that Bradford Regional Airport had experienced several ASOS power losses.

Response: None of the NWS-sponsored ASOSs located at WSOs in Pennsylvania are stand-alone systems. All of these are classified as Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) service level C or higher which means that humans will be present to provide augmentation and back-up for the ASOSs. Augmentation means adding parameters that ASOS does not measure. Back-up means measuring parameters in the event of an ASOS failure or if the ASOS measurement is not representative of the meteorological conditions. Augmentation and back-up is done either by FAA controllers or a contractor. ASOS operations at Lehigh Valley International Airport did not start on November 12, 1996. This ASOS was commissioned on November 1, 1995 after a pre-commissioning checkout period to determine that the system was performing reliably and correctly. Upon commissioning, NWS employees at WSO Allentown performed required augmentation and back-up of the ASOS until November 12, 1996 when responsibility for this was transferred to the FAA. FAA was planning to provide the augmentation and backup at service level C by air traffic controllers at the airport, however, the Lehigh Valley International Airport Authority sponsored a contract to provide level B service. The Bradford Regional Airport is an FAA-sponsored expansion site. This means that prior to the ASOS being commissioned there on December 2, 1996, this airport had no round-the-clock surface observation.

The MTC considered and endorsed these certifications at its March 18, 1997 meeting, concluding that these certifications would not result in any degradation of service.

(1) Astoria, OR—Consolidation
(2) Wichita Falls, TX—Consolidation
(3) Omaha, NE—Consolidation/Closure
(4) Sacramento, CA—Consolidation/Closure
(5) Akron, OH—Automation/Closure
(6) Allentown, PA—Automation/Closure
(7) Atlanta, GA—Automation/Closure
(8) Atlantic City, NJ—Automation/Closure
(9) Baltimore, MD—Automation/Closure
(10) Baton Rouge, LA—Automation/Closure
(11) Chicago, IL—Automation/Closure
(12) Columbia, MO—Automation/Closure
(13) Columbus, OH—Automation/Closure
(14) Dayton, OH—Automation/Closure
(15) Daytona Beach, FL—Automation/Closure
(16) Detroit, MI—Automation/Closure
(17) El Paso, TX—Automation/Closure
(18) Flint, MI—Automation/Closure
(19) Knoxville, TN—Automation/Closure
(20) Lubbock, TX—Automation/Closure
(21) Lynchburg, VA—Automation/Closure
(22) Mansfield, OH—Automation/Closure
(23) Moline, IL—Automation/Closure
(24) Montgomery, AL—Automation/Closure
(25) Norfolk, VA—Automation/Closure
(26) Oklahoma City, OK—Automation/Closure
(27) Raleigh, NC—Automation/Closure
(28) Richmond, VA—Automation/Closure
(29) Roanoke, VA—Automation/Closure
(30) San Antonio, TX—Automation/Closure
(31) San Diego, CA—Automation/Closure
(32) Sioux City, IA—Automation/Closure
(33) Stockton, CA—Automation/Closure
(34) Toledo, OH—Automation/Closure
(35) Tulsa, OK—Automation/Closure
(36)West Palm Beach, FL—Automation/Closure
(37) Wilke-Barre, PA—Automation/Closure
(38) Williamsport, PA—Automation/Closure
(39) Wilmington, DE—Automation/Closure
(40) Youngstown, OH—Automation/Closure
(41) Asheville, NC—Consolidation/Automation/Closure
(42) Augusta, GA—Consolidation/Automation/Closure
(43) Cincinnati, OH—Consolidation/Automation/Closure
(44) Fargo, ND—Consolidation/Automation/Closure
(45) Greensboro, NC—Consolidation/Automation/Closure
(46) Lewiston, ID—Consolidation/Automation/Closure
(47) Muskegon, MI—Consolidation/Automation/Closure
(48) Rapid City, SD—Consolidation/Automation/Closure
(49) Savannah, GA—Consolidation/Automation/Closure
(50) Springfield, IL—Consolidation/Automation/Closure
(51) Apalachicola, FL—Closure
(52) Athens, GA—Closure
(53) Austin, TX—Closure
(54) Bakersfield, CA—Closure
(55) Billings, MT—Closure
(56) Bristol, TN—Closure
(57) Cape Hatteras, NC—Closure
(58) Columbus, GA—Closure
(59) Del Rio, TX—Closure
(60) Eugene, OR—Closure
(61) Fort Myers, FL—Closure
(62) Galveston, TX—Closure
(63) Grand Island, NE—Closure
(64) Harrisburg, PA—Closure
(65) Helena, MT—Closure
(66) Klamath Falls, OR—Closure
(67) Los Angeles, CA—Closure
(68) Macon, GA—Closure
(69) New Orleans, LA—Closure
(70) New York City, NY—Closure
(71) Olympia, WA—Closure
(72) Orlando, FL—Closure
(73) Pensacola, FL—Closure
(74) Phoenix, AZ—Closure
(75) Port Arthur, TX—Closure
(76) Reading, PA—Closure
(77) Reno, NV—Closure
(78) Rosewell, NM—Closure
(79) Salem, OR—Closure
(80) St. Louis, MO—Closure
(81) Waco, TX—Closure
(82) Winslow, AZ—Closure

