

amended rule will allow these briefs to be timely filed.

The proposal would not apply only to Project Outreach cases. Rather, as a general matter, law school clinical programs do not operate continuously through the year and may only become aware of cases where they wish to file an *amicus curiae* brief well after the brief can be timely filed. This rule will better allow these programs to file briefs with the Court and, thereby, the rules will facilitate this vital part of law school training for appellate advocates.

The proposed rule also gives the Court and the parties sufficient time to react to the student brief by requiring that it be filed no less than 14 days before oral argument and by allowing the parties the opportunity to respond within 7 days of the filing of the *amicus curiae* brief.

Rule 19(b)

The first sentences of Rule 19(b)(1), (2), and (3) currently read:

(b) Certificate for review/brief/answer/reply.

(1) *Article 62, UCMJ, cases.* In cases involving a decision by a Court of Criminal Appeals on appeal by the United States under Article 62, UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. 862, a certificate for review, together with a supporting brief in accordance with Rule 24 on behalf of the appellant, shall be filed with the Court by the Judge Advocate General no later than 30 days after the date of the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

(2) *Extraordinary relief cases.* In cases involving a decision by a Court of Criminal Appeals on application for extraordinary relief filed therein, a certificate for review, together with a supporting brief in accordance with Rule 24 on behalf of the appellant, shall be filed with the Court by the Judge Advocate General no later than 30 days after the date of the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

(3) *Other cases.* In all other cases involving a decision by a Court of Criminal Appeals, a certificate for review filed by the Judge Advocate General shall be filed either (a) no later than 30 days after the date of the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals, or (b) no later than 30 days after a petition for grant of review is granted.

The proposed changes to the first sentences of Rule 19(b)(1), (2) and (3) would read:

(1) *Article 62, UCMJ, cases.* In cases involving a decision by a Court of Criminal Appeals on appeal by the United States under Article 62, UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. 862, a certificate for review,

together with a supporting brief in accordance with Rule 24 on behalf of the appellant, shall be filed with the Court by the Judge Advocate General no later than 60 days after the date of the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

(2) *Extraordinary relief cases.* In cases involving a decision by a Court of Criminal Appeals on application for extraordinary relief filed therein, a certificate for review, together with a supporting brief in accordance with Rule 24 on behalf of the appellant, shall be filed with the Court by the Judge Advocate General no later than 60 days after the date of the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

(3) *Other cases.* In all other cases involving a decision by a Court of Criminal Appeals, a certificate for review filed by the Judge Advocate General shall be filed either (a) no later than 60 days after the date of the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals, or (b) no later than 30 days after a petition for grant of review is granted.

Comment: Rule 19(b) currently allows 30 days for the filing of certificates for review by the Judge Advocate General, although a service member is given 60 days to file a petition for grant of review. Extension requests are filed in nearly all of the cases in which a certificate is to be filed, and the Rules Advisory Committee has determined that the 30 days allowed by this rule is insufficient time to obtain the necessary approvals and to file the certificate.

This change to 60 days will not apply in those cases where the Court grants a petition for grant of review, and the government wishes to request the Judge Advocate General to file a certificate for review. In that event, the Judge Advocate General will continue to have 30 days from the date the petition is granted to file the certificate for review. The 30-day deadline in these cases should not be extended because it will slow the processing of the case by the Court, and it will be less onerous because the case is already before the Court, making it easier for the services to determine whether they wish to bring additional issues before the Court in those cases.

Rule 27(a)(4)

The proposed change would delete Rule 27(a)(4) in its entirety:

(4) *Electronic message petitions.* The Court will not docket petitions for extraordinary relief submitted by means of an electronic message or by facsimile without prior approval of the Clerk.

Comment: This rule has become obsolete. It permits the filing of

“electronic message” petitions for extraordinary relief with the permission of the Clerk. This provision contemplated the use of military message traffic or facsimile to file such petitions. However, with the use of the current electronic filing program, the filing of pleadings by military message or facsimile is no longer necessary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Board on Coastal Engineering Research

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Board on Coastal Engineering Research.

DATES: *Date of Meeting:* February 7–8, 2012.

Place: Hearing Room, Kingman Building, 7701 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22315.

Time: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (February 7, 2012), 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (February 8, 2012).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be addressed to COL Kevin J. Wilson, Executive Secretary, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180–6199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board provides broad policy guidance and review of plans and fund requirements for the conduct of research and development of research projects in consonance with the needs of the coastal engineering field and the objectives of the Chief of Engineers.

Proposed Agenda: On Tuesday, February 7, the Executive Session is devoted to addressing the role of the Board on Coastal Engineering Research, including the history of the Board, discussion of the Board functions and responsibilities, and ways to enhance the value of the Board recommendations to the Chief of Engineers. The Board will also discuss the annual meeting and executive sessions formats.

On Wednesday morning, February 8, the Board will discuss pending action items.

The meeting is open to the public, but since seating capacity of the meeting room is limited, advance notice of intent to attend is required.

Kevin J. Wilson,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Hold North Dakota Task Force Meeting as Established by the Missouri River Protection and Improvement Act of 2000 (Title VII)

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The duties of the Task Force are to prepare and approve a plan for the use of the funds made available under Title VII to promote conservation practices in the Missouri River watershed, control and remove sediment from the Missouri River, protect recreation on the Missouri River from sedimentation, and protect Indian and non-Indian historical and cultural sites along the Missouri River from erosion.

DATES: North Dakota Missouri River Task Force established by the Missouri River Protection and Improvement Act of 2000 will hold a meeting on February 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western Doublewood Inn located at 1400 East Interchange Avenue in Bismarck, ND.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gwyn M. Jarrett at (402) 995-2717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objectives of the Task Force are to prepare and approve a plan for the use of the funds made available under Title VII, develop and recommend to the Secretary of the Army ways to implement critical restoration projects meeting the goals of the plan, and determine if these projects primarily benefit the Federal Government. Written requests may be sent to Gwyn M. Jarrett, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, NE 68102-4901.

Dated: January 6, 2012.

Gwyn M. Jarrett,
Project Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 23, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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: January 18, 2012.

Darrin A. King,
Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Revision.

Title of Collection: Quick Response Information System (QRIS) 2012-2015 System Clearance.

OMB Control Number: 1850-0733.

Agency Form Number(s): N/A.

Frequency of Responses: Once.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 104,004.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 31,704.

Abstract: The National Center for Education Statistics Quick Response Information System (QRIS) consists of the Fast Response Survey System (FRSS) and the Postsecondary Education Quick Information System (PEQIS). The QRIS currently conducts surveys under Office of Management and Budget generic clearance 1850-0733, which expires in September 2012. This submission requests approval to continue the current clearance conditions through 2015. FRSS primarily conducts surveys of the elementary/secondary sector (districts, schools) and public libraries. PEQIS conducts surveys of the postsecondary education sector. FRSS and PEQIS surveys are cleared under the QRIS generic clearance. The QRIS clearance is subject to the regular clearance process at OMB with a 60-day notice and a 30-day notice as part of the 120-day review period. Each individual FRSS or PEQIS survey is then subject to clearance process with an abbreviated clearance package, justifying the particular content of the survey, describing the sample design, the timeline for the survey activities, and the questionnaire. The review period for each individual survey is approximately 45 days, including a 30-day **Federal Register** notice period. OMB will provide comments as soon after the end of the 30-day notice period as possible. This generic clearance request is for surveys of state education agencies, school districts, schools, postsecondary institutions, and libraries. Surveys of teachers, students, commercial establishments, and households are not included in this request.