Charter Renewal of Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary

Charter Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Renewal of federal advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the charter for the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council (“the Council”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703–692–5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council’s charter is being renewed pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1781a, and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., App) and 41 CFR 102–3.50(a).

The Council’s charter and contact information for the Council’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO) can be found at https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/apex/FACAPublicAgencyNavigation.

The Council, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1781a(d), shall review and make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense regarding the policy and plans required under 10 U.S.C. 1781b, monitor requirements for the support of military family readiness by the Department of Defense (DoD), and evaluate and assess the effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of DoD. The Council, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1781a(b), shall no later than February 1st of each year, submit a report on military family readiness to the Secretary of Defense and the congressional defense committees. Each report, at a minimum, shall include the following: a. An assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of the DoD during the preceding fiscal year in meeting the needs and requirements of military families. b. Recommendations on actions to be taken to improve the capability of the military family readiness programs and activities of the DoD to meet the needs and requirements of military families, including actions relating to the allocation of funding and other resources to and among such programs and activities.

The Council, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1781a(b), shall be composed of 18 members. All members of the Council are appointed to provide advice on the basis of their best judgment and without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. Except for reimbursement of official Council–related travel and per diem, Council members serve without compensation.

The public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Council membership about the Council’s mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the Council. All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the Council, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.


Shelly Finke, Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF THE DEFENSE
Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Withdrawal of the Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Dam Safety Modification Study Report for Center Hill Dam, DeKalb County, Tennessee

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District (USACE), is issuing this notice to inform Federal, State, local governmental agencies, and the public that USACE is withdrawing the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to support the Dam Safety Modification Study Report (DSMSR) for Center Hill Dam.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Broach, Aquatic Biologist, (615) 736–7956; email: joy.i.broach@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USACE published an NOI in the Federal Register on Friday, April 20, 2018 (77 FR 17541) to prepare a draft EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the DSMSR. A scoping letter was circulated to federal, state, and local agencies, political officials, and the public on April 20, 2018. A public scoping meeting was held on May 3, 2018 to solicit public comments regarding environmental concerns for seven potential alternatives to lower risk at Center Hill Dam. Since the public meeting on May 3, 2018, and after additional engineering studies, the proposed alternatives have been evaluated. Several measures considered structural changes to existing spillway gate machinery to maximize spillway flow for extreme flood events. One measure considered adding spillway gates near the saddle dam and one measure considered changing the emergency operating schedule for spillway gate operations. The dam safety modification dam safety study recommended plan is maintenance rehabilitation of the electrical system, gate machinery and brakes to increase reliability, along with adding capability to remotely operate the gates from the top of the dam during an extreme flood event. The recommended plan does not include relocation or long-term road closure of Highway 96. The measures addressing spillway gate maintenance to increase gate reliability, are being recommended as a result of the dam safety modification study. These measures are considered routine operation and maintenance of the existing dam structure; they are categorically excluded from NEPA documentation and do not require an EIS. Therefore, the NOI to prepare an EIS is withdrawn with this notice.


Timothy A. Higgs, Environmental Section Chief, Project Planning Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Assessing Evidence of Effectiveness in Adult Education

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 19, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use http://www.regulations.gov by searching the Docket ID number ED–2018–ICCD–0133. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9089, Washington, DC 20202–0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Melanie Ali, 202–245–8345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Assessing Evidence of Effectiveness in Adult Education.

OMB Control Number: 1850–NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 60.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 27.

Abstract: Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 mandates a National Assessment of Adult Education. As part of the assessment, ED is conducting a feasibility study to determine whether specific adult education approaches could be rigorously evaluated at this time. If such approaches are identified, ED may elect to conduct effectiveness studies in a subsequent phase of the national assessment.

The feasibility study, which is the focus of this clearance package, will draw on interviews with directors of WIOA-funded adult education programs that currently implement, or that could implement, one of a number of approaches that ED has prioritized. If any of the proposed studies proceed, revised clearance packages will be submitted for data collections not covered under this request.


Stephanie Valentine,
Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1250–000]

City of Pasadena, California; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On December 29, 2016, City of Pasadena, California, licensee for the Azusa Hydroelectric Project, filed an Application for an Exemption from Licensing pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission’s regulations thereunder. The Azusa Hydroelectric Project is located on the Azusa Conduit in Los Angeles County, California.

The license for Project No. 1250 was issued for a period ending December 31, 2018. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA.

If the project’s prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 1250 is issued to the licensee for a period effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before December 31, 2019, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 16 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the licensee, City of Pasadena, California, is authorized to continue operation of the Azusa Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission acts on its Surrender of License and application for (conduit) Exemption from Licensing.

Dated: December 12, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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