

not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities in the Gulf of Mexico were published on October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53139) and remain in effect until November 13, 2000.

Summary of Request

NMFS received requests for letters of authorization on November 4, 1996, from Ensearch Exploration, Inc.; on November 14, 1996, from the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co; and on December 3, 1996 from the Stone Petroleum Corporation. These letters requested a take by harassment of a small number of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to the described activity. Issuance of these letters of authorization is based on a finding that the total takings will have a negligible impact on the bottlenose and spotted dolphin stocks of the Gulf of Mexico.

Dated: December 5, 1996.

Michael Payne,

Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Change of Meeting Dates

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of change of public meeting dates.

SUMMARY: The meetings of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, which were scheduled for December 17-19, 1996, in Virginia Beach, VA, are now scheduled to begin on December 16, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific information about the change.

DATES: The meetings will be held on December 16, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. through December 19, 1996 at approximately noon.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, 39th Street and Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; telephone: (804) 428-1711.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial agenda published on December 2, 1996 (61 FR 63830). The meeting was originally scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. on December 17, 1996. The meeting is now scheduled to begin on December 16, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. All other information as printed in the previous publication also remains unchanged.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

ACTION: Notice.

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 of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Department of Defense Khamisiyah Survey.

Type of Request: New collection; Emergency Processing requested with shortened public comment period ending December 7, 1996. An approval date of December 24, 1996 is requested.

Number of Respondents: 13,783.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 13,783.

Average Burden Per Response: 7 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,608 hours.

Needs and uses: This collection of information is necessary to facilitate investigation of the events surrounding the demolition of munitions near Khamisiyah, Iraq from 1-15 March 1991 (immediately after the Gulf War). This

survey is part of our ongoing effort to better understand the events during and after the Gulf War, and potential health consequences. Respondents are current and former members of the US military who were within 50 kilometers of the munitions storage area near Khamisiyah, Iraq.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Allison Eydt.

Written comments and

recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Eydt at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or via facsimile at (202) 395-6974.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. William Pearce.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce at OSD/WHs/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302, or via facsimile at (703) 604-6270, or requested telephonically at (703) 604-4582.

Dated: December 5, 1996.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Contractor Alert List (CAL); Notice

November 26, 1996.

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notification of change in contractor alert list reason codes.

SUMMARY: This notice announces proposed policy for managing for Contractor Alert List. This policy will be included in the Defense Logistics Agency Directive 5000.4, Contract Management (One Book).

The proposed policy revises the criteria used to place Defense contractors on the CAL.

EFFECTIVE : Upon release of a Defense Contract Management Command Policy Memorandum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Colonel Luc Degrate or Mr. Mike Williams, Contractor Capability and Proposal Analysis, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6221, (703) 767-3379 or 767-3397, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Contractor Alert List****A. Reference**

DLAD 5000.4, Contract Management (One Book).

B. General

1. FAR 9.103 requires that contracts be awarded to responsible contractors. Once the PCO determines a prospective contractor's bid or proposal is responsive, the PCO must further determine that the firm is responsible. The DLA Contractor Alert List (CAL) assists with making that decision.

2. The CAL notifies buying activities that information exists at Contract Administration Offices (CAOs) which indicates that certain contractors will require close examination to make a determination of responsibility. The CAL is prepared for use by the Department of Defense (DoD) and other Government procurement activities. Appendix 1 is the preface which introduces the CAL report.

3. The Contractor Capability & Proposal Analysis Team (AQOD), is designated the Office of Primary Interest (OPI) for the CAL. The Product and Manufacturing Assurance Team (AQOG), is the point of contact for issues specifically related to Quality Assurance data on the CAL.

