

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office 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 July 19, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Federal Docket Management System Office, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

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 Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), ATTN: Roland Tisdale, 2000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-2000, or call, Roland Tisdale at (703) 699-1168.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: DPMO Family Update Registration; Family Update Registration Form; OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to provide information to family members concerning DPMO progress on missing DoD personnel. Data is used to produce studies and analytical reports furnished as background material to offices and

agencies that enunciate and promulgate national policy. The form is optional and used to keep an accurate record of family members who attend family updates; including home addresses, phone numbers or other contact information of the primary next-of-kin, family members, or private citizens who may request information on a missing American or may have information which will help identify remains.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 54.75 hours.

Number of Respondents: 657.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are primary next-of-kin or family members who may request information on a missing American or may have information which will help identify remains. The Family Update Registration Form records address, phone number, email address, relationship to the missing American, and the service/war of the missing. The completed form is kept and used to send out invitations to upcoming Family Updates, "Thank you" letters, and other correspondence associated with the primary next-of-kin and/or family members. In addition, data are used to produce studies and analytical reports furnished as background material to offices and agencies. The completion of this form is optional, yet essential in maintaining accurate records so that DoD may keep families informed of the efforts being made to account for their loved ones.

Dated: May 15, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Threat Reduction Advisory Committee; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Department of Defense.

ACTION: Federal Advisory Committee Meeting Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of

1972 (FACA) (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) the Department of Defense announces the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Threat Reduction Advisory Committee ("the Committee").

DATES: Wednesday, June 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 13, 2013, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Commander's Conference Room, USNORTHCOM, Colorado Springs, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Hostyn, DoD, Defense Threat Reduction Agency/J2/5/8R-ACP, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, MS 6201, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6201. Email: william.hostyn@dtra.mil. Phone: (703) 767-4453. Fax: (703) 767-4206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To obtain, review and evaluate classified information related to the Committee's mission to advise on technology security, Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (C-WMD), counter terrorism and counter proliferation.

Agenda: Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on June 12, and through the end of the meeting on June 13, the committee will receive classified Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (C-WMD) briefings from the Department of Defense. The committee will also hold classified discussions on USNORTHCOM C-WMD concerns, Defense Support to Civil Authorities, the Colorado National Guard Bureau State Partnership Program, the Cooperative Threat Reduction program, and C-WMD Strategic Indicators and Warnings.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, in consultation with the DoD FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that the public interest requires all sessions of this meeting be closed to the public because the discussions will be concerned with classified information and matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and are inextricably intertwined with the unclassified material which cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without disclosing secret material.

Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact: Mr. William Hostyn, DoD, Defense Threat Reduction Agency/J2/5/8R-ACP, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, MS 6201, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6201. Email:

william.hostyn@dtra.mil. Phone: (703) 767-4453. Fax: (703) 767-4206.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of FACA, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the Committee at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee's Designated Federal Officer. The Designated Federal Officer's contact information is listed in this notice or it can be obtained from the General Services Administration's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the Committee may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five business days prior to the meeting in question. The Designated Federal Officer will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all committee members.

Dated: May 15, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory (STRL) Personnel Management Demonstration Projects

AGENCY: Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy) (DASD (CPP)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of amendment to demonstration project plans.

SUMMARY: Section 342(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995, as amended by section 1009 of the NDAA for FY 2000, and section 1114 of the NDAA for FY 2001, authorizes the Secretary of Defense to conduct personnel demonstration projects at DoD laboratories designated as STRLs. This amendment adds waivers to current STRL *Federal Register Notices* (FRN) for the Army Research Laboratory (ARL); the Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AMRDEC); the

Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC); the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (MRMC); the Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development, and Engineering Center (CERDEC); and the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), to facilitate the use of flexibilities in their project plans by permitting terminations during extended probationary periods. On November 20, 2012, the proposed amendment was published for a 30-day comment period. No comments were received on or before December 20, 2012. This notice provides the final amendment to the demonstration project plans.

DATES: This amendment may be implemented beginning on the date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Department of Defense

Mr. William T. Cole, Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service, Non-Traditional Personnel Programs (DCPAS-NTPP), Suite 05L28, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-1100; email: *william.cole@cpms.osd.mil*.

Department of the Army

- ARL: Program Manager, ARL Personnel Demonstration Project, AMSRD-ARL-O-HR, 2800 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD 20793-1197;
- AMRDEC: Special Assistant for Laboratory Management, AMRDEC, 5400 Fowler Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5000;
- ERDC: Personnel Demonstration Project Manager, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199;
- MRMC: Director, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Medical Research and Materiel Command, 1541 Porter Street, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5000;
- CERDEC: CERDEC Personnel Demonstration Project Administrator, C4ISR Campus Building 6002, Room D3120, ATTN: RDER-DOS-ER, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005.

Department of the Navy

- NRL: Director, Strategic Workforce Planning, Naval Research Laboratory, 4555 Overlook Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The conventional 1-year probationary period does not allow supervisors an adequate period of time to fully evaluate the contribution and conduct of newly

hired personnel. STRLs have included flexibilities allowing up to a 3 year probationary period. These flexibilities were fully utilized until the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit decided two cases, *Van Wersch v. Department of Health & Human Services*, 197 F.3d 1144 (Fed. Cir. 1999), and *McCormick v. Department of the Air Force*, 307 F.3d 1339 (Fed. Cir. 2002), which affected the STRL's ability to fully utilize their extended probationary periods.

B. Modifications

The following FRNs are amended under the authority of section 1114 of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2001:

1. *ARL (63 FR 10680-10711, March 4, 1998)*

a. Add the following to section IX. Required Waivers to Law and Regulation, *A. Waivers to Title 5, U. S. Code*: "Chapter 75, sections 7501(1), 7511(a)(1)(A)(ii), and 7511(a)(1)(C)(ii); Adverse Actions—Definitions. Waived to the extent necessary to allow extended probationary periods and to permit termination during the extended probationary period without using adverse action procedures for those individuals serving a probationary period under an initial appointment except for those with veterans' preference."

b. Add the following as the final paragraph to section IX. Required Waivers to Law and Regulation, *B. Waivers to Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations*: "Part 752, sections 752.201, and 752.401: Coverage. Waived to the extent necessary to allow extended probationary periods and to permit termination during the extended probationary period without using adverse action procedures for those individuals serving a probationary period under an initial appointment except those with veterans' preference."

2. *AMRDEC (62 FR 34876-34903, June 27, 1997)*

a. Add the following to section IX. Required Waivers to Law and Regulation, 1. *Title 5, U.S. Code*: "Chapter 75, sections 7501(1), 7511(a)(1)(A)(ii), and 7511(a)(1)(C)(ii); Adverse Actions—Definitions. Waived to the extent necessary to allow extended probationary periods and to permit termination during the extended probationary period without using adverse action procedures for those individuals serving a probationary period under an initial appointment except for those with veterans' preference."