

electronic fund transfer (EFT). The information necessary to make the EFT transaction is specified in clause 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Fund Transfer-Central Contractor Registration, which the contractor is required to provide prior to award, and clause 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Fund Transfer-Other Than Central Contractor Registration, which requires EFT information to be provided as specified by the agency to enable payment by EFT.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 14,000; responses per respondent, 10; total annual responses, 140,000; preparation hours per response, .5; and total response burden hours, 70,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0144, Payment by Electronic Fund Transfer, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0010]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Progress Payments

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0010).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal

Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Progress Payments. This OMB clearance currently expires on August 31, 1999.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before July 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeremy F. Olson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Certain Federal contracts provide for progress payments to be made to the contractor during performance of the contract. The requirement for certification and supporting information are necessary for the administration of statutory and regulatory limitation on the amount of progress payments under a contract. The submission of supporting cost schedules is an optional procedure that, when the contractor elects to have a group of individual orders treated as a single contract for progress payments purposes, is necessary for the administration of statutory and regulatory requirements concerning progress payments.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .55 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 18,000; responses per respondent, 32; total annual responses, 576,000; preparation hours per response, .55; and total response burden hours, 316,800.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202)

208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0010, Progress Payment, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Proposed Information Collection; United States Naval Academy

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Naval Academy announces a proposed reinstatement of a previously approved 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, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection to Admissions Office, United States Naval Academy, 117 Decatur Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, contact Mr. Nick Pantelides, telephone (410) 293-1803.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Form Title and OMB Number: Application Procedures for United States Naval Academy; OMB Control Number 0703-0036. Needs and Uses: This collection of information is necessary to determine the eligibility and evaluate overall competitive standing of candidates for appointment to the United States Naval Academy. An analysis of the information collected is made by the Admissions Board during

the process in order to gauge the qualifications of individual candidates.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Federal agencies or employees.

Annual Burden Hours: 30,000.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 3 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Dated: May 4, 1999.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Consolidated Record of Decision for Tritium Supply and Recycling

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Consolidated Record of decision for tritium supply and recycling.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) completed the Tritium Supply and Recycling Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) (DOE/EIS-0161) in October 1995. The Tritium Supply and Recycling PEIS assessed the potential environmental impacts of technology and siting alternatives for the production of tritium for national security purposes as well as the impacts of constructing a new Tritium Extraction Facility (TEF) at the Department's Savannah River Site near Aiken, SC.

On December 5, 1995, DOE issued a Tritium Supply and Recycling Record of Decision (ROD) [60 FR 63878] that selected the two most promising alternative technologies for tritium production and established a dual-track strategy that would, within 3 years, select one of those technologies to become the primary tritium supply technology. The other technology, if feasible, would be developed as a backup tritium source. Under the dual-track strategy, DOE would: (1) Initiate the purchase of an existing commercial reactor (operating or partially complete) or irradiation services with an option to purchase the reactor for conversion to a defense facility; and (2) design, build, and test critical components of an accelerator system for tritium production. Any new facilities that might be required, the production-scale accelerator and a Tritium Extraction Facility to support the commercial

reactor alternative, would be constructed at DOE's Savannah River Site. Subsequent to the PEIS and the December 5, 1995 ROD, DOE prepared three site-specific EISs: the Accelerator Production of Tritium at the Savannah River Site (APT) (DOE/EIS-0270), the Production of Tritium in a Commercial Light Water Reactor (CLWR) (DOE/EIS-0288), and the Tritium Extraction Facility at Savannah River Site (TEF) (DOE/EIS-0271). The December 1995 ROD also stated that, although it was rejected as a reasonable long-term supply alternative in the PEIS, DOE's Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) at the Hanford Reservation in Washington would be re-examined to determine whether it should play any tritium production role.

On December 22, 1998, the Secretary of Energy announced his selection of the commercial light water reactor alternative as the primary tritium supply. This consolidated Record of Decision documents that decision and announces a series of three tiered decisions which, taken together, comprise the Department's plans for establishing a new domestic source of tritium to support the nuclear weapons stockpile. Each decision results from the preparation of a related environmental impact statement. In the order presented, this consolidated record of decision makes the following decisions based on their associated environmental impact statements (EIS):

1. Supplemental Programmatic Decision for Tritium Supply and Recycling: Documents the Secretary of Energy announcement of December 22, 1998; selects the purchase of irradiation services using commercial light water reactors as the primary tritium supply technology; and designates the accelerator system at the Savannah River Site as the backup technology. This ROD supplements the December 1995 ROD described above. Environmental analysis is contained in the Tritium Supply and Recycling PEIS (DOE/EIS-01621, October 1995).

2. Site-specific Decision for the Production of Tritium in a Commercial Light Water Reactor. Selects the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Watts Bar Unit 1, Sequoyah Unit 1, and Sequoyah Unit 2 reactors for use in irradiating tritium-producing burnable absorber rods (TPBARs). This decision is tiered from and implements the supplemental programmatic decision described above. Environmental analysis is contained in the Final EIS for the Production of Tritium in a Commercial Light Water Reactor (DOE/EIS-0288, March 1999). This EIS is

tiered from the Tritium Supply and Recycling PEIS.

3. Site-specific Decision for Construction and Operation of a Tritium Extraction Facility at the Savannah River Site. Selects the alternative that would design, construct, test, and operate a new TEF in the H-Area immediately adjacent to and west of Building 233-H at the Savannah River Site. This facility is an essential element of the system for producing tritium using commercial reactors. This decision is tiered from and implements the supplemental programmatic decision described above. Environmental analysis is contained in the Final EIS for Construction and Operation of a TEF at the Savannah River Site (DOE/EIS-0271, March 1999) which is tiered from the Tritium Supply and Recycling PEIS.

4. Site-specific Decision for the Accelerator Production of Tritium (APT). Selects the specific location at the Savannah River Site and the technologies to be used for the backup tritium supply technology, should its construction be required. This decision is tiered from and implements the supplemental programmatic decision described above. Environmental analysis is contained in the Final EIS for Accelerator Production of Tritium (DOE/EIS-0270, March 1999) which is tiered from the PEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the commercial reactor program and the Tritium Extraction Facility, contact Stephen M. Sohinki, DP-62, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, by phone (202-586-0838), or electronically (Tritium web site: www.dp.doe.gov and click on "Tritium Project Office Home Page") For further information on accelerator production of tritium, contact William P. Bishop, DP-61, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, by phone (202-586-0046).

For general information on the DOE National Environmental Policy Act process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

DOE has prepared this consolidated ROD pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)(40