

*townsendi*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), and threatened Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) had been submitted by the above-named individual and that a draft environmental assessment had been prepared on the proposed research. An EA has been prepared with a finding of no significant impact. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permit authorizes Dr. Stein to expose up to 1200 gray whales, 200 minke whales, 150 harbor porpoise, 150 Dall's porpoise, 400 Pacific white-sided dolphin, 150 bottlenose dolphin, 2000 Risso's dolphin, 2000 short-beaked common dolphin, 1200 northern right whale dolphin, 200 killer whales, 200 short-finned pilot whales, 30 Baird's beaked whales, 30 Cuvier's beaked whales, 30 Mesoplodont beaked whales, 500 California sea lions, 500 harbor seals, 500 northern elephant seals, and 200 northern fur seals to sounds from low-power high-frequency "whale-finder" sonars per year offshore of central California. The purpose of the proposed research is to validate and improve the ability of whale-finder sonar systems to detect marine mammals without adversely affecting them.

Dated: December 24, 2003.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

*Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary of Defense

#### Meeting of the DoD Advisory Group on Electron Devices

**AGENCY:** Advisory Group on Electron Devices, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD Advisory Group on Electron Devices (AGED) announces a closed session meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held at 0900, Wednesday, January 14, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Palisades Institute for Research Services, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Eric Carr, AGED Secretariat, 1745

Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Square Four, Suite 500, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The mission of the Advisory Group is to provide advice to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E), and through the DDR&E to the Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Military Departments in planning and managing an effective and economical research and development program in the area of electron devices.

The AGED meeting will be limited to review of research and development programs which the Military Departments propose to initiate with industry, universities or in their laboratories. The agenda for this meeting will include programs on Radiation Hardened Devices, Microwave Tubes, Displays and Lasers. The review will include details of classified defense programs throughout.

In accordance with section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App. section 10(d)), it has been determined that this Advisory Group meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: December 24, 2003.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate, OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to alter a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is proposing to alter a system of records notice in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

The Department of the Army is proposing to alter the existing system of records to expand the category of individuals covered, the category of records being maintained, and the purposes for collecting and maintaining the records.

**DATES:** This proposed action will be effective without further notice on February 4, 2004, unless comments are

received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: TAPC-PDD-FP, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 205, Springfield, VA 22153-3166.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806-7137/DSN 656-7137.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on December 16, 2003, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: December 24, 2003.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

**A0040-5a DASG**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

DoD Health Surveillance/Assessment Registries (April 4, 2003, 68 FR 16484).

**CHANGES:**

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**SYSTEM NAME:**

Delete entry and replace with "Defense Medical Surveillance System."

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with "Department of Defense military personnel (active and reserve) and their family members; DoD civilian personnel deploying with the Armed Forces; applicants for military service; and individuals who participate in DoD health surveys."

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with "The Defense Medical Surveillance System contains up-to-date and historical data on diseases and medical events (e.g., hospitalizations, ambulatory visits, reportable diseases, HIV tests, acute respiratory diseases, and health risk

appraisals) and longitudinal data on personnel and deployments.

Information in this system of records originates from personnel systems, medical records, health surveys (e.g., Pentagon Post Disaster Health Assessment) and/or health assessments made from specimen collections (remaining serum from blood samples) from which serologic tests can be performed (serum number, specimen locator information, collection date, place of collection).

Records being maintained include individual's name, Social Security Number, date of birth, sex, branch of service, home address, age, medical treatment facility, condition of medical and physical health and capabilities, responses to survey questions, register number assigned, and similar records, information and reports, relevant to the various registries; and specimen collections (remaining serum from blood samples) from which serologic tests can be performed (serum number, specimen locator information, collection date, place of collection)."

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**PURPOSE(S):**

Delete entry and replace with "The Defense Medical Surveillance System (DMSS) supports a systematic collection, analysis, interpretation, and reporting of standardized, population based data for the purposes of characterizing and countering medical threats to a population's health, well being, and performance.

The Army Medical Surveillance Activity, which operates the DMSS, routinely publishes summaries of notifiable diseases, trends of illnesses of special surveillance interest and field reports describing outbreaks and case occurrences in the *Medical Surveillance Monthly Report*, the principal vehicle for disseminating medical surveillance information of broad interest. Through DMSS, The Army Medical Surveillance Activity provides the sole link between the DoD Serum Repository and other databases. This repository contains over 32 million frozen serum specimens and is the largest of its kind in the world."

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**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Delete entry and replace with "Information is retrieved by individual's name, Social Security Number, registry number and specimen number."

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**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Delete entry and replace with "Chief of Army Medical Surveillance Activity, The Surgeon General, Headquarters,

Department of the Army, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258."

