

The alternative to treat all base effluent (including Onslow Beach effluent) at a new advanced treatment plant with discharge to the New River was identified as the preferred alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). In response to comments on the DEIS, additional analysis was undertaken to examine options for land application of Camp Lejeune wastewater. The environmentally preferred alternative identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was a combination of a new advanced wastewater treatment facility located in the French Creek area of Camp Lejeune with discharge into the New River and a new rapid infiltration facility at Onslow Beach.

In coordination with the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources (NCDEHNR), four sites were initially identified in the FEIS as candidate sites for the Onslow Beach rapid infiltration system facility. One site was eliminated because of evidence of poor percolation. Another site had been a disposal area for dredged material from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, and accordingly did not possess subsurface conditions that allowed effluent to move at a proper pace through the soil, thus not allowing for proper treatment. The third site was located on a narrow portion of the island and would impact the seaward dune line and wetlands. The final site, which was identified in the Record of Decision (ROD), offered the best conditions, appeared to have sufficient land area, and was of sufficient elevation.

Geological investigations conducted subsequent to publication of the ROD revealed that the site selected for the Onslow Beach rapid infiltration system facility has a high water table and soils not conducive to such a facility. These investigations concluded that the water table of the site selected occurs within a few feet of the surface. Furthermore, modeling results indicate that effluent would emerge at ground surface within and around the recharge areas in a matter of days after effluent application began, resulting in failure of the system as defined by NCDEHNR. Therefore, based on the failure criterion of NCDEHNR, land disposal of treated domestic wastewater effluent at this site is not feasible. Other areas of the island have characteristics similar to the four sites investigated. Therefore, no suitable sites are available anywhere on Onslow Beach.

Because operation of a rapid infiltration system at Onslow Beach is not feasible from an engineering

perspective, the Department of the Navy announces its decision to pump the estimated 120,000 gpd of effluent from Onslow Beach to the new advanced treatment plant. The treated effluent will be discharged through the new diffuser. Prior to completion of the new advanced treatment plant and diffuser, the Onslow Beach effluent will be discharged at an existing outfall in the New River.

Impacts of the construction and operation of the 15 MGD advanced treatment plant were identified in the ROD published on August 8, 1994. The additional flow from the Onslow Beach area is minimal in relation to the plant size (less than 1% of projected flows). The design capacity of the new plant will remain at 15 MGD. Accordingly, impacts discussed in the DEIS and FEIS of the advanced treatment plant will be the same. The discussion below summarizes the impact of the construction of the approximately 5 miles of 8 inch pipeline required to pump effluent from Onslow Beach to the new plant.

The pipeline will be constructed generally along existing utility and road rights-of-way. The pipeline will be submerged as it crosses the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. To minimize impacts on the aquatic environment, the crossing will be accomplished using directional drilling. No tidal wetland areas adjacent to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway will be disturbed as the directional drilling will tunnel beneath wetland areas. Closing of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway will not be required during construction. All necessary permits will be obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to construction of the pipeline. Construction will not begin prior to receipt of a concurrence by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management on the Marine Corps coastal consistency determination.

The pipeline will require crossing a freshwater wetland. This crossing is authorized under Nationwide Permit Number 12. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be notified of the crossing prior to construction.

The pipeline will generally follow existing rights-of-way and will follow the contour of existing topography. The pipeline will be buried and post construction contours will be returned to their original condition. Some compaction of soils and removal of vegetation may occur creating a potential for soil erosion impacts. However, compliance with erosion and sedimentation control regulations will minimize the potential for impacts.

Some minor clearing may be involved resulting in minimal impacts to terrestrial wildlife. No rare plant species were located during the survey of this pipeline segment. The pipeline will pass near a red-cockaded woodpecker colony along Sneads Ferry Road. The existing right-of-way along Sneads Ferry Road will be used and no impacts to any existing cavity trees of foraging habitat will occur. No impacts due to construction activities (e.g., noise) will occur to this endangered species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concurs with this finding.

One archeological site was identified along the pipeline corridor during a Phase I archeological investigation. Additional testing confirmed that this site is outside pipeline construction boundaries. Therefore, pipeline construction will not affect cultural resources listed or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources concurs with this finding. Construction in the vicinity of the site will be conducted so as to avoid ground disturbing activities outside of the pipeline corridor.

The Department of the Navy believes that there are no outstanding issues to be resolved with respect to this project. Questions regarding the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for this action may be directed to Mr. Robert Warren, Environmental Management Department, MCB Camp Lejeune, NC 28542, telephone (910) 451-5003.

Dated: January 26, 1996.

Duncan Holaday,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy,  
(Installations and Facilities).*

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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 Director, Information Resources Group, 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 April 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should

be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Department of Education (ED) 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 Director of the Information Resources Group, 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: January 25, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

*Director, Information Resources Group.*

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Federal-State Cooperative system for the collection of data from public libraries and their outlets, state library agencies and public library administrative entities.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 57.

Burden Hours: 1710.

*Abstract:* The National Education Statistics Act of 1994 mandates the collection of data on the condition and progress of education in the U.S. NCES is to fulfill this duty by "acquiring, compiling, and dissemination statistics on the condition of education . . . including data on libraries." The Public Library Survey is a national census of public libraries which provide a national census of libraries for each state and each individual library.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* SE Caseload Report.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:*

Responses: 82

Burden Hours: 164

*Abstract:* Vocational Rehabilitation; disabled persons. This form serves to collect data on severely disabled clients served by State supported employment services programs, as required by secs. 636 and 13 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended. The RSA commissioner must collect and report data on supported employment clients served under title I and title VI, Part C, of the Act, and submit an annual report to the President and Congress within 120 days each FY. The affected public will be 82 State agencies.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Implementation of Remediation Technologies at the INEL

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management through the Idaho Operations Office intends to negotiate and award on a noncompetitive basis, Grant No. DE-FG07-96ID13420 to the University of Idaho, Idaho Water Institute (Primary Grantee). The final definitive award has an estimated overall total value of \$1.5 Million, to be funded 100% by DOE. The efforts under the grant will include several proposed cooperative research projects at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) to further evaluate and assess geologic, hydrogeologic and geochemical/biochemical characteristics that may enhance remediation efforts and/or assist future siting of waste storage facilities. These projects will involve research scientists from the University of Idaho, Boise State University, Idaho State University, and the Idaho Geological Survey in cooperation with the INEL's Prime Contractor, Lockheed Idaho Technologies Company (LITCO).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dallas L. Hoffer, Contract Specialist, (208) 526-0014; U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The anticipated sole-source award is justified in accordance with 10 CFR 600.7(i), as follows:

(C) The applicant is a unit of (state) government and the activity to be supported is related to performance of a government function within the subject jurisdiction, thereby precluding DOE provision of support to another entity, and (D) The applicant has exclusive domestic capability to perform the activity successfully, based upon unique equipment, proprietary data, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications. The Statutory Authority for the new award are Public Laws 95-224 and 97-258.

Procurement Request Number: 07-96ID13420.000

Dated: January 24, 1996.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

*Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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