

Technology center	Average months from docketing notice to board decision
1600 .....	32.5
1700 .....	24.9
2100 .....	31.6
2400 .....	31.2
2600 .....	31.2
2800 .....	27.0
2900 .....	26.2
3600 .....	31.7
3700 .....	30.1

*Ex parte* reexamination proceedings, including any appeal to the Board, are conducted with special dispatch within the USPTO. See 35 U.S.C. 305. The current average pendency of appeals in *ex parte* reexaminations, for those appeals decided this fiscal year, is 6.0 months. The USPTO is not making the Streamlined, Expedited Patent Appeal Pilot for Small Entities applicable to appeals in *ex parte* reexaminations as these appeals already are handled with special dispatch, and the petition evaluation process only would delay the Board decision in an appeal in an *ex parte* reexamination.

The Streamlined, Expedited Patent Appeal Pilot for Small Entities is being adopted on a temporary basis until two thousand (2,000) appeals have been accorded special status under the pilot, or until September 16, 2016, whichever occurs earlier. The USPTO may extend the Streamlined, Expedited Patent Appeal Pilot for Small Entities (with or without modification) on either a temporary or permanent basis, or may discontinue the pilot after September 16, 2016, depending upon the results. Additional information concerning the Streamlined, Expedited Patent Appeal Pilot for Small Entities, including statistical information and pendency of appeals before the Board, can be found on the USPTO Internet Web site at: <https://www.cms.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/patent-trial-and-appeal-board/expedited-patent-appeal-pilot>.

Dated: September 8, 2015.

**Michelle K. Lee,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA-2015-0014]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 15, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Licari, 571-372-0493.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title, Associated Form And OMB Number:* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Instrument for Hurricane Evacuation Behavioral Survey; Generic Collection for OMB Control Number 0710-XXXX.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Number of Respondents:* 6000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 6000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1500.

*Needs and Uses:* USACE is preparing a Hurricane Evacuation Study to identify clearance times for the evacuations of coastal areas in advance of a hurricane or tropical storm threat. Part of the evacuation study is a behavioral assessment, which identifies the factors and decision points for individuals who are evacuation from areas vulnerable to the storm. The proposed behavioral assessment will use phone interviews to determine the likelihood of evacuation, the method of evacuation, and the number of vehicles and individuals that will be evacuated for all contacted individuals.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Stuart Levenbach.

Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Mr. Stuart Levenbach, DoD Desk Officer, at [Oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer and the Docket ID number and title of the information collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

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You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Frederick Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at WHS/ESD Directives Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Dated: September 9, 2015.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA-2015-0005]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 15, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Licari, 571-372-0493.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title, Associated Form and OMB Number:* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Flood Risk Management Surveys; Generic Collection for OMB Control Number 0710-XXXX.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Number of Respondents:* 7,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 7,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 43 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 5,000.

*Needs and Uses:* The Corps of Engineers uses public surveys for collecting data for planning, formulation, and evaluation of projects. Floodplain residents, property owners, businesses, and nonprofit organizations, who are flood victims, are interviewed along with state and local officials and other affected individuals.