4. The Defense Contract Management District CAL Manager:

- a. Is the District focal point for CAL issues;
 - b. Is the team leader for uniform District-wide implementation of the CAL program;
 - c. Does periodic reviews to validate that CAL policy is being followed by the CAOs; and
 - d. Provides CAO CAL Managers with CAL training, as necessary.
5. The CAO CAL Manager:
- a. Develops and promulgates CAO CAL procedures consistent with the policy herein;
 - b. Is responsible for the performance of the CAL program at the CAO level;
 - c. Is the focal point for all the internal and external communications pertaining to CAL;
 - d. Promptly answers queries pertaining to the CAL;
 - e. Review, validates, and inputs CAL data into MOCAS by the fifth workday of the month;
 - f. Ensures applicable reason codes set forth in Appendix 2 of this chapter are assigned; and
 - g. Ensures CAL contains only contractors that meet the Appendix 2 criteria.

C. Process

1. Putting contractors on the CAL. Contractors shall be placed on the CAL when the CAO functional elements become aware of any of the problems set forth in Appendix 2. The company shall be notified in writing at the time it is placed on CAL. The CAL notification letter, at a minimum, will contain the following paragraph: "Your placement on the CAL is not a determination of your responsibility nor can it be used by the Government as a basis for making a determination that you are not responsible. It merely indicates that a condition exists which may or may not have to be resolved prior to awarding your company further contracts. It is to the mutual benefit of both your company and the Government, as well as in the public interest, to correct any condition that may interfere with your company's successful performance of any proposed contract."

2. Update/remove from the CAL. a. The CAL Manager in each CAO shall make a monthly review and query originators of CAL information to ensure that a reason still exists for the company remaining on the CAL. If the reason code for a company being on the CAL has changed, the CAL shall be appropriately update.

b. The cognizant CAO CAL manager will notify a company in writing when it is removed from the CAL.

3. Input data and disseminate reports.

a. CAO CAL managers shall ensure monthly input of CAL data by the responsible elements. CAO will review, validate, and transmit CAL input data by the fifth workday of the month.

b. The Defense Information System Agency MegaCenter (DSC), Columbus, is the custodian of the CAL, and is responsible for maintenance of the system and dissemination of CAL reports to our customers (buying activities) on a monthly basis. DCMDE operates the electronic bulletin board for electronic dissemination of the CAL data.

D. Synopsis of Process**1. Inputs**

- a. CAO monthly CAL data.
- b. DSC monthly CAL data.

2. Process Outputs

- a. DLA Contractor Alert List.
- b. DLA Contractor Alert List on DCMDE Electronic Bulletin Board.

Appendix 1—Preface to CAL Report

1. The enclosed DLA Contractor Alert List (CAL) contains information collected from the Defense Contract Management Command's Contract

Administration Offices on contractors under their cognizance.

2. The list is to serve as a notice to contracting officers that, based upon information available at the cognizant contract administration office, a condition exists at the contractor's facility which the contracting officer should consider prior to awarding the contract. At a minimum, the contracting officer should consult with the Preaward Survey Manager (PSM) at the cognizant contract administration office to determine the necessity for a formal Preaward Survey, and to obtain the most current, accurate and complete information.

3. The list shall not be used by contracting officers as a basis for a responsibility determination. The fact that a contractor appears on the list does not indicate that the contractor is not responsible. The contracting officer must continue to make a responsibility determination on each contractor using all information available at the time of the determination.

Appendix 2—Listing of CAL Reason Codes**Code**

1. The contractor has delivered complete at least 12 contracts in the prior 12 months, and the line item on-time delivery rate is less than 65 percent. This will be calculated using: (i) the initial contract delivery schedule (unless schedule revision was caused by the Government); and (ii) data on line items from contracts delivered complete during the prior 12 months (that is, percentage actually delivered late, not percentage delinquent of on-hand line items which have not been delivered yet).

2. The contractor has been issued a Level III or IV corrective action request.

3. The contractor's financial condition would result in or did result in a negative preaward survey.

Frank K. Toda,

Colonel, USAF, Chief, Performance Assessment Team.

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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