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**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Delete entry and replace with "From the individual, personnel and medical records, and mortality reports."

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**A0040-5a DASG**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Defense Medical Surveillance System.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Medicine, 5158 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5403; and Army Medical Surveillance Activity, Building T-20, Room 213, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20307-5001.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Department of Defense military personnel (active and reserve) and their family members; DoD civilian personnel deploying with the Armed Forces; applicants for military service; and individuals who participate in DoD health surveys.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

The Defense Medical Surveillance System contains up-to-date and historical data on diseases and medical events (e.g., hospitalizations, ambulatory visits, reportable diseases, HIV tests, acute respiratory diseases, and health risk appraisals) and longitudinal data on personnel and deployments.

Information in this system of records originates from personnel systems, medical records, health surveys (e.g., Pentagon Post Disaster Health Assessment) and/or health assessments made from specimen collections (remaining serum from blood samples) from which serologic tests can be performed (serum number, specimen locator information, collection date, place of collection).

Records being maintained include individual's name, Social Security Number, date of birth, sex, branch of service, home address, age, medical treatment facility, condition of medical and physical health and capabilities, responses to survey questions, register number assigned, and similar records, information and reports, relevant to the various registries; and specimen collections (remaining serum from blood samples) from which serologic tests can be performed (serum number,

specimen locator information, collection date, place of collection).

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations; 10 U.S.C. 136, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; 10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army, 10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force, 10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; DoD Instruction 1100.13, Surveys of DoD Personnel; DoD Directive 6490.2, Joint Medical Surveillance; DoD Directive 6490.3, Implementation and Application of Joint Medical Surveillance for Deployments; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

**PURPOSE(S):**

The Defense Medical Surveillance System (DMSS) supports a systematic collection, analysis, interpretation, and reporting of standardized, population based data for the purposes of characterizing and countering medical threats to a population's health, well being, and performance.

The Army Medical Surveillance Activity, which operates the DMSS, routinely publishes summaries of notifiable diseases, trends of illnesses of special surveillance interest and field reports describing outbreaks and case occurrences in the *Medical Surveillance Monthly Report*, the principal vehicle for disseminating medical surveillance information of broad interest. Through DMSS, the Army Medical Surveillance Activity provides the sole link between the DoD Serum Repository and other databases. This repository contains over 32 million frozen serum specimens and is the largest of its kind in the world.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system, except that these routine uses do not apply to the Serum Repository.

**Note:** This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of

1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Paper records in file folders and electronic storage media.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Information is retrieved by individual's name, Social Security Number, registry number, and specimen number.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are maintained within secured buildings in areas accessible only to persons having official need, and who therefore are properly trained and screened. Automated segments are protected by controlled system passwords governing access to data.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Records are destroyed when no longer needed for reference and for conducting business.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Chief of Army Medical Surveillance Activity, The Surgeon General, Headquarters, Department of the Army, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Medicine, 5158 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5403.

For verification purposes, individual should provide their full name, Social Security Number, any details which may assist in locating record, and their signature.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Medicine, 5158 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5403.

For verification purposes, individual should provide their full name, Social Security Number, any details which may assist in locating record, and their signature.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and

appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340-21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

From the individual, personnel and medical records, and mortality reports.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Defense Logistics Agency**

**Privacy Act of 1974; Systems of Records**

**AGENCY:** Defense Logistics Agency, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to add a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Logistics Agency proposes to add a system of records notice to its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** This action will be effective without further notice on February 4, 2004 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Privacy Act Officer, Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, ATTN: DSS-B, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 2533, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6221.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Susan Salus at (703) 767-6183.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Defense Logistics Agency notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on December 16, 2003, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,' dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: December 24, 2003.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**SYSTEM NAME:**

Readiness and Accountability Records.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Customer Operations and Readiness, Headquarters Defense Logistics Agency, 8725 John J. Kingman, Road, Stop 4141, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6221, and the heads of DLA field activities. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to DLA's compilation of systems of records notices.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Military members assigned to DLA, employees, and contractors who are injured, made ill, involuntarily absent, or otherwise unaccounted for as a result of contingent or hostile operations.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Name; Social Security Number; age; home addresses (surface and electronic); home telephone numbers; duty assignment data; and details of the incident, including status reports.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

10 U.S.C. 136, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; 10 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*, Missing Persons; 29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*, The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA); E.O. 9397 (SSN); E.O. 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Programs for Federal Employees; 29 CFR 1960, Subpart I, Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Federal Occupational Safety and Health Programs.

**PURPOSE(S):**

Information is maintained to account for individuals during contingent or hostile operations; to comply with reporting requirements; to analyze readiness; and to prepare statistical reports as required.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Department of Labor to comply with the requirement to report Federal civilian employee on-the-job accidents (29 CFR part 1960).