

applications because of increased public involvement, such as the opportunity to comment on public notices for individual surface coal mining activities in Appalachia. This additional information could help improve not only the Corps analysis of potential individual and cumulative adverse effects of the proposed activity on the aquatic environment, but also on the potential adverse effects on other public interest review factors listed at 33 CFR 320.4(a)(1), such as conservation, aesthetics, economics, land use, recreation, fish and wildlife values, energy needs, and general considerations of property ownership, to the extent that those public interest factors are relevant to waters of the United States subject to CWA jurisdiction and within the Corps Federal control and responsibility.

Concurrent with this **Federal Register** notice, all Corps districts will issue local public notices announcing the suspension of NWP 21 as of the effective date identified above.

#### Grandfathering of Existing NWP 21 Authorizations

Today's action prohibits District Engineers from issuing NWP 21 verifications in response to PCNs for surface coal mining activities in the Appalachian counties listed above during the period of suspension. In other words, District Engineers cannot continue to process NWP 21 PCNs that are pending as of June 18, 2010 or accept new or revised NWP 21 PCNs for surface coal mining activities in the Appalachian region of those six states unless the suspension is lifted and NWP 21 is reinstated in this region.

Proponents of proposed surface coal mining activities in the Appalachian region of these six states will have to submit applications for individual permits instead of NWP 21 PCNs.

NWP 21 activities that have been verified by District Engineers prior to June 18, 2010 in the Appalachian region of Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, continue to be authorized by that NWP until it expires on March 18, 2012, unless the District Engineer takes action to modify, suspend or revoke a particular NWP authorization on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the procedures at 33 CFR § 330.5(d). District engineers may not modify previously issued NWP 21 verifications to authorize additional discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States in the affected Appalachian counties; such discharges must be applied for and evaluated under the individual permit process.

#### Environmental Documentation

The decision document for the suspension of NWP 21 is available at the Corps Headquarters "National Notices and Program Initiatives" page at: <http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/nnpi.aspx> and the regulations.gov Web site under docket number COE-2009-0032. It is also available by contacting Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Regulatory Community of Practice, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000.

#### Authority

We are suspending NWP 21 under the authority of Section 404(e) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 8, 2010.

Approved by:

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Updated Record of Decision (ROD) for Revised Army Growth and Force; Structure Realignment Decisions

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability (NOA).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the availability of an updated ROD for Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment. This ROD explains that the Army has modified previous decisions made in December 2007 to support Army growth and force structure realignment. The Army's decision at the time grew the Army by six Infantry Brigade Combat Teams (IBCTs), eight active component support brigades, and associated growth in smaller combat support and combat service support units required to complement the U.S. Army's overall force structure growth. The decision also relocated two Heavy Brigade Combat Teams (HBCTs) from Europe to the continental United States. This updated ROD details how the Army has modified growth and realignment decisions to better meet operational mission requirements. Specifically, the original decision is being modified by this updated ROD in the following ways:

- Army growth is stopped at 45 active component BCTs instead of 48;

- One IBCT has been established as the 43rd BCT at Fort Carson, CO;
- The 44th BCT has been activated at Fort Bliss, TX; and
- The 45th BCT was established at Fort Stewart, GA, as an IBCT.
- The Army will not stand up new growth IBCTs at Fort Bliss, TX; Fort Stewart, GA; or Fort Carson, CO in 2011 as was originally announced in the 2007 ROD. In place of these BCTs, the Army will establish additional combat support units at locations across the Army to better meet mission requirements and man units for upcoming deployments.
- The Army will convert a Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) (the 1st Brigade of the 1st Armored Division (1<sup>st</sup> AD)) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) beginning in 2011 at Fort Bliss, TX. This conversion involves the stationing of approximately 450 additional Soldiers and their equipment at Fort Bliss.
- An HBCT will no longer be returning from Germany to White Sands Missile Range in fiscal year 2013. The stationing of HBCTs currently assigned to Germany will be reassessed in light of the Army's global mission requirements.

These modifications to the original Grow the Army decision will better allow the Army to respond to security threats in an unpredictable global security environment.

**ADDRESSES:** A request for copy of the ROD can be sent to the Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Environmental Command, Building E4460, Attention: IMAE-PA, 5179 Hoadley Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LTC David Patterson, Media Relations Division, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, at (703) 697-7592.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In January 2007, the President asked Congress for authority to increase the overall strength of the Army by 74,200 Soldiers over the next five years. This growth was intended to mitigate shortages in units, Soldiers, and time to train that would otherwise inhibit the Army from meeting readiness goals and supporting strategic requirements. The Department of the Army prepared a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) that evaluated the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with alternatives for Army growth and realignment. In the Final PEIS (published on October 26, 2007), the Army identified Alternative 3 as the preferred alternative. Alternative 3 (adds combat support and combat service support units, as well as Army

BCTs to the Army's force structure) remains the Army's preferred alternative with the modification to the Army's ROD.

The Final PEIS examined major Army installations within the continental United States and their ability to support new unit stationing actions in connection with growth and realignment. The Final PEIS provided the Army senior leadership with an assessment of environmental and socioeconomic impacts that would be associated with these actions in addition to the feedback and concerns of the public. This information was considered as part of the decision-making process for decisions contained in the updated ROD (2010).

The conversion of an HBCT to an SBCT at Fort Bliss, TX will create the Army's 7th active component SBCT. The Army's needs are best met by transforming an HBCT at Fort Bliss as this unit will have maximum time to implement conversion to an SBCT and train with new equipment prior to the need to redeploy. In addition, Fort Bliss is capable of providing the SBCT with fully modernized training and garrison infrastructure; and the installation has adequate maneuver space to accommodate the conversion to an SBCT.

The updated ROD determines that Supplemental NEPA documentation is not required because there are no substantial changes or new circumstances in the proposed action causing any significant new environmental concerns. The adjustments to stationing decisions result in small proportional gains to the Soldier populations of affected installations and are not anticipated to cause any new environmental impacts that are not already addressed in the 2007 EIS.

A copy of the updated ROD and Final PEIS are available at <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/nepa/topics00.html>.

Dated: June 11, 2010.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division,

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:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 17, 2010.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. 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 Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. 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. OMB 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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: June 11, 2010.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Office of English Language Acquisitions

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* National Professional Development Program: Grantee Performance Report.

*Frequency:* Semi-Annually.

*Affected Public:*

Not-for-profit institutions. State, Local, or Tribal Government (Gov't), State Education Associations (SEAs) or Local Education Associations (LEAs).

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 138.

*Burden Hours:* 6,900.

*Abstract:* The purpose is to implement a data collection process for a new semi-annual reporting for Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) purposes for the National Professional Development Program. These data are necessary to assess the performance of the National Professional Development in meeting its stated goals and objectives and report to Department of Education's (ED) Budget Service. The National Professional Development (NPD) program provides professional development activities intended to improve instruction for students with Limited English proficiency (LEP) and assists education personnel working with such children to meet high professional standards. The National Professional Development program office is submitting this application to request approval to collect information from NPD grantees. The proposed data collection serves two purposes. First, the data are necessary to assess the performance of the National Professional Development program on Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) measures.

Second, budget information and data on project-specific performance measures are collected from National Professional Development grantees for project-monitoring information.

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 4335. 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., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. 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 [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal