

prior notification, in cases where this form has been signed subject to conditions specified within the approved procedure.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 225,000.

Number of Respondents: 450,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Personal Check Cashing Agreement Form is designed exclusively to help the DoD disbursing offices expedite the collection process of dishonored checks. The front of the form will be completed and signed by the authorized individual requesting check cashing privileges. By signing the form, the individual is freely and voluntarily consenting to the immediate collection from their current pay, without prior notice, for the face value of any check cashed, plus any charges assessed against the government by a financial institution, in the event the check is dishonored. In the event the check is dishonored, the disbursing office will complete and certify the reverse side of the form and forward the form to the applicable payroll office for collection from the individual's current pay.

Dated: December 30, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Needs and Uses: This collection of information is necessary to meet the requirements of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997. Section 826 thereof required the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress the results of a study of the effectiveness of defense mergers and acquisitions in eliminating excess capacity, and their effect on contractor dependence on defense-related contracts, defense employment, and competition for defense contracts. The information collected hereby, will provide the necessary data to conduct the study and compile the report to Congress.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

DOD Action Officer: Mr. William M. Pegram.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Pegram, at DUSD(IA&I)/FEA, Room 2A318, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3330, or via facsimile at (703) 693-7038.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302 or via facsimile at (703) 604-6270.

Dated: December 30, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Commission (NRC) are announcing for public comment the availability of a draft document, entitled the "Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual" (MARSSIM). MARSSIM provides information on planning, conducting, evaluating, and documenting environmental radiological surveys for demonstrating compliance with dose-based regulations. The MARSSIM, when finalized, will be a multi-agency consensus document. The agencies are seeking public comment in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing the document is received. The agencies will review public comments received on the draft MARSSIM as well as comments from a concurrent, independent, scientific peer review. Suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, in response to those comments.

DATES: Comments received by July 7, 1997 will be considered. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but no assurance can be given for consideration of late comments.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public are invited to submit written comments to EITHER the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ATTN: Air and Radiation Docket, Mail Stop 6102, Air Docket No. A-96-44, Room M1500, First Floor Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20460 or the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001. Copies of all comments received by one agency will be periodically copied and sent to the others. Copies of the draft MARSSIM and all comments received may be examined or copied for a fee at the EPA Docket Room M1500, Docket No. A-96-44, First Floor Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20460; and the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington DC 20555-0001. The EPA docket may be inspected from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays in Room M1500 at the address above. A free single copy of the draft MARSSIM may be requested by writing to: the Distribution and Mail Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001 or by fax to (301) 415-2260. The document is also available through the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/cleanup> and through the National Technical

Submission for OMB review; comment request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and OMB Control Number: Effectiveness of Defense Mergers.

Type of Request: New collection; Emergency Processing requested with a shortened public comment period ending January 21, 1997. An approval date of February 4, 1997 is requested.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 50.

Average Burden Per Response: 4 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 200.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. A-96-44]

Draft Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability with request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Information Service (NTIS). The NTIS document number is PB97-117659, and the NTIS Sales Desk can be reached between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday at (703) 487-4650; TDD (hearing impaired only): (703) 487-4639.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any of the following points of contact for each agency for technical information (see "Addresses" section above for directions on obtaining a copy of the draft MARSSIM): DOE: Kenneth Duvall, Phone: (202) 586-0242, U.S. Department of Energy (EH-412), 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585; EPA: Mark Doehner; Phone: (202) 233-9386, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Stop 6603J, 401 M. Street, SW, Washington DC 20460; NRC: Robert A. Meck, Phone: (301) 415-6205, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS T-9C24, Washington DC 20555. Questions concerning the multi-agency document development project should be addressed to CDR Colleen Petullo, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/U.S. Public Health Service, RIENL, PO Box 98517, Las Vegas, NV 89193-8517, (702) 798-2476.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MARSSIM provides information on planning, conducting, evaluating, and documenting environmental radiological surveys for demonstrating compliance with dose-based regulations. The MARSSIM, when finalized, will be a multi-agency consensus document.

