

Code EV1.AB, telephone number: 360-396-0924.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed EIS/OEIS analyzes potential environmental effects of Navy training activities that will take place in and around the Gulf of Alaska and those aircraft events that originate in the maritime exercise area (MEA) and extend over established inland Alaska military operating areas. Navy training activities primarily take place in, or originate from, the MEA. The MEA provides approximately 42,000 nm<sup>2</sup> (144,056 km<sup>2</sup>) of air and surface/subsurface ocean operating area and overlying airspace.

The MEA is a polygon that is oriented from northwest to southeast, approximately 300 nm in length by 150 nm in width, situated south of Prince William Sound and east of Kodiak Island, Alaska. The EIS/OEIS study area includes Gulf of Alaska ocean area within approximately 200 km from the MEA and the waters within this boundary up to the coastline. Military operations also occur over established land-based Military Operating Areas maintained by the Air Force in Alaska.

These Alaska training areas are used to conduct Navy training, including participating in large-scale Joint training exercises such as the annual Northern Edge exercise, involving military hardware, personnel, tactics, munitions, explosives, and electronic combat. Alaska is an ideal location to support naval and joint operational readiness by providing the maritime component to a "geographically realistic" range for U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) and U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) scenario-based training.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to: (1) Support PACOM and NORTHCOM training requirements; (2) achieve and maintain Fleet readiness using these Alaska training areas to support and conduct current, emerging, and future training activities; (3) accommodate new training requirements associated with the introduction of new weapons and systems to the Fleet; and (4) support civilian authorities in homeland defense training exercises.

The need for the Proposed Action is to: (1) Maintain current levels of military readiness; (2) accommodate future increases in training activities to support Fleet exercise requirements in the Alaska training areas; (3) support the acquisition and implementation into the Fleet of advanced military technology; and (4) maintain the long-term viability of the Alaska training areas as a Navy training area while protecting human

health and the environment, and enhancing the quality and the capabilities of the training area, including safety.

The No Action Alternative is the continuation of current training levels, with one carrier strike group per exercise, to exclude the use of mid-frequency active sonar (MFAS). Alternative 1 consists of an increase in the number of training activities from baseline levels, to include the use of MFAS, plus training associated with the introduction of new weapon systems, vessels, and aircraft into the Fleet. Alternative 2 consists of all elements of Alternative 1, plus the addition of a second summertime carrier strike group exercise each year, to include the use of MFAS.

Environmental issues that will be addressed in the EIS/OEIS include but are not limited to the following: Air quality; airspace; biological resources, including threatened and endangered species; cultural resources; geology and soils; hazardous materials and waste; health and safety; noise; socioeconomics; transportation and water resources.

The Navy is initiating the scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues that will be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies, Alaska Native Federally-Recognized Tribes, the public, and interested persons are encouraged to provide oral and/or written comments to the Navy to identify specific environmental issues or topics of environmental concern that the commenter believes the Navy should consider. All comments, written or provided orally at the scoping meetings, will receive the same consideration during EIS/OEIS preparation.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/OEIS should be postmarked no later than April 30, 2008. Comments may be mailed to: Mrs. Amy Burt, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Northwest, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, Washington 98315-1101, Attn: GOA Navy Training Activities EIS/OEIS Project Manager, Code EV1.AB. Comments can also be submitted via the EIS/OEIS Web page located at <http://www.GulfofAlaskaNavyEIS.com>.

Dated: March 11, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning *Collection of Human Resource information from major DOE contractors for contract management, administration, and cost control*. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 16, 2008. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to: Robert M. Myers, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1615, 202-287-1584, or by fax at 202-287-1656 or by e-mail at [robert.myers@hq.doe.gov](mailto:robert.myers@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Robert Myers at the address listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This package contains:

(1) OMB No. 1910-0600;

(2) *Package Title:* Industrial Relations;

(3) *Type of Review:* Renewal;

(4) *Purpose:* This information is required for management oversight for the Department of Energy's Facilities Management Contractors and to ensure that the programmatic and

administrative management requirements of the contract are managed efficiently and effectively;

(5) *Respondents*: 349;

(6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 8,173.

**Statutory Authority:** The basic authority for collection of this data is the statute establishing the Department of Energy ("Department of Energy Organization Act," Public Law 95-91, of August 4, 1977). It vests the Secretary of Energy with the executive direction and management function, authority, and responsibilities for the Department, including contract management. The provisions of 42 U.S.C. 7254 state that "The Secretary is authorized to prescribe such procedural and administrative rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or appropriate to administer and manage the functions now or hereafter vested in him."

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**Edward R. Simpson,**

*Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 16, 2008. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact

the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Elnora Long, U.S. Department of Energy, EE-2K/Forestal Building; 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax 202-586-1233 or by e-mail at [elnora.long@ee.doe.gov](mailto:elnora.long@ee.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Elnora Long at the address listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.* 1910-5126 (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* State Energy Program; (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* The State Energy Program purpose is to promote the conservation of energy; to reduce the rate of growth of energy demand and to reduce dependence on imported oil through the development and implementation of a comprehensive State Energy Program and the provision of Federal financial and technical assistance to States in support of such program. (5) *Respondents:* 56 States and Territories; (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* Burden is estimated at nine hours per state/territory totaling 504 hours.

**Statutory Authority:** This collection of information is in accordance with 10 CFR part 420.

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**Ronald Shaw,**

*Acting Program Manager, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (of 1995), intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is a formula grant funding program. DOE has developed four forms

designed to reduce the length of time to input information and provide a consistent format for all States to submit as part of their State Application and Plan process. This activity will benefit the program and States because all forms are in electronic format that will populate a database for program information. The program information captured will be used to provide the most current program information for the budget, congressional and public inquires of the program. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 16, 2008. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to: Elnora Long, U.S. Department of Energy, EE-2-K/Forestal Building; 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-1233 or by e-mail at [elnora.long@ee.doe.gov](mailto:elnora.long@ee.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Elnora Long at the address listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.* 1910-5127 (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Weatherization Assistance Program; (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* The Weatherization Assistance Program provides grants to States, the District of Columbia and Native American Tribes; *Type of Respondents:* States, District of Columbia, and Native American Tribes; (5) *Respondents:* 52; (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 3 hours per Respondent.

**Statutory Authority:** 10 CFR part 440.