

30. The Commission may disclose the terms of this Settlement Agreement and Order to the public consistent with section 6(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b).

31. Agreements, understandings, representations, or interpretations made outside this Settlement Agreement and Order may not be used to vary or contradict its terms.

32. The provisions of the Settlement Agreement and Order shall apply to Ross Stores and each of its successors, assigns, agents, representatives, and employees, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other business entity, or through any agency, device, or instrumentality.

Dated: September 30, 1997.

Respondent Ross Stores, Inc.
Michael Balmuth,
Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,
Ross Stores, Inc., 8333 Central Avenue,
Newark, CA 94560.

Commission Staff.

Eric L. Stone, Director, Division of Administrative Litigation, Office of Compliance.

David Schmeltzer, Assistant Executive Director, Office of Compliance, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207-0001.

Dated: October 02, 1997.

Dennis C. Kacoyanis, Trial Attorney, Ronald G. Yelenik, Trial Attorney, Division of Administrative Litigation, Office of Compliance.

Order

Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement entered into between

Respondent Ross Stores, Inc., (hereinafter, "Ross Stores" or "Respondent"), a corporation, and the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission ("Commission"); and the Commission having jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent; and it appearing that the Settlement Agreement and Order is in the public interest, it is

Ordered, that the Settlement Agreement and Order be and hereby is accepted, as indicated below; and it is *Further Ordered*, that Respondent pay to the United States Treasury a civil penalty of *Two Hundred Thousand Dollars* (\$200,000.00) within twenty (2) days after service upon Respondent of the Final Order.

Provisionally accepted and Provisional Order issued on the 10th day of November 1997.

By Order of the Commission.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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published a notice to announce a meeting of the Defense Partnership Council to be held November 19, 1997. This notice is to announce that the meeting is changed to November 17, 1997, due to conflicts in members' schedules.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Boulevard, Suite B-200, Arlington, VA 22209-5144, (703) 696-1450.

Dated: November 7, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alterante OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

In-Progress Air Force Cost Comparisons As of July 1, 1997

The Air Force is conducting the following cost comparisons in accordance with OMB Circular A-76, Performance of Commercial Activities.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting change.

SUMMARY: On October 9, 1997, 62 FR 5382, the Department of Defense

Installation	State	Cost comparison	Announced full time equivalents
Maxwell AFB	AL	Grounds Maintenance	8
Clear	AK	Power Production	34
Eielson AFB	AK	Miscellaneous Services	11
Eielson AFB	AK	Admin Telephone PBX	10
Elmendorf AFB	AK	Power Production	36
Elmendorf AFB	AK	Military Family Housing Mgmt	22
Edwards AFB	CA	Base Supply	327
Los Angeles AFS	CA	Communication Functions	13
Los Angeles AFS	CA	Publications Distribution Office	5
Los Angeles AFS	CA	Education Services	28
March AFB	CA	Airfield Operations & Weather	41
March AFB	CA	Transient Aircraft Maintenance	0
March AFB	CA	Base Operating Support	237
Onizuka AFS	CA	Utilities Plant	25
Travis AFB	CA	Military Family Housing Maint	38
Vandenberg AFB	CA	Base Operating Support	217
Vandenberg AFB	CA	Structural Maintenance	32
Buckley ANGB	CO	Airfield Management	37
Falcon AFB	CO	Communication O&M	205
Falcon AFB	CO	Utilities Plant	22
Peterson AFB	CO	Base Operating Support	179
USAF Academy	CO	Mess Attendants	170
Eglin AFB	FL	Library	8
Eglin AFB	FL	Civil Engineering	96
Homestead AFB	FL	Airfield Operations & Weather	25
Homestead AFB	FL	Base Operating Support	149