MARSSIM was developed collaboratively over the past three years by the technical staffs of the four Federal agencies having authority for control of radioactive materials: DOD, DOE, EPA, and NRC (60 FR 12555). Contractors to the DOE, EPA, and NRC, and members of the public have been present during the open meetings of the MARSSIM work group.

MARSSIM's objective is to describe standardized and consistent approaches for surveys, which provide a high degree of assurance that established dose-based release criteria, limits, guidelines, and conditions of the regulatory agencies are satisfied at all stages of the process, while at the same time encouraging an effective use of resources. The techniques, methodologies, and philosophies that form the bases of this manual were developed to be consistent with current Federal limits, guidelines, and procedures.

Although Federal agency personnel are involved in the preparation of this document, the manual does not represent the official position of any

participating agency at this time. An earlier draft of the document has been reviewed within the Federal agencies. Comments were received and comments from the review that reflected a technical error or flaw in logic or information flow were addressed. The other comments from the Federal agencies will be addressed along with the public comments. The public review is a necessary step in the development of a final multi-agency consensus document. The document will also receive formal technical peer review. The draft has not been approved by the participating agencies for use in part or in whole and should not be used, cited, or quoted except for the purposes of providing comments as requested.

Reviewers are requested to focus on technical accuracy, and understandability. Reviewers are also requested to address five questions while reviewing the MARSSIM:

(1) Does the MARSSIM provide a practical and implementable approach to performing radiation surveys and site investigations? Are there any major drawbacks to the proposed methods?

(2) Is the MARSSIM technically accurate?

(3) Does the MARSSIM provide benefits that are not available using current methods? What is the value of the MARSSIM in comparison with other currently available alternatives?

(4) What are the costs associated with the MARSSIM in comparison with other currently available alternatives?

(5) Is the information in the MARSSIM understandable and presented in a logical sequence? How can the presentation of material be modified to improve the understandability of the manual?

Comments may be submitted as proposed modified text, or as a discussion. Comments should be accompanied by supporting bases, rationale, or data. To ensure efficient and complete comment resolution, commenters are requested to reference the page number and the line number of the MARSSIM to which the comment applies (enter only the beginning page and line number, even if your comment applies to a number of pages or lines to follow).

Comments corresponding to an entire chapter, an entire section, or an entire table should be referenced to the line number for the title of the chapter (always line number 1), section, or table. Comments on footnotes should be referenced to the line in the main text where the footnote is indicated. Comments on figures should be referenced to the page on which the figure appears (figures do not have line

numbers). The figure number should be included in the text of the comment. Comments on the entire manual should be referenced to the title page.

Title: Draft Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual.

For the Department of Defense, dated this 20th day of December 1996.

Gary D. Vest,

Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security.

Title: Draft Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual.

For the U. S. Department of Energy, dated this 5th day of December 1996.

Raymond P. Berube,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment.

Title: Draft Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual.

For the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, dated this 9th day of December 1996.

E. Ramona Trovato,

Director, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air.

Title: Draft Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual.

For the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, dated this 2nd day of December 1996.

David Morrison,

Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Availability of Surplus Land and Buildings Located at Sierra Army Depot (SIAD), Herlong, CA

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies the surplus real property located at Sierra Army Depot (SIAD), Herlong, CA. SIAD is located approximately 55 miles north northwest of Reno, NV just north of U.S. Highway 395. SIAD is a base realignment facility and major portions of the installation are being retained for active missions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding a particular building or parcel (i.e., acreage, floor plans, existing utilities, exact street address), contact Mr. Jimmy Spain, Base Transition Coordinator at (916) 827-4488; Mr. Larry Weed, Base Transition Officer at (916) 827-4391; or Ms. Jackie Cumpton, Realty Specialist at (916) 557-6845.