

Service Level A and with services being provided by the future Kansas City/Pleasant Hill WFO;

(3) Lansing WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level A and with services being provided by the future Grand Rapids WFO;

(4) Lincoln WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level B and with services being provided by the future Omaha WFO;

(5) Residual Louisville WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level A and with services being provided by the future Louisville WFO;

(6) Residual Milwaukee WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level A and with services being provided by the future Milwaukee WFO;

(7) Rockford which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level A and with services being provided by the future Chicago and Quad Cities WFOs;

(8) Bridgeport WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level C and with services being provided by the future New York City WFO; and

(9) Newark WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level A and with services being provided by the future New York City WFO.

In accordance with Pub. Law 102-567, the public will have 60 days in which to comment on these proposed automation and closure certifications.

**DATES:** Comments are requested by June 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the proposed automation and closure packages should be sent to Tom Beaver, Room 09356, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone 301-713-0300. All comments should be sent to Tom Beaver at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Scanlon at 301-713-1698 ext 151.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 706 of Pub. Law 102-567, the Secretary of Commerce must certify that these automations and closures will not result in any degradation of service to the affected areas of responsibility and must publish the proposed automation and closure certifications in the FR. The documentation supporting each proposed certification includes the following:

(1) A draft memorandum by the meteorologist(s)-in-charge recommending the certification, the final of which will be endorsed by the

Regional Director and the Assistant Administrator of the NWS if appropriate, after consideration of public comments and completion of consultation with the Modernization Transition Committee (the Committee);

(2) A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns which affect the weather services provided within the service area;

(3) A comparison of the services provided within the service area and the services to be provided after such action;

(4) A description of any recent or expected modernization of NWS operation which will enhance services in the service area;

(5) An identification of any area within the affected service area which would not receive coverage (at an elevation of 10,000 feet) by the next generation weather radar network.

(6) Evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service will result from such action including the ASOS Commissioning Report; series of three letters between NWS and FAA confirming that weather services will continue in full compliance with applicable flight aviation rules after ASOS commissioning; Surface Aviation Observation Transition Checklist documenting transfer of augmentation and backup responsibility from NWS to FAA; successful resolution of ASOS user confirmation of services complaints; and an in-place supplementary data program at the responsible WFO(s);

(7) Warning and forecast verification statistics for pre-modernized and modernized services which were utilized in determining that services have not been degraded;

(8) An air Safety Appraisal for offices which are located on an airport; and

(9) A letter appointing the liaison officer. These proposed certifications do not include any report of the Committee which could be submitted in accordance with sections 706(b)(6) and 707(c) of Pub. Law 102-567. In December 1995 the Committee decided that, in general, they would forego the optional consultation on proposed certifications. Instead, the Committee would just review certifications after the public comment period had closed so their consultation would be with the benefit of public comments that had been submitted.

This notice does not include the complete certification packages because they are too voluminous to publish.

Copies of the certification packages and supporting documentation can be obtained through the contact listed above.

Once all public comments have been received and considered, the NWS will complete consultation with the Committee and determine whether to proceed with the final certification. If a decision to certify is made, the Secretary of Commerce must publish the final certification in the FR and transmit the certification to the appropriate Congressional committees prior to automating and closing these offices.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

**Elbert W. Friday, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Notice to alter a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Secretary proposes to add a routine use to an existing system of records in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** This action will be effective without further notice on May 12, 1997, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the OSD Privacy Act Coordinator, Records Section, Directives and Records Division, Washington Headquarters Services, Correspondence and Directives, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Bosworth at (703) 695-0970 or DSN 225-0970.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The complete inventory of Office of the Secretary record system notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed altered system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act was submitted on April 7, 1997, to the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to

paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,' dated February 8, 1996, (61 FR 6427, February 20, 1996).

Dated: April 8, 1997.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

#### **DHA 05**

##### **SYSTEM NAME:**

Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Files  
(December 4, 1995, 60 FR 62078).

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##### **CHANGES:**

##### **ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Add a new paragraph 'To the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses for purposes of carrying out those functions as set forth in Executive Orders 12961 and 13034 or such further Order as directed by the President.'

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#### **DHA 05**

##### **SYSTEM NAME:**

Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Files.

##### **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Department of Defense Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3881; and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200. Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Skyline 1, Suite 1135, Falls Church, VA 22041-3802.

Commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, ATTN: MCHB-DE-HR, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5422.

U.S. Army Joint Services Support Group, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 101, Springfield, VA 22150-3197.

