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**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 17, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to HQ US Army Corps of Engineers, Directorate of Civil Works Operations Division, Regulatory Branch, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Pulaski Building, Washington, DC, 20314-1000, ATTN: CECW-OR (FRANK R. TORBETT).

Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 614-0454.

**Title:** Application for a Department of the Army Permit.

**Needs and Uses:** Information is used to evaluate applications for permits to conduct work in navigable waters under Sections 9 and 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act; permits for the discharge or dredged or fill material into waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; and permits for the transportation of dredged or fill material for the purpose of ocean disposal under Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (Ocean Dumping Act).

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 77,500.

**Number of Respondents:** 15,500.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 5 hours.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Information collected describes proposed construction or filling in U.S. waters. Projects are evaluated to

determine if issuance of a permit will damage environment or impact other property. Respondents are private landowners, businesses, non-profit organizations and government. The application is a renewal of a previously authorized application approved in 1993.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.  
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### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (DISC4), U.S. Army, Defense Department.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 17, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Training and Doctrine Analysis Command, Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-6140, ATTN: ATRC-LP (Martin R. Walker). Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 614-0454.

**Title:** Survey of Delayed Entry Program (DEP) Participants.

**Needs and Uses:** The information obtained through this study will be used by the Army to provide insights into the Delayed Entry Program. The Army will use this information to develop strategies specifically designed for DEP participants to reduce the number of individuals dropping out of the DEP.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 487.

**Number of Respondents:** 1105.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden per Response:** 21 minutes.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DEP losses are a problem because it costs the Army millions of dollars each year. This survey effort supports the Army Enlisted Attrition Study (AFAS) by providing information regarding why contracted applicants don't enlist in the Army. This data will be used to design strategies to reduce DEP loss rate.

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### Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for Disposal and Reuse of Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed action analyzed by this document is the disposal and reuse of the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, required the closing of DPSC and the realignment of essential missions to other installations. The purpose of the Environmental Assessment (EA) is to identify and evaluate the anticipated effects of disposal by the Army and reuse of DPSC by non-Army entities.

The EA studied in detail three possible alternatives for complying with the recommendation to dispose of DPSC made by the Defense Secretary's Commission on Base Realignment and Closure. These alternatives included: no action; encumbered disposal in which the Army would identify and impose reuse constraints on future owners; and unencumbered disposal where potential encumbrances would be identified and removed by the Army prior to disposal of the property. The EA found that encumbered disposal of DPSC is the most desirable course of action to

comply with the Commission recommendation. Encumbered disposal of the site would also allow the Army to return surplus capacity to public or private use.

However, encumbered disposal of the DPSC would result in the Army imposing reuse constraints on future owners. For example, special easements would be required to maintain access to groundwater-monitoring wells, access for testing and inspection for environmental remediation, and access to conduct maintenance on parcels not yet disposed. In addition, special-use restrictions would prohibit entry into or interference with remedial operation and maintenance facilities or may permanently restrict certain uses of the property. Finally, property sale or transfer covenants may require a new owner to maintain significant historic buildings.

Additional constraints may be identified during future investigations of the property. These constraints would be identified and imposed by the Army at the time of deed transfer. Currently, the facility is in compliance with all applicable federal environmental statutes and executive orders.

The unencumbered alternative involves transfer without constraints such as easements or mitigation measures. Under this method of disposal, the Army would remove any constraints that could feasibly be removed before the transfer occurs. The removal of encumbrances before transfer could be costly and delay transfer.

Implementation of the no-action alternative would perpetuate maintenance costs incurred by the Army by requiring the Army to retain the property. Additionally, no remedial actions would be taken for known contaminants on the site.

The EA results in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI); therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for encumbered disposal of the DPSC.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 18, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to comment may obtain a copy of the EA or inquire regarding the FNSI by writing to Mr. Jerry Jones, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CESAM-PD-EI, 109 St. Joseph Street, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding this FNSI may be directed to the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers, ATTN: Mr. Jerry Jones, at (334) 690-2725.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army,  
(Environment, Safety and Occupational  
Health) OASA (I, L&E).*

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**Programmatic Environmental Impact  
Statement: Destruction of Non-  
Stockpile Chemical Warfare Materiel  
Containing Chemical Agent**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces its intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on the destruction of chemical warfare materiel (CWM) containing chemical agent and to initiate the public scoping process for the PEIS. The PEIS is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended.

The U. S. Army's Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization has the responsibility for the destruction of the nation's chemical warfare materiel. The Program Manager has established project managers to accomplish this goal. The Project Manager for Chemical Stockpile Disposal is responsible for destroying the stockpile of unitary chemical weapons in the Department of Defense/Department of Army inventory (called stockpile). The PEIS for destroying the stockpile materiel was completed in 1988, and the destruction program is in progress at two locations—Johnston Island in the Pacific and Tooele, Utah. The Project Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel (NSCM) analysis include: (1) on-site chemical treatment of CWM with off-site destruction of the resultant wastes either by thermal destruction or another disposal method; (2) on-site chemical treatment and on-site destruction/disposal of chemical treatment wastes (3) on-site thermal destruction; (4) off-site chemical treatment and/or thermal destruction or another disposal method; and (5) no action, which is defined as a continuation of the current methods for handling these types of CWM, including safely packing, shipping and storing CWM at permitted locations.

**DATES:** Written and oral comments on alternative strategies and their components (treatment, storage, transportation, and destruction/disposal) and the important environmental issues that should be

evaluated in the PEIS are invited. Comments should be provided by February 28, 1997, to ensure consideration. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

To facilitate public participation and comment on the proposed scope of the PEIS, the Army will hold five regional public scoping meetings in the vicinity of Tampa, Florida; Newport, Indiana; Huntsville, Alabama; Salt Lake City, Utah; and San Antonio, Texas. The specific dates, times, and locations of these meetings will be announced in a separate Federal Register notice, by letter, and in appropriate news media. Repositories containing information on the NSCM Program and the PEIS will be established at these and other locations and will be identified in local media announcements.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the scope of the PEIS should be sent to Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, ATTN: SFAE-CD-NP (Mr. Dragunas/PEIS), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-5401. Comments on the scope of the PEIS may also be made by calling the toll-free telephone number 1-800-410-9901.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, ATTN: SFAE-CD-NP (Mr. Dragunas/PEIS), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-5401. Requests for further information may also be made by calling the above listed toll-free telephone number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background*

The Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of the Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, or Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), requires the destruction of all CWM. The U.S. Army, as Executive Agent for the Department of Defense, is responsible for ensuring that NSCM is destroyed in a safe, environmentally sound and cost-effective manner. The U.S. and over 150 nations signed the CWC on January 13, 1993, and they and the U.S. are working towards ratification.

Buried CWM can be dated back to World War I. The practice of burying leaking or obsolete CWM in the past was an acceptable method of disposal. Often burial was accompanied by draining and decontamination. Therefore, the CWM is responsible for destroying all other CWM (called non-stockpile) within the United States and its territories.