

implement Public Law 95–202, section 401, which directs the Secretary of Defense to determine if civilian employment or contractual service rendered by groups to the Armed Forces of the United States shall be considered active duty. This information is collected on DD Form 2168,

“Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of Member of Group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States,” which provides the necessary data to assist each of the Military Departments in determining if an applicant was a member of a group which has performed active military service. Those individuals who have been recognized as a member of an approved group are eligible for benefits provided for by laws administered by the Veteran’s Administration.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: .5 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Public Law 95–202 directed the Secretary of Defense to determine if civilian employment or contractual service rendered by groups to the Armed Forces of the United States shall be considered active duty. Individuals recognized as a member of an approved group will be eligible for benefits provided for by the laws of the Veteran’s Administration. The information collected on DD Form 2168,

“Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of Member of Group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States,” is necessary to assist each of the Military Departments in determining if an applicant was a member of a group which has been found to have performed active military service and to assist in issuing an appropriate certificate of service. Information provided by the applicant will include: The name of the group served with; dates and place of service; highest grade/rank/rating held during service; highest pay grade; military installation where ordered to report; specialty/job title(s). If the information requested on the DD Form 2168 is compatible with that of a corresponding approved group, and the applicant can provide supporting evidence, he or she will receive veteran’s status in accordance with provisions of DoD Directive 1000.20. Information from the DD Form

2168 will be extracted and used to complete the DD Form 214, “Certificate for Release or Discharge from Active Duty.”

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L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 7, 2004.

Title, Form, and OMB Number:

Record of Arrivals and Departures of Vessels at Marine Terminals; ENG Form 3926; OMB Number 0710–0005.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 400.

Responses Per Respondent: 13.5 average.

Annual Responses: 5,400.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,700.

Needs and Uses: The Corps of Engineers uses the ENG Form 3926 in conjunction with ENG Forms 3925, 3925B, and 3925P as the basic source of input to conduct the Waterborne Commerce Statistics data collection program. ENG Form 3926 is used as a quality control instrument by comparing the data collected on the Vessel Operation Report with that collected on the 3926. The information is voluntarily submitted by respondents to assist the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center in the identification of vessel operators who fail to report significant vessel moves and tonnage.

Affected Public: Business or Other-for-profit.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Jim Laity.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Laity at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/ESCD/Information Management Division, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202–4326.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Availability of the Mobile Launch Platform Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is initiating a public review and comment period for an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This notice announces the availability of the Mobile Launch Platform (MLP) EA that analyzes the potential environmental impacts of activities associated with using the existing MLP as a platform for testing sensors and launching target and interceptor missiles. The MLP could operate from any of the following locations: Western Range, Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF)/Kauai Test Facility (KTF), U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA)/Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS), and the Board Ocean Area (BOA) of the Pacific Ocean. The EA considers the impacts resulting from the proposed use of the MLP to support specific tests. The EA also considers cumulative impacts associated with the proposed use of the MLP to support test events.

Based on the analysis documented in the EA, the MDA has concluded that no significant impacts are expected to result from the proposed action. The Draft FONSI was prepared to document this preliminary conclusion.

DATES: The public review and comment period for this EA and Draft FONSI begins with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. All comments on this EA and Draft FONSI

must be received by the MDA no later than June 7, 2004.

Copies of the EA and Draft FONSI will be made available for review at the following public libraries:

- Hawaii State Library, Hawaii Documents Center, 478 South King Street, HI 96813.
- Lihue Regional Library, 4344 Hardy Street, Lihue, HI 96766-1251.
- California State Library, Library and Courts Building, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814.
- Lompoc Public Library, 501 E. North Avenue, Lompoc, CA 93436.

A downloadable electronic version of the EA and Draft FONSI are available on the MDA Internet site:

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/>.

ADDRESSES: Written and oral comments regarding the EA and Draft FONSI should be submitted to MLP EA, c/o ICF Consulting, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031; via toll-free fax 1-877-851-5451; or via e-mail mlp.ea@icfconsulting.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MDA has a requirement to develop, test, deploy, and plan for decommissioning a Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) to provide a defensive capability for the United States, its deployed forces, friends, and allies from ballistic missile threats. The proposed action would provide the MDA with the capability to conduct launches using multiple realistic target and interceptor trajectories in existing test ranges and the BOA. In addition, the proposed action would allow MDA the capability to use sensors at test support positions in remote areas of the ocean by locating these sensors onboard the MLP.

The sensors that would be used from the MLP include radars, telemetry, and optical systems. Examples of radars that could be used include: TPS-X, Mk-74, and Coherent Signal Processor radars that already exist, and the BMDS radar, being developed by the MDA. Telemetry systems could include the Transportable Telemetry System and mobile range safety systems. Mobile optical systems such as the Stabilized High-Accuracy Optical Tracking System could also be placed on the MLP. Additional sensor systems may be temporarily based on the MLP as required. The targets that would be launched from the MLP include: pre-fueled and non-pre-fueled liquid propellant missiles and solid propellant missiles. The interceptor missiles that would be launched from the MLP use solid propellant. The MLP would be designed to operate from any of the following locations: Western Range, PMRF/KTF, USAKA/RTS, and

the BOA. Two alternatives to the proposed action were considered in the EA. The first alternative would include using the MLP for the launch of missiles but not for testing sensors. The second alternative would include using the MLP to test sensors and launch pre-fueled liquid propellant missiles and solid propellant missiles but not non-pre-fueled liquid propellant missiles.

Potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives were analyzed in the EA. Potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives include impacts to air quality, airspace, biological resources, geology and soils, health and safety, hazardous materials and hazardous waste, noise, transportation and infrastructure, and water resources. Potential impacts of the No Action Alternative were analyzed in the EA. Under the No Action Alternative, activities to be conducted from the MLP that have already been analyzed would continue and additional activities using the MLP would be considered on a case-by-case basis. The No Action Alternative would result in no impact to the environmental baseline as described for the affected environment in the EA; however, it could severely limit the MDA's ability to cost-effectively conduct and monitor realistic testing of the BMDS.

Potential cumulative impacts resulting from the proposed use of the MLP to support specific test events are also addressed in the EA.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Close Meeting

AGENCY: Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Military Intelligence College.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Joint Military Intelligence College Board of Visitors has been scheduled as follows:

DATES: Tuesday, 1 June 2004, 1100 to 1700; and Wednesday, 2 June 2004, 0800 to 1600.

ADDRESSES: Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington, DC 20340-5100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. A. Denis Clift, President, DIA Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington, DC 20340-5100 (202/231-3344).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in section 552b(c)(1), title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed. The Board will discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, as to the successful accomplishment of the mission assigned to the Joint Military Intelligence College.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Strategic Strike Skills will meet in closed session on June 24, 2004, at the U.S. Strategic Command, Omaha, Nebraska. The Task Force will assess the future strategic strike force skills needs of the Department of Defense (DoD).

The mission of the DSB is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. Last summer the DSB assessed DoD needs for future strategic strike forces. Assessed was the application of technology for non-nuclear weapons systems, communications, planning systems, and intelligence as well as the integration of strategic strike with active defenses as part of the new triad. This "skills" study will complement the previous strategic forces study by focusing on the people and the skills necessary to develop, maintain, plan, and successfully execute future strategic strike forces. At this meeting, the Task Force will: assess current skills available, both nuclear and non-nuclear of current long-range strike forces; identify, assess and recommend new/modified/enhanced skill sets necessary for successful future strike force development, planning, and operations; and recommend a strategy for the