Naval Health Research Center, Division of Clinical Epidemiology, 271 Catalina Boulevard, Barracks Building 322, San Diego, CA 92152-5302.

##### **CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Individuals who served in Operation Desert Storm and/or Operation Desert Shield who feel they may have been exposed to biological, chemical, disease, or environmental agents. Those individuals may contact the Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Investigative

Team by dialing 1-800-472-6719 to report experiences of unusual illness or health conditions following service during the Persian Gulf conflict.

##### **CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Records consist of individual's name, Social Security Number or service number, last known or current address, occupational information, date and extent of involvement in Persian Gulf military operations, perceived exposure information, medical treatment information, medical history of subject, and other documentation of reports of possible exposure to biological, chemical, disease, or environmental agents.

The system contains information from unit and historical records and information provided to the Department of Defense by individuals with first-hand knowledge of reports of possible biological, chemical, disease, or environmental incidents.

Information from health care providers who have evaluated patients with illnesses possibly related to service in the Persian Gulf is also included. Records include those documents, files, and other matter in the medical, operational, and intelligence communities that could relate to possible causes of Persian Gulf War Veterans illnesses.

Records of diagnostic and treatment methods pursued on subjects following reports of possible incidental exposure are also included in this system.

##### **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

10 U.S.C. 131, 10 U.S.C. 136, and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

##### **PURPOSE(S):**

Records are collected and assembled to permit investigative examination and analysis of reports of possible exposure to biological, chemical, disease, or environmental agents incident to service in the Persian Gulf War and to conduct scientific or related studies or medical follow-up programs.

##### **ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration for appropriate consideration of individual claims for benefits for which that agency is responsible.

To the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses for purposes of carrying out those functions as set forth in Executive Orders 12961 and 13034 or such further Order as directed by the President.

The 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of OSD's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

##### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

##### **STORAGE:**

Paper records are maintained in file folders; electronic records are stored on magnetic media; microfilm/microfiche are maintained in appropriate storage containers.

##### **RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records are retrieved by case number, name, Social Security Number or service number.

##### **SAFEGUARDS:**

Access to areas where records maintained is limited to authorized personnel. Areas are protected by access control devices during working hours and intrusion alarm devices during non-duty hours.

##### **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Files will be retained permanently. They will be maintained in the custody of the Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team under the oversight of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) until completion of the Team's investigative mission. Upon disbanding of the Team, custody of the records will be transferred to OASD(HA) where they will be held for five years, and then transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration.

##### **SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

##### **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Director, Persian Gulf War Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team, Suite 810, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3881, or to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

##### **RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking access to records about themselves contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to the Director, Persian

Gulf War Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team, Suite 810, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3881, or to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

#### CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:

The OSD's rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

#### RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information is from the individuals themselves, witnesses to a possible agent event, health care providers who have evaluated patients with illnesses possibly related to service in the Persian Gulf, as well as extracts from historical records to include: personnel files and lists, unit histories, medical records, and related sources.

#### EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army Corps of Engineers

#### Environmental Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), this notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB). The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, 1997, to 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be at the Double Tree Hotel, 300 Army/Navy Drive, Arlington, (Pentagon City), Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Paul Rubenstein, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC 20314-1000, (202) 761-1257.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The theme of the subject meeting on "Non-Indigenous Species and Our Nation's Waterbodies" follows:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plays a vital role in protecting America's waters from non-native predators,

parasites, pathogens and competitors. The 55th Meeting of the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) will offer participants with an important opportunity to examine and analyze Corps research programs designed to identify, access and manage non-indigenous species that interfere with the valued uses of our Nation's waterbodies.

**Gregory D. Showalter,**

*Army 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 Director, Information Resources Management Group, 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 June 10, 1997.

**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 Director, Information Resources Management Group 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: April 7, 1997.

**Gloria Parker,**

*Director, Information Resources Management Group.*

### Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Public Libraries Survey, FY 1996-FY 1998.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:* Responses: 57.

Burden Hours: 1,710.

*Abstract:* The Public Libraries survey has been conducted annually since it first collected FY 1990 data. The Data collection provides a national census of public libraries and their public library service outlets. It includes descriptive data for each state and for each individual public library. The data are collected entirely electronically and the survey is designed and coordinated by a federal/state cooperative system. Data collected allow analysis of such important variables as expenditures, staffing, size of collection and services comparing among libraries of similar size (as measured by population of legal service area). This information is used for policy decisions in the areas of legislation, funding and resource allocation. With this complete file of administrative entities, it is possible to