Installation	State	Cost comparison	Announced full time equivalents
Hurlburt Com Field	FL	Grounds Maintenance	11
Hurlburt Com Field	FL	Transient Aircraft Maintenance	11
Patrick AFB	FL	Base Operating Support	148
Tyndall AFB	FL	BOS & Backshop Aircraft Main	1360
Dobbins AFB	GA	Control Tower Operations	33
Dobbins AFB	GA	Communication Functions	0
Dobbins AFB	GA	Weather Services	0
Dobbins AFB	GA	Base Operating Support	127
Robins AFB	GA	Audiovisual	42
Robins AFB	GA	Military Family Housing Maint	12
Robins AFB	GA	Education Services	29
Ramstein AB	Germany	Mess Attendants	33
Ramstein AB	Germany	Military Family Housing Maint	129
Ramstein AB	Germany	PMEL	79
Spangdahlem AB	Germany	Mess Attendants	16
Hickam AFB	HI	Base Operating Support	528
Scott AFB	IL	Base Supply	106
Grissom ARB	IN	Airfield Operations & Weather	35
Grissom ARB	IN	Transient Aircraft Maintenance	0
Grissom ARB	IN	Base Operating Support	170
New Orleans NAS	LA	Base Operating Support	66
Hanscom AFB	MA	Audiovisual	19
Hanscom AFB	MA	Vehicle O&M	64
Hanscom AFB	MA	Laboratory Support Services	14
Hanscom AFB	MA	Communication Functions	93
Hanscom AFB	MA	Data Processing	18
Otis ANGB	MA	Transient Aircraft Maintenance	3
Westover AFB	MA	Control Tower Operations	19
Westover AFB	MA	Weather Services	0
Westover AFB	MA	Base Operating Support	210
Minn/St Paul	MN	Communication Functions	0
Minn/St Paul	MN	Base Operating Support	104
Columbus AFB	MS	Base Operating Support	341
Keesler AFB	MS	Tech Training Center Equip Maint	253
Malmstrom AFB	MT	Base Supply	150
Multiple Instlns	Mult	Tech Training-Elect Prin Tng	157
Multiple Instlns	Mult	Admin Switchboard	59
McGuire AFB	NJ	Military Family Housing Maint	19
Cannon AFB	NM	Military Family Housing Maint	21
Holloman AFB	NM	Military Family Housing Maint	66
Kirtland AFB	NM	Base Supply	170
Kirtland AFB	NM	PMEL	51
Kirtland AFB	NM	Vehicle O&M	156
Niagra Falls IAP	NV	Weather Services	4
Niagra Falls IAP	NV	Base Operating Support	39
Offutt AFB	NE	Heating Systems	30
Wright Patterson AFB	OH	Base Operating Support	632
Youngstown Muni Arpt	OH	Base Operating Support	102
Tinker AFB	OK	Communication Functions	138
Tinker AFB	OK	Civil Engineering	567
Greater Pittsburg Arpt	PA	Base Operating Support	111
Willow Grove NAS	PA	Base Operating Support	78
Charleston AFB	SC	Audiovisual	13
Brooks AFB	TX	Laboratory Support Services	44
Carswell AFB	TX	Base Operating Support	91
Lackland AFB	TX	Grounds Maintenance	16
Lackland AFB	TX	Animal Caretaking	26
Laughlin AFB	TX	Base Communications	62
Sheppard AFB	TX	Tech Training-Telephone System	16
Hill AFB	UT	Grounds Maintenance	12
Hill AFB	UT	Recreational Support	7
Hill AFB	UT	Heating Systems	38
General Mitchell Field	WI	Base Operating Support	93
F E Warren AFB	WY	Base Supply	187

Barbara A. Carmichael,

Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the

need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: November 7, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: 1998 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), Writing Special Study.

Frequency: One Time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:

Responses: 6,200

Burden Hours: 2,200

Abstract: The 1998 NAEP writing special study is designed to bolster the understanding of study NAEP writing achievement with information on student's best writing assignments, and the writing process. In addition, the study will collect information about teachers' emphasis on writing curriculum and instructional approaches. The study will be conducted with a sample of 6000 (4th and 8th grade) students and 200 teachers. The study will use a structured protocol to obtain more detailed and valid information about classroom instructional practices than a standard background questionnaire. Students will be asked to select three examples of their best writing and to fill out a brief questionnaire describing the samples of writing that they submit.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Targeting and Resource Allocation Study.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: State education agencies, school districts and schools.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 6,097

Burden Hours: 6,000

Abstract: This study will examine targeting and resource allocation in major federal education programs, including Title I, Title II (Eisenhower Professional Development), Title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities), Title VI, and Goals 2000. The study will examine how resources are allocated among various strategies for improving student achievement, how the use of resources varies across schools and districts (e.g., by school poverty levels and size of allocation), and changes in the targeting of funds since the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in 1994. The study will examine the extent to which funds are being used for strategies highlighted in Goals 2000 and the reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act, including professional development, extended time, parent involvement, coordinated services, and schoolwide approaches. The study will obtain information on the kinds of expenditures, staff, and activities typically associated with different strategies; and how resource allocation decisions are made. The study will also examine the amount of federal funds retained at the state and district levels for administrative and other purposes, how those funds are used, and how much of the funds reach the school level.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Savannah River Operations Office

Interim Management of Nuclear Materials at the Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Supplemental record of decision.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS), "Interim Management of Nuclear Materials" (DOE/EIS-0220, October 20, 1995), to assess the potential environmental impacts of actions necessary to manage certain nuclear materials at the Savannah River Site (SRS), Aiken, South Carolina, until decisions on their future use or ultimate disposition are made and implemented. Some of the particular materials considered in the EIS could present