

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 29, 2004.

*Title, Form, and OMB Number:* Vessel Operation Report; OMB Number 0710-0006.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,217.

*Responses per Respondent:* 159 (average).

*Annual Responses:* 193,906.

*Average Burden per Response:* 18 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 43,213.

*Needs and uses:* This is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers information collection that serves as the basic instrument to collect waterborne commerce statistics. These data constitute the sole source for domestic vessel movements of freight and passengers on U.S. navigable waterways and harbors. These data, collected from vessel operating companies, are essential to plans for maintaining U.S. navigable waterways and are critical to the enforcement of the "Harbor Maintenance Tax" authorized under Pub. L. 99-662, Section 1402.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Davis. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Davis, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: December 19, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 29, 2004.

*Title, Form, and OMB Number:*

TRICARE Prime Enrollment/Disenrollment Applications; OMB Number 0720-0008.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 20,689.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 20,689.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 7 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,150.

*Needs and Uses:* These collection instruments serve as applications for the enrollment, disenrollment, and Primary Care Manager (PCM) Change for the Department of Defense's TRICARE Prime program established in accordance with title 10 U.S.C. 1099, which calls for a healthcare enrollment system. Monthly payment options for retiree enrollment fees for TRICARE Prime are established in accordance with title 10 U.S.C. 1097a(c). The information collected on the TRICARE Prime Enrollment Application/PCM Change Form provides the necessary data to determine beneficiary eligibility, to identify the selection of a health care option, and to change the designated PCM when the beneficiary is relocating or merely requests a local PCM change, in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, Public Law 106-398, Section 723(b)(E). The TRICARE Prime Disenrollment Application serves to disenroll an enrollee from TRICARE Prime on a voluntary basis.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Critical Homeland Installation Protection will meet in closed sessions on January 20-21, 2004; February 26-27, 2004; April 1-2, 2004; May 10-11, 2004; June 17-18, 2004, in Arlington, VA (exact location to be determined). The Task Force will assess best practices for protecting U.S. homeland installations and recommend various approaches to enhancing security and protection of these facilities.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Task Force will assess investments in technology and manpower in order to ensure proper security levels at our nation's high-value installations with particular emphasis on airports, harbors, nuclear power facilities and military bases. To that end, the Task Force will review existing best practices in force protection and security at civil, industrial and military complexes; assess shortfalls and deficiencies associated with operational security; identify promising technology and/or processes that will enhance security; and recommend methods for reducing overall manpower requirements without relinquishing robust security measures.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

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