

majority of negative effects are short-term, temporary, and of minimal environmental significance. The positive effects and overall benefits of the project are expected to be long-term. The Proposed Action is not expected to adversely impact setting, geology, hydrology, groundwater, sediment quality, SAV, terrestrial or avian resources, cultural resources or archaeological resources in the region. Nor will the proposed project involve the use, storage or transport of hazardous, toxic or radioactive materials during or after placement. Although some short-term adverse impacts are anticipated for water quality, aquatic resources, air quality, noise, socioeconomics, aesthetics, and recreational resources, adverse cumulative impacts to these resources are not expected. The proposed action is in full compliance with NEPA regulation 40 CFR 1500-1508, Corps of Engineers Regulation 200-2-2, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

4. Any person who has an interest in the project is asked to provide comments within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address in the following paragraph. Written comments should be submitted by Monday, April 12, 1999. Comments must clearly set forth the interest that may be affected by this proposed action and the manner in which the interest may be affected.

5. Individuals who want to review the draft EIS may examine a copy at any of the following locations:

Queen Anne's County Free Library, 121 South Commerce Street, Centreville, Maryland 21617.

Queen Anne's County Free Library, 200 Library Circle, Stevensville, Maryland 21666.

Kent County Public Library, 408 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

Anne Arundel County Public Library, North County Branch, 1010 Eastway Drive, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060.

Frederick Douglas Library, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Maryland 21853-1299.

Miller Library, Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

The document has also been distributed to Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies, known interested organizations, and those individuals who have requested it. Individuals may obtain a copy of the document by writing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P (Mr. Wesley E. Coleman

Jr.), P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203-1715, or by telephone at (410) 962-4713 or 1-800-295-1610. Written comments or inquiries may also be sent by fax to Mr. Coleman at (410) 962-4698 or by electronic mail to cenab-pl-p@usace.army.mil. The EIS is also available on the Baltimore District's Internet website as an Adobe Acrobat file at [www.nab.usace.army.mil](http://www.nab.usace.army.mil).

6. A Public Workshop to enable interested persons to learn about the proposed project and to ask questions of technical experts is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 1999, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. at Queen Anne's County Free Library, Kent Island Branch, 200 Library Circle, Stevensville, Maryland. Formal Public Hearings to receive comments from the public on the draft EIS are scheduled in three locations:

March 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., Kent Island High School, 900 Love Point Road, Stevensville, Maryland.

March 25, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., Kent County High School, 25301 Lambs Meadow Road, Worton, Maryland.

March 30, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., Annapolis Senior High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland.

The purpose of these hearings will be to record public comments only; those who have questions about the project should plan to attend the Public Workshop described above or contact Mr. Wesley Coleman, at (410) 962-4713 or 1-800-295-1610.

**Robert F. Gore,**

*Acting Chief, Planning Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The CNO Executive Panel is to conduct the mid-term briefing of the Space and Information Warfare Task Force to the Chief of Naval Operations. This meeting will consist of discussions relating to proposed Navy involvement in Space and Information Warfare.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 23, 1999, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander Christopher Agan, CNO Executive Panel, 4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 601, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-0268, telephone number (703) 681-6205.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of meeting is provided pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the mid-term briefing of the Space and Information Warfare Task Force to the Chief of Naval Operations. These matters constitute classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(1).

Dated: February 18, 1999.

**Pamela A. Holden,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

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

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 4, 1999. The regular collection will be submitted through the discretionary streamlined process (1890-0001). Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 27, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Pat.Sherrill@ed.gov](mailto:Pat.Sherrill@ed.gov), or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

**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 Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 22, 1999.

**William E. Burrow,**

*Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Elementary and Secondary Education**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Applications for Grants Under the Reading Excellence Act.

*Abstract:* This application will be used to award grants to State educational agencies for the purpose of providing reading improvement and family literacy programs.

*Additional Information:* The Department of Education cannot comply with the normal clearance procedures because such compliance is likely to result in funds not being awarded in a timely manner. Failure to make awards will cause approximately \$241 million of the Reading Excellence Act appropriations to lapse.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 22.

Burden Hours: 880.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

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**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 27, 1999.

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