After consideration of the public comments received and the MTC endorsements, the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere approved these 82 combined consolidation and/or automation and closure certifications and transmitted them to Congress on May 6, 1998. Certification approval authority was delegated from the Secretary to the Under Secretary in June 1996. The NWS is now completing the certification requirements of Pub. L. 102–567 by publishing the final consolidation and/or automation and closure certifications in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

John J. Kelly, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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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), Department of the 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 July 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Department of the Army, Military Traffic Management Command, (MTOP–Q), 6511 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041–5050, ATTN: (Frederick Wirtz). 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: Freight Carrier Qualification Statement/Required Documents, OMB Number 0702–0088, MT Form 377–R, MT Form 380–R, MT Form 381–R

Needs and Uses: Information is vital in determining capability to perform quality service transporting DoD freight. Carriers will furnish MTMC information to determine if individuals or associated companies are affiliated with government-debarred carriers and will also reflect carrier's financial stability.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 8,500.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Respondes Per Respondent: 1,000.

Average Burden Per Response: 8.5 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Carrier Qualification Program (CQP) is designed to protect the interest of the Government and to ensure that the Department of Defense (DOD) deals with responsible carriers having the capability to provide quality and dependable service. This program became necessary because deregulation of the motor carrier industry brought an influx of new carriers into DOD's transportation market, many of which are unreliable or do not have capability to provide consistent dependable transportation services.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability for the BRAC 95 Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Disposal and Reuse of the Ground-to-Air Transmission and Receiving/Surface-to-Air Guidance and Equipment (GATR/SAGE) Control Site of the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility, Oakdale, PA

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the Army has prepared an environmental assessment for the disposal and reuse of the GATR/SAGE control site of the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility, Oakdale, Pennsylvania. In accordance with Public Law 101–510 (as amended), the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (BRAC), the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended the disposal of two of the five parcels which make up the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility, Oakdale, Pennsylvania. As a result of this BRAC-mandated closure, the two parcels selected by the Army for closure are the GATR/SAGE parcel (covered by this EA) and the Irwin Annex parcel in Irwin, Pennsylvania. Due to the distance between these parcels, it was determined that the Irwin Annex parcel should be addressed by a separate EA now under preparation.

The Final EA for the GATR/SAGE parcel evaluates the environmental impacts of the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 6 acres. Alternatives examined in the EA include encumbered disposal of the property, unencumbered disposal of the property, and no action. Encumbered disposal refers to transfer or conveyance of property having restrictions on subsequent use as a result of any Army-imposed or legal restraint. Under the no action alternative, the Army would not dispose of property but would maintain it in caretaker status for an indefinite period.

While disposal of the GATR/SAGE parcel is the Army's primary action, the EA also analyzes the potential environmental effects of reuse as a secondary action by means of evaluating intensity-based reuse scenarios. The Army's preferred alternative for disposal of the GATR/SAGE parcel is encumbered disposal, with encumbrances pertaining to the possible presence of lead-based paint and asbestos-containing material, and the requirement for a right of reentry for environmental clean-up.

DATES: Written public comments must be submitted on or before June 11, 1998. The Army will not initiate the proposed action for 30 days following completion of the EA and publication of this Notice of Availability.

ADDRESSES: The Final EA is available for review at the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility Oakdale, PA, and the Collier Township Local Reuse Authority, Collier Township Municipal Building, 2418 Hilltop Road, Presto, PA. A copy of the final EA may be obtained by writing to Dr. Neil Robison, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (ATTN: CESAM–PD–EI), 109 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602, or by facsimile at (334) 690–2605. Written comments may be submitted to Dr. Robison at the same address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent (NOI) declaring the Army's intent to prepare an EA for the disposal and reuse of the GATR/SAGE parcel was published in the **Federal Register** on September 22, 1995 (60 FR 49264).

Dated: May 6, 1998.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I, L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of U.S. Patents for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing

AGENCY: U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1), announcement is made of the availability for licensing of the following U.S. Patents for nonexclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive licensing. All of the patents listed below have been assigned to the United States