

Title: State Administrative Standards Form.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: State commissions of the Corporation for National Service.

Total Respondents: 43 state commissions.

Frequency: 14 state commissions annually.

Average Time Per Response: 340 hours per state commission.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,760 hours per 14 state commissions.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Description: The State Administrative Standards Form was developed in consultation with state commissions. State commissions collectively asked for clearly stated standards by which the Corporation would assess the adequacy of their administrative systems. The Corporation developed indicators of competency for each standard and a process for using these Standards for both self- and external assessment purposes. The Corporation seeks approval of its new State Administrative Standards Form. The information that is collected will help the Corporation determine the extent to which each state commission has in place the administrative systems for effective operation. The form will be used for both self- and external assessments of grantees. Assessment results will be used by grantees for continuous improvement and by the Corporation for guiding training and technical assistance resources, determining appropriate levels of grantee oversight, and determining eligibility for access to competitive funding and multi-year administrative awards.

Dated: December 17, 1999.

Thomasenia P. Duncan,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DAPE-ZXI-RM), U.S. Army, DoD.

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 February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Headquarters U.S. Army, ROTC Cadet Command, Marketing Directorate, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651, ATTN: (CPT Eric Miller, Jr.). 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, Associated Form, and OMB Number: ROTC Smart Book Creative Research Survey.

Needs and Uses: The Army ROTC Program produces approximately 75 percent of newly commissioned officers for the U.S. Army. To do that, Army ROTC employs the services of an advertising agency, under joint contract with USAREC and OCAR. The agency provides all advertising, from concept through creation and placement, under the supervision of the U.S. Army Cadet Command Directorate of Marketing and Public Affairs. To determine the best way to attract quality young people, the agency and Cadet Command need to evaluate the creative concepts prior to production and placement. This is done by gathering opinions from prospects in the form of a survey.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Number of Respondents: 800.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: Other (one time).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The response will be captured on a standard survey instrument which will be designed to comply with OMB guidance, and the responses will be entered into a contractor database for analysis. The purpose of the information (opinions) is to refine targeted advertising to meet ROTC recruiting needs.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Release of the Notice of Availability on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the Disposal and Reuse of the Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne, NJ

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: This FEIS was prepared by the Army in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the President's Council on Environmental Quality. The closure of the Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne, New Jersey (MOTBY) was mandated in accordance with the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended (the "BRAC law").

DATES: The review period for the FEIS will end on or before January 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Questions and/or written comments regarding the FEIS, or a request for a copy of the document may be directed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, ATTN: CESAM-PD (Dr. Susan Ivester Rees), 109 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, AL 36602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Susan Ivester Rees at 334-694-4141 or by facsimile at 334-690-2727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS analyzes three alternative courses of action with respect to the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 676-acre (440 land acres and 236 submerged land acres) comprising the MOTBY: (1) The no action alternative, under which the property would be maintained in a caretaker status after closure; (2) the unencumbered alternative, under which the Army would transfer the property without encumbrances, such as environmental restrictions and

easements; and (3) the encumbered disposal alternative, under which the Army would transfer the property with various environmental restrictions and easements, limiting the future use of the property. Additionally, this FEIS analyzes the potential environmental and socioeconomic consequences of three community reuse alternative; (1) Low intensity reuse alternative; (2) low-medium intensity reuse alternative; and (3) medium intensity reuse alternative.

The FEIS concludes the no action alternative is not reasonable since the closure of MOTBY is mandated by BRAC law, and the Army has no requirement to retain the property. The FEIS also concludes that the unencumbered disposal alternative is not feasible given environmental conditions and legal requirements.

The Army's preferred alternative course of action is the encumbered disposal of excess property. Possible encumbrances include: covenants and restrictions pertaining to asbestos-containing material; lead-based paint; floodplains; future remedial activities after transfer, wetlands and easements; and rights-of-way.

Community reuse of the MOTBY property is analyzed in the FEIS as a secondary action resulting from closure and disposal by the Army. While the Army does not control the community's reuse of the property, under NEPA, the Army is required to analyze the reasonably foreseeable impacts of its disposal action. The local community has established the Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA) to develop and implemented a reuse plan for the installation. Approval and implementation of the reuse plan are within the discretion of the BLRA.

Comments on the FEIS, received during the public comment period, will be used in preparing the Army's Record of Decision.

Copies of the FEIS have been forwarded to the EPA, other federal, state, and local agencies; public officials; and organizations and individuals who previously provided substantive comments in the EIS scoping process. Copies of the FEIS are available for review at the following libraries. The Bayonne Free Public Library, 697 Avenue C, Bayonne, NJ 07002-2806; the Jersey City Public Library, 472 Jersey Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07302; and the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102.

Dated: December 14, 1999.

Raymond J. Fatz,

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(Environment, Safety and Occupational
Health) OASA (I&E).*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Reissuance of MTMC Freight Traffic Rules Publication (MFTRP) No. 1A as MFTRP No. 1B

AGENCY: Military Traffic Management Command, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), as the Department of Defense (DOD) Traffic Manager for surface and surface intermodal traffic management services, proposes canceling MFTRP No. 1A in its entirety and reissuing it as MFTRP No. 1B.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent as follows: by fax: 703-681-9871 attn: Jerome Colton; by e-mail: coltonj@mtmc.army.mil.; by mail or courier to: Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTOP-JF (Jerome Colton), Room 606, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-5050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information contact Mr. Jerome Colton at 703-681-1417.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed effective date for the change would be April 1, 2000.

The proposed text of MFTRP No. 1B is available on the MTMC web site at www.mtmc.army.mil by clicking in succession on: (1) Transportation Services, (2) Freight Logistics, (3) Freight Traffic Rules Publications and then clicking on the appropriate button indicating the 1B. Individuals without access to the Internet may obtain a copy of the proposed text by sending a request (and including their full postal mailing address) to either the fax number or the e-mail or U.S. mailing addresses indicated earlier in this announcement under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for the proposed text will not be received telephonically.

Significant changes prompting the reissuance of the publication include but are not limited to:

1. Changes to Descriptors (e.g., use of 3-character ANSI accessorial codes vice 2-character DOD codes).

2. Substantive changes to some high-profile rules (e.g. Exclusive Use, Alteration).

3. Harmonization of some rules with MTMC Guaranteed Traffic Rules Publication (MGTRP No. 50) as a first step to merging all rules publications.

4. Standardizing inconsistencies in style, wording, and format as a result of piecemeal changes over the years, and extensive use of tables to display information vice older formats using tabs.

5. Deletion of items duplicated in other source documents, such as the Tender Instructions (MT Form 364), & Carrier Qualifications in 32 CFR.

6. Inclusion of new items (e.g. Electronic Commerce, PowerTrack). Informal feedback has been sought from industry on numerous occasions; meetings were held with various motor carrier groups (e.g. NDTA, ATA, MCC, NMFTA) early in the reissuance process (August 1998) and more recently (June, July, & October 1999). Some of this informal feedback has been incorporated into the proposed text. Formal comments from the public are now invited.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: This change is not considered rule making within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612.

Paperwork Reduction Act: The Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3051 *et seq.*, does not apply because no information collection requirement or recordskeeping responsibilities are imposed on offerors, contractors, or members of the public.

Walter Scullion,

Chief, Freight Services Division (Acting), Joint Traffic Management Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 00-05: Natural and Accelerated Bioremediation Research Program

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy

ACTION: Notice inviting research grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for research grants in the Natural and Accelerated Bioremediation Research (NABIR) Program. Applications should describe research projects in one of the following categories: