

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement of a 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 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 January 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy) (Military Personnel Policy)/Accession Policy. ATTN: Lieutenant Colonel P.S. Shackleton, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

**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 at (703) 695-5529.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number:* Police Record Check, DD Form 369, OMB Control Number: 0704-0007.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection requirement is necessary to obtain information about arrests and criminal records on applicants to the Armed Forces of the United States. The DD Form 369, Police Record Check, is used to identify any disqualifying history regarding arrests or convictions.

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

*Annual Burden Hours:* 56,250.

*Number of Respondents:* 125,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 27 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

This information is collected to provide the Armed Services with background information on an

applicant. History of criminal activity, arrests, or confinement is disqualifying for military service. The respondents will be local and state law enforcement agencies. The DD Form 369, Police Record Check, is the method of information collection; responses are to reference any records on the applicant. The information will be used to determine suitability of the applicant for the military service.

Dated: November 13, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

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

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**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 January 21, 1997.

**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.

#### **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 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 of the

Information Resources Group publishes this 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 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: November 13, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

*Director, Information Resources Group.*

Office of the Under Secretary

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Title III Performance Measurement Study Survey and Case Studies.

*Frequency:* One time only

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Responses:* 399

*Burden Hours:* 1,884

*Abstract:* The Department of Education needs to collect information on the activities funded under Parts A and B of the Title III program, the outcomes of these activities, and the availability of performance measurement data for funded activities. The data resulting from the survey and case studies will be used to develop an annual performance reporting system for all Part A and B grantees, in keeping with the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Eisenhower National Clearinghouse for Mathematics and Science Education.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:*

*Responses:* 1,600

*Burden Hours:* 520

*Abstract:* This submission contains four versions of an instrument to be used in data collection for the summative evaluation of the Eisenhower National Clearinghouse (ENC) dissemination model. Subjects for two of the surveys will be selected through stratified random sampling of U.S. schools to obtain representative samples of principals and teachers, the largest target audience for ENC information and resources. The other two surveys will target known users of ENC services, these individuals being sub-classified as single- and multiple-instance users. The instruments will be distributed by mail in a single data collection effort. All responses are voluntary. Information yielded will form one part of the National Evaluation, and will be included in the Evaluation Report to the U.S. Department of Education.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Certain Plutonium Residues and Scrub Alloy Stored at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA and the DOE NEPA implementing regulations. This EIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with reasonable management alternatives for certain plutonium residues and all scrub alloy currently being stored at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site in Golden, Colorado. The residues and scrub alloy are materials that were generated during the separation and purification of plutonium, or during the manufacture of plutonium-bearing components for nuclear weapons. Due to the risk they present, DOE previously decided to stabilize and repackage the

plutonium residues at the Rocky Flats Site for safe interim storage as discussed in the Solid Residue Treatment, Repackaging, and Storage Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact. The activities analyzed in this EIS would be in addition to certain activities described in the Solid Residue Environmental Assessment by subjecting a portion of those residues to further treatment to prepare them for disposal or other disposition. This EIS will also analyze management activities for scrub alloy. This notice describes the proposed scope of the EIS and requests that members of the public submit comments regarding the scope of the EIS. Comments may be submitted in writing at the public scoping period and orally during public scoping meetings as described below.

**DATES:** The public scoping period begins with the publication of this notice and will continue until December 19, 1996. Written comments postmarked by that date will be considered in preparation of the EIS. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Public Scoping meetings will be held at the locations and times specified below. This information will also be announced in local public notices before the planned meetings.

*Meeting:* Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site.

*Date:* Tuesday, December 3, 1996.

*Time:* 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

*Location:* Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, Building 060 (Outside the West Gate), State Highway 93, Golden, Colorado 80402.

*Contact for the Golden Meeting:* Mr. Mike Konczal, Telephone: (303) 966-5993.

*Meeting:* Savannah River Site.

*Date:* Thursday, December 12, 1996.

*Time:* 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

*Location:* North Augusta Community Center, 101 Brookside Drive, North Augusta, South Carolina 29841, (803) 441-4290.

*Contact for the North Augusta Meeting:* Mr. Andrew R. Grainger, Telephone: 1-800-242-8269.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the scope of the Rocky Flats Plutonium Residues and Scrub Alloy EIS, including issues to be addressed, questions about the plutonium residues, and/or requests for copies of the draft EIS should be sent to the following address: Mr. Charles R. Head, Office of Nuclear Material and Facility Stabilization (EM-60), United States Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.,

Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: 202-586-9441, Facsimile: 202-586-5256.

Members of the public who request a copy of the draft EIS should specify whether they would like a copy of the entire draft EIS (which will consist of multiple bound volumes), or if they would prefer a copy of the Summary of the draft EIS (which will be a brief single volume).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the Rocky Flats Plutonium Residues and Scrub Alloy EIS, please contact Mr. Charles R. Head at the address specified above under the heading **ADDRESSES**.

For general information on the DOE NEPA review process, please contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: 202-586-4600 or leave a message at 800-472-2756.

Addresses of reading rooms where additional Rocky Flats Plutonium Residues and Scrub Alloy EIS information is available are listed below in the section entitled "Public Scoping Process".

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. § 4321, *et seq.*), in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and the DOE NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR Part 1021) to evaluate reasonable alternatives for management of certain plutonium residues and all of the scrub alloy at the Rocky Flats Site in Golden, Colorado. Plutonium residues and scrub alloy are materials that were generated while processing plutonium during the manufacture of components for nuclear weapons. The management alternatives to be analyzed include treatment of these materials to enable them to be disposed of as waste or, for some surplus weapons-usable material, otherwise dispositioned.

### Purpose and Need

Stabilization activities to mitigate the risks associated with the current storage condition of plutonium residues (e.g., deteriorating and overpressurized storage containers, and ignitability concerns) are in progress at the Rocky Flats Site based on the decisions resulting from the Solid Residue Treatment, Repackaging, and Storage