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/551,364 entitled, "Collaborative Development Network for Widely Dispersed Users and Methods Therefor," filing date: April 17, 2000, Navy Case No. 79260.

ADDRESS: Requests for copies of the patent application cited should be directed to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Laboratory, Code CD222, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Building 183, Room 015, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100, and must include the Navy Case number. Interested parties will be required to sign a Confidentiality, Non-Disclosure and Non-Use Agreement before receiving copies of requested patent applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James B. Bechtel, Patent Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Laboratory, Code CD222, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Building 183, Room 015, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100, telephone (540) 653-8016.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: May 31, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 8, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its

statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: June 5, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: National Longitudinal Transition Study—2.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 432.

Burden Hours: 354.

Abstract: NLTS2 will provide nationally representative information about youth with disabilities in secondary school and in transition to adult life, including their characteristics, programs and services, and achievements in multiple domains (e.g., postsecondary education, employment).

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be