

that on March 31, 1999, NOAA received formal notification that Ocean Management, Inc. (OMI), holder of Deep Seabed Exploration License USA-2, was dissolved. Dissolution papers were filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on January 14, 1999. NOAA has issued the exploration license for Site USA-2, to OMI in August 1984. Since OMI no longer exists as a legal entity, a condition precedent for the continued validity of the license has been eliminated and the license has, thereby, lapsed. This is deemed a relinquishment of the license under the Act. Also pursuant to those statutory and regulatory authorities, notice is hereby given that by letter to NOAA dated August 29, 1997, Ocean Mining Associates, holder of Deep Seabed Exploration License USA-3 issued by NOAA, formally relinquished its license as of the date of the letter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph P. Flanagan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Tel. 301-713-3121, ext. 201.

Dated: June 25, 1999.

Ted I. Lillestolen,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Office of Technology Policy; National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee; Notice of Determination for Closure of Meeting

The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee has scheduled a meeting for July 13, 1999.

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology. The committee's recommendations are made after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation. The Committee is chartered to have twelve members.

Time and Place: The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. on July 13, 1999. The meeting will be held in Room 1410 at the U.S. Department of

Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. For further information contact: Allison Rosenberg, Director, National Medal of Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, Ph: (202-482-5572).

If a member of the public would like to submit written comments concerning the committee's affairs at any time before and after the meeting, written comments should be addressed to the Director, National Medal of Technology as indicated above.

Supplementary Information: The meeting will be closed to discuss the relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the Medal. Public disclosure of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the National Medal of Technology program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration of the Medal, who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the Medal.

Accordingly, I find and determine, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended, that the July 13, 1999, meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code because revealing information about Medal candidates would likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

Due to the closure of the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting will not be available, however, a copy of the Notice of Determination will be available for public inspection and copying in the office of Allison Rosenberg, Director, National Medal of Technology, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Herbert Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, (Ph: 202-482-5572).

Dated: June 25, 1999.

Kelly H. Carnes,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Technology Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following 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 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy/Military Personnel Policy), ATTN: Dr. Jane Arabian, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

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 (703) 697-9271.

Title and Applicable OMB Control Number: Survey of Home School Associations, and OMB Control Number 0704-[to be determined].

Needs and Uses: The Conference Report of the Storm Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, Section 571, created a five-year pilot program that moved home school graduates from Tier II priority status (with General Education Development (GED) certificate holders) to Tier I (high school diploma graduates) for enlistment purposes. The purpose of this survey is to obtain information to support implementation of this program. Individual responses will be kept confidential. Only group statistics will be reported. All information will be used for research only. Participation will be voluntary.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 50.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: One time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Conference Report (Section 571) of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 directs the establishment of a five-year pilot program requiring the Military Services to permit home school graduates and General Education Development (GED) certificate holders from the National Guard Youth Challenge Program to enter the military with the same enlistment priority as high school diploma graduates. The Act also includes a requirement that the Government evaluate the program's effectiveness. The proposed survey supports this requirement. The survey will be administered to representatives of home school associations nationwide. The survey will gather information on how military recruiters can effectively reach out to home schoolers. It will also gather information on how military recruiters can identify genuine home school graduates.

Dated: June 25, 1999.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces Proposed Rule Changes

ACTION: Notice of proposed changes to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the following proposed changes to Rules 9(d), 30(e), 36, and 39, and new Rule 36A of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for public notice and comment.

Proposed Revision to Rule 9(d)

Rule 9. Clerk

[Amend Rule 9(d) to delete the word "citations" in the first sentence of this subsection.]

Proposed Revision to Rule 30(e)

Rule 30. Motions

[Amend Rule 30(e) to delete the words "other than those to file recent

supplemental citations of authority without additional argument."]

Proposed Rule 36. Filing of Pleadings

(a) *In general.* Pleadings or other papers relative to a case shall be filed in the Clerk's office, 450 E Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20442-0001, either in person or by mail. See Rule 37(b)(2).

(b) *Filing in person.* If a pleading or other paper is filed in person, such filing shall consist of delivery to a member of the Clerk's office during normal business hours. See Rule 9(e).

(c) *Filing by mail.* If a pleading or other paper is filed by mail, such filing shall consist of depositing the pleading or other paper with the United States Postal Service, with no less than first-class postage prepaid, properly addressed to the Clerk's office.

(d) *Time of filing.* Pleadings or other papers shall be deemed to have been filed on the date they are delivered to the Clerk's office under subsection (b) or on the date they are mailed under subsection (c). See Rules 37(b)(1) and 39(e).

(e) *Non-compliant pleadings.* If any pleading or other paper is not filed or offered for filing in compliance with these rules or an order of the Court, the Court may issue an order to show cause, dismiss the proceeding, or return the proffered pleading or paper on its own motion or the motion of a party. See Rules 27(a)(4) and 37(b)(1).

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Proposed Rule 39. Service of Pleadings

(a) *In general.* At or before the filing of any pleading or other paper relative to a case in the Clerk's office, a copy thereof shall be served in person or by mail on all counsel of record, including *amicus curiae* counsel. See Rule 16(b). When a party is not represented by counsel, service shall be made on such party in person or by mail. When reasonable, considering such factors as the immediacy of the relief sought, distance, and cost, service must be at least as expeditious as the manner used to file the pleading or other paper with the Court. See Rule 36.

(b) *Personal service.* If service is made in person, it shall consist of delivery at the office of the counsel of record, either to counsel or to an employee therein. If the party is not represented, service shall consist of delivery to such party.

(c) *Service by mail.* If service is made by mail, it shall consist of depositing the pleading or other paper with the United States Postal Service, with no less than first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the counsel of record or, if the party is

not represented, to such party, at the proper post office address.

(d) *Certificate for review.* In the case of a certificate for review, service of a copy thereof shall be made on appellate defense counsel and appellate government counsel as prescribed in Rule 22(a).

(e) *Form of certificate of filing and service.* A certificate indicating the specific manner of filing under Rule 36 and the specific manner of service under this rule shall be included in any pleading or other paper substantially in the following form:

Certificate of Filing and Service

I certify that the original and seven copies of the foregoing were [delivered] (or) [mailed-specify class of mail] to the Court on

_____ (date) and that a copy of the foregoing was [delivered] (or) [mailed-specify class of mail] to (enter specific name of each counsel of record or party, if not represented) on _____ (date)

(Typed name and signature of certifying person)

(Address and telephone no. of certifying person)

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Proposed Rule 36A. Citations to Supplemental Authorities

If pertinent and significant authorities come to a party's attention after such party has filed a pleading allowed under these Rules, or after oral argument but before a final decision, the party may promptly advise the Clerk by letter, with a copy to all parties, setting forth the citations. The letter must state, without argument, the reasons for each supplemental citation, referring either to the page of the earlier filed pleading or to a point argued orally to which the citation is pertinent. Any response by other parties must be made promptly and must be similarly limited.

DATES: Comments on the proposed changes must be received by August 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Forward written comments to Thomas F. Granahan, Clerk of the Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 450 E Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20442-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas F. Granahan, Clerk of the Court, telephone (202) 761-1448 (x600).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rules Advisory Committee Comments on the proposed changes to Rules 9(d), 30(e), 36, and 39, and on proposed new Rule 36A are included as an attachment to this notice.