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Item	Estimated time for response in hours	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Deposited Materials .....	1	3,300	3,300
Depository Approval .....	5	1.25	0.25
Total .....		3,301	3,301

**IV. Request for Comments**

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 the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 28, 2000.

**Thao P. Nguyen**,  
Acting Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government-Owned Invention**

**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 is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/195,159 entitled "Desalination Through Methane Hydrate" Navy Case No. 79,584.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the patent application cited should be directed to the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1008.2, 4555 Overlook

Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, and must include the Navy Case number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine M. Cotell, Ph.D., Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-7230.

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

Dated: July 26, 2000.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Marine Desalination Systems, LLC**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Marine Desalination Systems, LLC, a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government-Owned invention described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/195,159 (Navy Case No. 79,584) entitled "Desalination Through Methane Hydrate" filed November 18, 1998.

**DATES:** Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than October 2, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine M. Cotell, Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320; telephone (202) 767-7230.

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

Dated: July 25, 2000.

**J.L. Roth**,  
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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, 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 October 2, 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 Group, 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)