Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18–R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18–R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained on optical and magnetic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records may be retrieved by individual's Social Security Number, sponsor's Social Security Number, Beneficiary ID (sponsor's ID, patient's name, patient's DOB, and family member prefix or DEERS dependent suffix), diagnosis codes, admission and discharge dates, location of care or any combination of the above.

SAFEGUARDS

Automated records are maintained in controlled areas accessible only to authorized personnel. Entry to these areas is restricted to personnel with a valid requirement and authorization to enter. Physical entry is restricted by the use of a ciper lock. Back-up data maintained at each location is stored in a locked room. The system will complies with the DoD Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP).

Access to HMIS records is restricted to individuals who require the data in the performance of official duties. Access is controlled through use of passwords.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained until no longer needed for current business.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Program Manager, Executive Information/Decision Support Program Office, Six Skyline Place, Suite 809, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3201.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity Privacy Office, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3201.

Requests should contain the full names of the beneficiary and sponsor, sponsor Social Security Number, sponsor service, beneficiary date of birth, beneficiary sex, treatment facility(ies), and fiscal year(s) of interest.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking across to information about themselves contained in this system of records should address written requests to TRICARE Management Activity Privacy Office, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3201.

Requests should contain the full names of the beneficiary and sponsor, sponsor's Social Security Number, sponsor's service, beneficiary date of birth, beneficiary sex, treatment facility(ies) that have provided care, and fiscal year(s) of interest.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The OSD rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES

The individual data records that are assembled to form the MHIS are submitted by the Military Departments' medical treatment facilities, commercial healthcare providers under contract to the MHS, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, the Uniformed Service Treatment Facility Managed Care System, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and any other source financed through the Defense Health Program.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force is amending a system of records notice in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This action will be effective without further notice on September 13, 2004 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Air Force Privacy Act Manager, Office of the Chief Information Officer, AF–CIO/P, 1155 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330–1155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Anne Rollins at (703) 696–6280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Air Force systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records systems being amended are set forth below followed by the notices, as amended, published in their entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: August 9, 2004.

L. M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Student Records (July 8, 2004, 69 FR 41233).

CHANGES:

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Add a new beginning paraphrase 'Retain graduate records for 10 years after course completion by affiliate schools;'

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SYSTEM NAME:

Student Records.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Professional Military Education Center, NCO Academies and schools at Air Force Major Commands and bases.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Military personnel, foreign military personnel, and civilians assigned to the centers or schools as students, faculty and staff.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Student records which may include but are not limited to name, rank, Social Security Number, branch of service, AFSC or equivalent, date of birth, education level, aero rating, aircraft type, flying status, gender, type of commission, commissioning date, student identification number, class number, student computer login, phone number, final grade, permanent and/or temporary duty location, assigned instructors, certificates, and equipment issue.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; Air Force Instruction 36–2201, Air Force Training Program; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

Used as a record of attendance and training, class standing, completion or elimination, as locator, supply issue, and as a source of statistical information.

Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses: In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy act, these records or information contained therein may specially be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' published at the beginning of the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Maintained in paper files, and on computer and computer output products.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Retrieved by name and Social Security Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are stored in security file containers/cabinets or rooms. Records are accessed by the custodian of the system or persons responsible for maintenance of the records in course of their official duties. Computer records are protected by computer system software.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Retain graduate records for 10 years after course completion by affiliate schools; student grade books and training review board records are destroyed one year after completion of training; summary training records are retained in office files for two years after completion or discontinuance of course;

other records are retained in office files until superseded, obsolete, no longer needed for reference or on inactivation. Records are destroyed by tearing into pieces, shredding, pulping, macerating or burning. Computer records are destroyed by erasing, deleting or overwriting.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Superintendent for PME at each Major Command, commandant at each academy or leadership school or director of personnel at each base where a school is located. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to or visit the Superintendent for PME at each Major Command, commandant at each academy or leadership school or director of personnel at each base where a school is located. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to or visit the Superintendent for PME at each Major Command, commandant at each academy or leadership school or director of personnel at each base where a school is located. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Air Force rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Air Force Instruction 33–332; 32 CFR part 806b; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information obtained from students, staff, correspondence generated within the agency in the conduct of official business, educational institutions, and civil authorities.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Leasing of Lands at Fort Bliss, Texas for the Proposed Siting, Construction, and Operation by the City of El Paso of a Brackish Water Desalination Plant and Support Facilities

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD. **ACTION:** Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) evaluating the potential environmental impacts that could result from granting an easement to the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU), to use land in the South Training Areas of Fort Bliss for construction and operation of a desalination plant and support facilities, including wells, pipelines, and disposal sites for the residual brine resulting from the desalination process. The purpose of the proposed plant is to treat brackish (salty) water pumped from the Hueco Bolson Aquifer to provide an additional reliable source of potable water for use by the City of El Paso and Fort Bliss. Pumping of fresh water by EPWU, Fort Bliss, Ciudad Juárez, and others has resulted in declining groundwater levels in the aquifer. In addition, brackish water is intruding into the aquifer's freshwater layer and has the potential to affect water wells on Fort Bliss and in other areas of El Paso.

A sizable volume of brackish water exists adjacent to the freshwater zone of the Hueco Bolson Aquifer. Desalination of the brackish water offers a way to extend the life of the freshwater aguifer as a source of potable water that is to the mutual benefit of Fort Bliss and the City of El Paso. The proposed desalination plant would reduce withdrawals of fresh water from the aquifer, extending its useful life and intercepting the flow of brackish water to wells that are operated by Fort Bliss. Both Fort Bliss and the City of El Paso have considered constructing desalination facilities to tap into this potential water source. The Army and EPWU believe that building a single desalination plant to provide potable water for both the installation and the city would be more efficient and cost effective than constructing separate desalination plants.

DATES: The public comment period for the DEIS will end September 27, 2004. A public hearing will be held in El Paso, TX, for the purpose of receiving comments on this DEIS. Additional details about the hearing will follow in