

However, not every diversion structure can be potentially combined with one or more of the other diversions. The combination of the Farm Creek, Jasper-Pike and New Tabby diversions as described under Alternative 3 is not approved to be combined into a single diversion because cumulative depletions of stream flows in the intervening approximately 1.4 miles of Duchesne River channel between the Farm Creek and Jasper-Pike diversions would cause a substantial adverse impact that would not be compensated for by the elimination of one or two of the diversions from the river. Alternative 3 was formulated to include consolidation of diversions that appeared feasible and reasonable based on physical and logistical considerations. At this time, potential legal, social, and institutional constraints have only been considered at a cursory level. Further examination of consolidation options could preclude some projects from being implemented. In those instances wherein Alternative 3 is determined not to be feasible, and in the case of the Farm Creek, Jasper-Pike and New Tabby diversions, Alternative 2 is selected for implementation.

Alternative 2 involves the rehabilitation or construction of a new diversion facility on the Duchesne or Strawberry River at or in very close proximity to the location of the existing diversions.

The Final Environmental Assessment is a programmatic analysis. Potential environmental impacts addressed in the EA are those impacts that would be expected regardless of the diversion dam that is rehabilitated. Potential impacts to wetlands, threatened and endangered species and cultural resources generally are site specific and/or require special permits. As a subsequent decision to rehabilitate or reconstruct a particular diversion structure is made, the site-specific impacts will be assessed using a site-specific environmental evaluation checklist. If no additional impacts beyond those assessed in this EA are identified, the checklist will be approved as a decision document, and no further NEPA analysis will be conducted.

If any item on the checklist has not been satisfied, or if a project is expected to create impacts not described in the EA, to create impacts greater in magnitude or duration than described in the EA or would require mitigation measures that are not described in the EA to keep impacts below significant levels, a Supplemental EA (SEA) to address site specific impacts would be prepared for each diversion dam concurrent with the preparation of the

final engineering or design report for a specific structure.

The EA was developed with the public in accordance with the Commission's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rule (43 CFR part 10010.20). The Final EA and Decision Notice were sent to 28 agencies and individuals on May 2, 2003.

The EA is related to other potential future actions, specifically the detailed design and implementation of diversion dam replacements or rehabilitation. The programmatic perspective has been considered in the document. Future construction projects may require separate or supplemental NEPA compliance.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments and/or requests for further information to Mark Holden, Projects Manager, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 102 West 500 South, Suite 315, Salt Lake City, UT, 84101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Holden, Projects Manager, 801-524-3146 *mholden@uc.usbr.gov*.

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Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Research Advisory Committee On Gulf War Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on June 16-17, 2003, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 230, Washington, DC. The meeting on June 16 will convene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. The meeting on June 17 will convene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. Both meetings will be open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War.

On June 16, the Committee will hear research presentations from representatives of the Midwest Research

Institute, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories and Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute. The Committee will also receive an update on VA research from the VA's Chief Research and Development Officer. On June 17, the Committee will hear presentations on and discuss new research and reports. The Committee plans to discuss and develop recommendations and a work plan. Time will be available for public comment on both days.

Members of the public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Laura O'Shea, Committee Manager, Department of Veterans Affairs (008A1), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing further information should contact Ms. Laura O'Shea at (202) 273-5031.

Dated: May 7, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Task Force; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Task Force will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday, May 30, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Room 230, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Task Force is to conduct an independent review of the VR&E Program within the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). The Task Force will provide recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on improving the Department's ability to provide comprehensive services and assistance to veterans with service-connected disabilities and employment handicaps in becoming employable, and obtaining and maintaining suitable employment. The Task Force will also assess independent living services provided by VBA.

