

**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 September 30, 2004.

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 244, Subcontracting Policies and Procedures; OMB Number 0704-0253.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 90.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 90.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 16 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,440.

*Need and Uses:* Administrative contracting officers use this information in making decisions to grant, withhold, or withdraw purchasing system approval at the conclusion of a contractor purchasing system review. Withdrawal of purchasing system approval would necessitate Government consent to individual subcontracts.

*Affected Public:* Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*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:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/ESCD/ Information Management Division, 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202-4326.

Dated: August 25, 2004.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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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 25).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 30, 2004.

*Title, Form, and OMB Number:* Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of Member of Group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States; DD Form 2168; OMB Number 0704-0100.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 3,000.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,500.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection requirement is necessary to implement Public Law 95-202, section 401, which directs the Secretary of Defense to determine if civilian employment or contractual service rendered by groups to the Armed Forces of the United States shall be considered active duty. This information is collected on DD Form 2168,

"Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of Member of Group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Force of the United States," which provides the necessary information to assist each of the Military Departments in determining if an applicant was a member of a group which has performed active military service. Those individuals who have been recognized as a member of an approved group are eligible for benefits provided for by laws administered by the Veteran's Administration.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

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

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Renewal of the Joint Advisory  
Committee on Nuclear Weapons  
Surety****ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Joint Advisory Committee on Nuclear Weapons Surety (JACNWS) has been renewed in consonance with the public interest, and in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The JACNWS provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and the Department of Energy on nuclear weapons systems surety matters. The committee undertakes studies and prepares reports on national policies and procedures to ensure the safe handling, stockpiling, maintenance, disposition and risk reduction of nuclear weapons.

The Committee will continue to be composed of four to seven members, both government and non-government individuals, who are acclaimed experts in nuclear weapons surety measures. Efforts will be made to ensure that there is a fairly balanced membership in terms of the functions to be performed and the interest groups represented.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Fedrigo, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, telephone: 703-325-2073.

Dated: August 25, 2004.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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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:* September 21, 2004 (partially-closed meeting); September 22, 2004 (open meeting).

*Times:* 7:30 a.m.–5:10 p.m. (September 21, 2004); 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (September 22, 2004).

*Location:* St. Anthony Hotel, September 21 from 7:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. and Brooks Air Force Base, 2602 West Gate Road, San Antonio, TX 78235–5252 from 12:45–5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Hotel, 300 East Travis Street, San Antonio, TX 78205 from 7 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

*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 Roger Gibson, Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls Church, VA 22041–3258, (703) 681–8012/3.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the interest of national security, and in accordance with 5, U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), the afternoon session on September 21, 2004 may be closed to the public. In addition, any classified portions of the meeting minutes may be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(f)(2). The morning session on September 21, 2004 and the entire session on September 22, 2004 will be open to the public. Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Mississippi River and Tributaries, Len Small Levee Project, Alexander County, IL

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) will supplement the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) “Mississippi River and Tributaries, Mississippi River Levees and Channel Improvement,” prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Vicksburg District, dated February 1976. The DSEIS is being prepared in conjunction with a feasibility study, a joint effort between the St. Louis and Memphis districts, to determine the need for federal flood damage reduction and navigation improvements along the Mississippi River between approximate River Miles (RM) 21 and 34 upstream of the Ohio River in Alexander County, IL. The study will also address National Ecosystem Restoration (NER) features.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Tamara Atchley, telephone (314) 331–8044, CEMVS-PM-N, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. Questions regarding the DSEIS may be directed to Ms. Leighann Gipson, telephone (901) 544–4015, CEMVM-PM-E, 167 North Main Street, Room B–202, Memphis, TN 38103.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Proposed Action

The project study consists of determining the need for flood damage reduction and maintaining navigation on the Mississippi River, Alexander County, IL. The area of focus is the Mississippi River from RM 21 to RM 34. The project is authorized under a resolution of the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure adopted March 7, 1996, as well as Section 517 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996 and the 1928 Flood Control Act (H.R. 8497). Studies involve reevaluation of the project design flood flowline, evaluating alternatives that will not affect navigation, and developing ecosystem restoration features. The Flood Control Act of 1928 and WRDA 1986 authorized the project originally. A final EIS, entitled *Mississippi Rivers and*

*Tributaries, Mississippi River Levees (MRL) and Channel Improvement*, was prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Vicksburg District, in February 1976. This document was filed with the Council of Environmental Quality in April 1976. Based on additional environmental laws and regulations enacted after 1976, information from other federal agencies, and litigation by private environmental groups, the decision was made to supplement the 1976 FEIS to cover construction of all remaining Mississippi River mainline levees and seepage control with a supplemental FEIS, *Mississippi River Mainline Levees Enlargement and Seepage Control*, prepared by USACE, Vicksburg, Memphis, and New Orleans districts, dated July 1998. It covered a total of 225 potential work items along the mainstem of the Mississippi River, which included construction of borrow areas for fill material, levee enlargements, and installation of additional seepage control measures. The resolution by Congress in 1996, the Flood Control Act of 1928, as amended, and WRDA 1996 authorized the present study and reevaluation of the MRL system. The Len Small Levee Project was not included in the 1998 supplemental EIS. It was decided that a separate feasibility study should be conducted because of its complexity. Len Small Levee is a privately owned levee that is being studied because of its effect on the Commerce to Birds Point section of the federal MRL system. Extensive hydraulics and other engineering and environmental analyses are being conducted to evaluate project alternatives.

##### 2. Reasonable Alternatives

Project alternatives are being formulated and analyzed in order to develop an optimal plan. Alternatives to be considered include possible modifications to the MRL system, routing floodwaters across Dogtooth Bend Peninsula, and no federal action. An ecosystem restoration plan is also being developed.

##### 3. The Scoping Process

A public involvement program has been initiated and will be maintained throughout the study. The broad goal is to identify significant issues through an exchange of information on project-related topics. Input will be sought from the public including local residents, agencies, and individuals from the private sector. Federally recognized American Indian tribes and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer will be consulted regarding cultural