1999), NMFS reviewed the information contained in NSF's EA and determined that the NSF EA accurately and completely describes the proposed action alternative, and the potential impacts on marine mammals, endangered species, and other marine life that could be impacted by the preferred alternative and the other alternatives. Accordingly, NMFS adopted the NSF EA under 40 CFR 1506.3 and made its own FONSI. The NMFS FONSI also took into consideration additional mitigation measures that are not in NSF's EA. Therefore, because the actions described in that EA are similar in context and intensity to the current seismic activity by SIO, it is not necessary for NMFS to issue a new EA, a supplemental EA or an environmental impact statement for the issuance of an IHA to SIO for this activity. A copy of the EA and previous FONSI for this activity is available upon request. A copy of the NSF EA for this activity is available upon request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Conclusions

NMFS has determined that the impact of conducting the seismic survey in the SPO may result, at worst, in a temporary modification in behavior of small numbers of certain species of marine mammals. This activity is expected to result in no more than a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks.

For reasons stated previously in this document, this determination is supported by: (1) the likelihood that, given advance notice through relatively slow ship speed and ramp-up, marine mammals are expected to move away from a noise source that is annoying before it becomes potentially injurious; (2) recent research that indicates that TTS is unlikely (at least in delphinids) until levels closer to 200–205 dB re 1 microPa are reached rather than 180 dB re 1 microPa; (3) the fact that 200–205 dB isopleths would be well within 100 m (328 ft) of the vessel even in shallow water; and (4) the likelihood that marine mammal detection in the safety zone by trained observers is close to 100 percent during daytime and remains high at night to the short distance from the seismic vessel. As a result, no take by injury or death is anticipated or authorized, and the potential for temporary or permanent hearing impairment is very low and would be avoided through the incorporation of the required mitigation measures mentioned in this document.

While the number of potential incidental harassment takes will depend on the distribution and abundance of marine mammals in the vicinity of the survey activity, the number of potential harassment takings is estimated to be small. In addition, the proposed seismic program will not interfere with any known legal subsistence hunts, since seismic operations will not take place in subsistence whaling and sealing areas and will not affect marine mammals used for subsistence purposes.

Authorization

On this date, NMFS issues an IHA to SIO to take marine mammals, by Level B harassment, incidental to conducting seismic surveys in the SPO for a 1–year period, provided the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are undertaken.

Dated: December 12, 2006.

Donna Wieting,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

DoD Task Force on Mental Health Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs); DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting change.

SUMMARY: This notice updates the previous notice, ''Notice of Open Meeting'' published on December 6, 2006 (71 FR 70743). 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: DoD Task Force on Mental Health, a Subcommittee of the Defense Health Board.

Dates: December 18, 2006 (Afternoon—Open Session), December 19, 2006 (Morning—Open Session), December 20, 2006 (Morning and Afternoon—Open Session).

Times: 1300–1500 hours (18 December), 0800–1100 hours (19 December), 0800–1700 hours (20 December).

Location: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Agenda: The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate information related to the Mental Health Task Force's congressionally-directed task of assessing the efficacy of mental health services provided to members of the Armed Forces by the Department of Defense. The Task Force members will receive briefings on topics related to mental health concerns among military service members and mental health care delivery. The Task Force will hold a ''Town Hall Meeting'' session to hear concerns from the Washington, DC metro area active Duty Military, National Guard and Reserve, and Veterans communities and conduct executive working sessions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel Roger Gibson, Executive Secretary, Defense Health Board, Skyline One, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041, (703) 681–3279, ext. 123.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The afternoon session on December 18, the morning session on December 19, and both morning and afternoon sessions on December 20, 2006 will be open to the public in accordance with Section 552b(b) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof an Title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d). Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

Dated: December 13, 2006.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by January 24, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of

Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 13, 2006.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.

Title: Impact Evaluation of Upward Bound's Increased Focus on Higher-Risk Students—Baseline Data Collection Protocols.

Abstract: This evaluation will focus on the impacts of Upward Bound on students applying to enter the program as early as the summer of 2007. The current OMB package requests clearance for the instruments to be used in gathering information.

Additional Information: The Department is requesting emergency clearance to begin collection of parental and student consent forms, baseline information forms, and student selection forms. If the evaluation has to go through the normal clearance process, ED's notification to work with grantees on data collection could not begin until late March or early April 2007, where many grantees are completing their application periods. This schedule would likely mean that summer programs would need to be delayed or perhaps cancelled for new students, creating hostility toward the evaluation, undermining the validity of the evaluation and harming its ability to draw conclusions about the effectiveness of the redesigned Upward Bound program. Emergency processing would allow the Department to contact sampled grantees to be in the evaluation in late January or early February 2007, allowing more time for the evaluator to work with grantees selected for the evaluation (contingent on their receipt of funding for 2007), ensure that a sufficient number of eligible students are recruited to form a control group, and obtain the necessary consent and baseline student data required before random assignment can occur. The Department is requesting OMB approval by January 24, 2007.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public:

Individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 7,290. Burden Hours: 3,900.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from *http://edicsweb.ed.gov,* by selecting the ''Browse Pending Collections'' link and by clicking on link number 3242. When you access the information collection, click on ''Download Attachments'' to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202–4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address *IC DocketMgr@ed.gov* or faxed to 202–245–6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to *IC DocketMgr@ed.gov.* Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Overview Information Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities—Using Assistive Technology To Support Development and Learning of Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities, Birth Through Two; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.327X

Dates: Applications Available: December 19, 2006.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 2, 2007.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 3, 2007.

Eligible Applicants: State educational agencies (SEAs); local educational agencies (LEAs); public charter schools that are LEAs under State law; institutions of higher education (IHEs); other public agencies; private nonprofit organizations; outlying areas; freely associated States; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and for-profit organizations.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested $31,063,000 for the Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities program for FY 2007, of which we intend to use an estimated $435,000 for the Using Assistive Technology To Support Development and Learning of Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities, Birth Through Two competition. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding $435,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.