

Comments: Comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by February 18, 2003, to (1) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340, and (2) the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail at *cpsecos@cpsec.gov*.

Copies of this request for extension of the information collection requirements and supporting documentation are available from Linda Glatz, Management and Program Analyst, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0416, ext. 2226.

Dated: January 13, 2003.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of partially-closed meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, announcement is made of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB).

Dates: February 18, 2003. February 19, 2003 (Partially-closed meeting).

Times: 7:30 a.m.—16:30 p.m. (February 18, 2003); 7:30 a.m.—17:30 p.m. (February 19, 2003).

Location: The Phillips Space Conference Center, Building 201, 1750 Kirtland Drive, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87117.

Agenda: The purpose of the meeting is to address pending and new Board issues, provide briefings for Board members on topics related to ongoing and new Board issues, conduct subcommittee meetings, and conduct an executive working session.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel James R. Riddle, Executive

Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/3.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be partially-closed to the public. Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. The meeting will be open to the public in accordance with Section 522b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph 91) thereof and Title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d). Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island, MD, Environmental Restoration Feasibility Study

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in partnership with the State of Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Port Administration has initiated an environmental restoration feasibility study for the restoration of island habitat in the Mid-Chesapeake Bay region. The study focuses on restoring hundreds of acres of aquatic and wildlife island habitat in the Mid-Chesapeake Bay region through the beneficial use of dredged materials from the Port of Baltimore channel system. As part of this study and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared to document the plan formulation process and recommendations of this study.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions or information about the proposed action and draft EIS can be addressed to Ms. Michele (Mimi) Bistany, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: GENAB-PL, 10 South Howard Street, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD

21203-1715, telephone 410-962-4934; e-mail address: *michele.a.bistany@usace.army.mil*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mid-Chesapeake Bay study area is defined by the confluence of the Chester River south to the confluence of the Potomac River with the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland.

Land subsidence, rising sea level, and wave action have caused valuable island habitats to be lost through erosion throughout the Chesapeake Bay. Through the beneficial use of dredged material, a restored island can be constructed to replace hundreds of acres of wetland and upland habitat. Therefore, the goal for this feasibility study is to restore valuable aquatic and terrestrial resting, foraging, and nursery habitat that has been lost in the Chesapeake Bay for many migratory birds, fish, and wildlife species through the beneficial use of dredged material. This habitat will afford improved productivity to the surrounding area, while providing an environmentally sound method for the use of dredged material removed from Bay channels.

Corps feasibility studies are conducted using a six-stage planning approach that incorporates the NEPA process: (1) Identify problems, opportunities, goals, and objectives; (2) Inventory baseline conditions; (3) Formulate alternatives; (4) Evaluate effects of the alternatives; (5) Compare alternatives; and (6) Select a recommended plan or set of alternative plans that are environmentally, economically, and engineering sound.

The project delivery team is actively seeking public opinion, participation, and advice to be incorporated into the planning process and the selection of an island for restoration. At this time, the islands that are under consideration within the Mid-Chesapeake Bay region include Barren, Bloodsworth, James, Holland, Lower Eastern Neck, Parson's and Sharp's islands. The team is open to any additional islands for consideration in the Mid-Bay region. As part of the initial phase of the study, an objective screening criteria will be developed based on information obtained for the State of Maryland's Dredged Material Management Program, public and agency input, available data, and best professional judgment. Following the Corps and NEPA processes, once the island is selected for restoration, a detailed analysis of the current existing conditions will be undertaken; alternative restoration plans will be developed, analyzed and compared; the impacts of those plans

will be analyzed; and a recommended plan will be selected.

To solicit public input into the study and into the island selection, up to three public scoping meetings are planned for the late January/early February 2003 timeframe. A newsletter broadcasting the dates, times, and locations will be sent to agencies, groups and individuals on the study's mailing list once the meetings have been scheduled. To verify your inclusion, or to be added in the mailing list, please contact the study team leader, Ms. Michele Bistany (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT*).

The study will be conducted in compliance with Section 404 and Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Prime and Unique Farmlands, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Act. All appropriate documentation (*i.e.*, Section 7, Section 106 coordination letters, and public and agency comments) will be obtained and included as part of the EIS.

As part of the EIS process, recommendations will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for the protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal, will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, among these are wetlands; fish and wildlife resources; cultural resources; land use; water and air quality; hazardous, toxic, and radioactive substances; threatened and endangered species; regional geology; aesthetics; environmental justice; cumulative impacts; and the general needs and welfare of the public.

The draft EIS for the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island environmental restoration study is expected for public release in July 2005.

Robert W. Lindner,

Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

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: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by February 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: January 13, 2003.

John Tressler,

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

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New Collection.

Title: EZ-Audit: Electronic Submission of Financial Statements and Compliance Audits.

Abstract: EZ-Audit will support the conversion and electronic submission of financial statements and existing compliance audits as required by 34 CFR 668.23 for all institutions participating in the Title IV, FSA programs.

Additional Information: Schools receiving Title IV funding must submit an audit in order to prove that they are financially solvent. Emergency clearance is requested for this collection because if submission is not done in a timely manner, Title IV institutions will be in jeopardy of noncompliance and will also lose funding.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions (primary), State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 4000.

Burden Hours: 4000.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joe Schubart at (202) 708-9266. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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