Both sessions of the May 29-30 meeting will focus on briefings for Task Force members by providers of vocational rehabilitation services and those who oversee VA's delivery of

vocational rehabilitation and employment services. On May 29, presentations will be made by the General Accounting Office, VA's Office of Inspector General, congressional committee staff and the State Directors of Veterans Affairs. On May 30, the Task Force will be briefed by the Department of Labor, Department of Education and VA's Veterans Health Administration and Veterans Benefits Administration.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties who wish to attend the meeting should have adequate identification for entry into the building and will be subject to a security screening process. Members of the public may submit written comments for review by the Committee to: Mr. John O'Hara, Executive Director, VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Task Force, VA Office of Policy, Planning, and Preparedness (008B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Mr. O'Hara can be reached at (202) 273-5130; fax number (202) 273-5991 and e-mail address john.o'hara@mail.va.gov.

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By Direction of the Secretary:

E. Philip Riggan,
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of new system of records—Center for Veterans Enterprise VA VetBiz Vendor Information Pages (123VA00VE).

SUMMARY: The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e), requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their systems of records. Notice is hereby given that VA is establishing a new system of records entitled “VA VetBiz Vendor Information Pages” (123VA00VE).

DATES: Comments on the establishment of this new system of records must be received no later than June 16, 2003. If no public comment is received, the new system will become effective June 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand-deliver written comments concerning the proposed new system of records to

the Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273-9289; or e-mail comments to OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov. All relevant material received before June 16, 2003, will be considered. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Gail Wegner (00VE), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone number (202) 254-0233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 106-50, section 302 requires, in pertinent part:

(5) Establishment of an information clearinghouse to collect and distribute information, including by electronic means, on the assistance programs of Federal, State, and local governments, and of the private sector, including information on office locations, key personnel, telephone numbers, mail and electronic addresses, and contracting and subcontracting opportunities.

(6) Provision of Internet or other distance learning academic instruction for veterans in business subjects, including accounting, marketing, and business fundamentals.

(7) Compilation of a list of small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans that provide products or services that could be procured by the United States and delivery of such list to each department and agency of the United States. Such list shall be delivered in hard copy and electronic form and shall include the name and address of each such small business concern and the products or services that it provides.”

Section 604 requires:

(b) Identification of Small Business Concerns Owned by Eligible Veterans. Each fiscal year, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, identify small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans in the United States. The Secretary shall inform each small business concern identified under this paragraph that information on Federal procurement is available from the Administrator.

This new system of records will be used to maintain and access an automated database containing the information on veteran-owned businesses set forth in the law (section 302, paragraph (7) and section 604, paragraph (b)). While corporations do not have any Privacy Act rights, it is not entirely clear whether individuals

acting in an entrepreneurial capacity, such as a sole proprietor of a small business, have Privacy Act rights. Hence, the adoption of this system of records.

The automated database is known as the VA VetBiz Vendor Information Pages (VIP). The database includes data on veteran-owned businesses extracted from the Small Business Administration's Procurement Marketing and Access Network (Pro-Net) database, the Central Contractor Registration database, and other databases. It will be augmented with voluntarily submitted data provided by veteran-owned businesses wishing to do business with the Federal government and private entities either in a capacity as a prime contractor or as a subcontractor.

The information in this system will be maintained in electronic form. The information in these records will be freely available to government agencies, companies, and the general public via the Internet.

A “Report of Intention to Publish a **Federal Register** Notice of a New System of Records” and an advance copy of the new system notice have been provided to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Governmental Reform and the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as required by provisions of title 5, U.S.C. 522a (Privacy Act), and guidelines issued by OMB (61 FR 6428) (1996).

Approved: May 2, 2003.

Anthony J. Principi,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE) VA VetBiz Vendor Information Pages (123VA00VE).

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Records are maintained at the Center for Veterans Enterprise's office in VA Headquarters, Washington, DC. VA's Automation Center, 1615 E. Woodward Street, Austin, Texas 78772, maintains the computerized database and Web site.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

The system of records will cover all companies owned by veterans that wish to be a part of the system of records, including those already registered in the SBA Pro-Net database and/or the Central Contractor Registration database.