

capacity to the Coast Guard. When fully implemented, the interoperable Deepwater system will comprise three classes of new cutters and their associated small boats, a new fixed-wing manned aircraft fleet, a combination of new and upgraded helicopters, and both cutter-based and land-based unmanned air vehicles (UAVs). All of these highly capable assets are linked with Command, Control, Communications and Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems, and are supported by an integrated logistics system. These new assets, which possess common systems and technologies, common operational concepts, and a common logistics base will give the Coast Guard a significantly improved ability to detect and identify all activities in the maritime arena, a capability known as "maritime domain awareness," as well as the improved ability to intercept and engage those activities that pose a direct threat to U.S. sovereignty and security. The NSCs will be the flagships of the IDS, capable of meeting all maritime security mission needs and operating with a maximum range of 12,000 nautical miles and up to 60 days continuously without replenishment.

The existing base on CGI in Alameda, CA provides the shore support necessary to meet the logistical requirements of four large cutters. This existing support includes security considerations, easy access for Coast Guard personnel, administrative and support buildings and services, and required shore ties to service in-port cutters.

The Coast Guard plans to homeport four NSCs at CGI in Alameda, California. The four NSCs would replace, on a one-for-one basis, the four aging 378-foot High-Endurance Cutters (HECs) currently stationed in Alameda.

In addition to the proposed vessel homeporting, minor improvements to the existing waterfront pier and construction of a new 18,000 sq. ft. administration building would be required at the existing base on CGI in Alameda to provide adequate shore-side support. No other actions or projects are anticipated at this time to support this proposed homeporting plan.

The USCG is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (section 102[2][c]) and its implementing regulations at 40 Code of Federal Regulations, part 1500, and other related environmental laws, regulations, and Executive Orders. The EA will evaluate the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts

associated with the NSC homeporting plan. The EA will tier from the USCG's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the IDS Program, completed in March of 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

*Title:* The National Defense Executive Reserve Personal Qualifications Statement.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0001.

*Abstract:* The NDER is a Federal government program coordinated by FEMA. To become a member of the NDER, individuals with the requisite qualifications must complete a FEMA Form 85-3 is an application form that is used by Federal departments and agencies to fill NDER vacancies and to ensure that individuals are qualified to perform in the assigned emergency positions. FEMA reviews the application form to ensure that the candidate meets all basic membership qualifications for the Executive Reserve; ensures that the applicant is not already serving in a Federal department or agency sponsored unit; and, in some cases, determines the Federal department or agency best suited for the applicant.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* .5 hr. (30 minutes).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 15 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Comments:* Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or facsimile number (202) 395-7285. Comments must be submitted on or before May 10, 2006.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Chief, Records Management, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or e-mail address [FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov).

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