

experiment will be allowed to resume for an additional 4 days. If the observed effects are noted in the next four-day period, the committee will consider the new data and will again reach a conclusion on the impact to individual harbor porpoise or on the stock. The committee may either recommend stopping the experiment permanently or for a 2- to 3-day period as before.

If the committee concludes that there is no likelihood that harbor porpoise will be injured, the experiment will be allowed to continue for 4 more days, with a new collection of sightings data. If abundance is still significantly below baseline with a confidence level of 99 percent, the committee will again review the data as before. This data collection, analysis and possible review by the committee will continue throughout the experiment.

Mitigation Measures Established for Killer Whales

The applicant will monitor killer whale behavior in the area of the experiment using the Speiden Island shore station, by boat and by hydrophone. Monitoring, which will begin approximately 25 days prior to the start of the experiment, will include the travel behavior of the killer whales as they approach the area of the experiment. Using both base-line and historical data, a measure of the probability that a given pod of killer whales will travel through the area will be made.

After the experiment has run for several days, if the applicant determines that the probability of any given pod of killer whales passing Turn Point on Stuart Island drops to zero for four approaches to the 80 percent turn-around point (the location where 80 percent of the time killer whale pods reverse direction), the scientific committee will review the data. The committee will review the collected travel and behavioral data and information from other locations to determine if there is a likelihood that killer whales will be injured by the change in behavior caused by the sound sources. If they determine that injury is likely, the sources will be turned off whenever killer whales are observed to approach and remain within 1 km of the study area's zone of responsiveness for killer whales.

If the committee determines that there is no likelihood of injury to killer whales, the experiment will be allowed to continue for four additional approaches to the study area. A probability of zero for these approaches will again trigger the review described above.

Emergency Shut-off Mitigation Measure

If observations are made that (1) one or more marine mammals are attempting to beach themselves when the sound sources are operating; and/or (2) either a marine mammal listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, or a marine mammal for which an incidental harassment authorization has not been issued, approaches the sources, the sound sources will be immediately shut off. The protocol for this mitigation measure is described in detail in the application and need not be repeated here.

Dead Marine Mammals

Upon notification by a local stranding network that a marine mammal has been found dead within the waters of the San Juan Archipelago, the committee will investigate the stranding to determine whether a reasonable chance exists that the experiment caused the animal's death. If the committee determines that there is a reasonable chance that the death was due to the sound sources, the experiment will be stopped until completion of the necropsy. The necropsy results will be reviewed by the scientific oversight committee. If that committee determines that the death was likely due to the sound sources, the experiment will be turned off and will not resume until the sound sources are altered in some way to eliminate the potential for future deaths. In addition, because a section 101(a)(5)(D) authorization, if issued, does not authorize taking by death, consultation with NMFS will be necessary before restarting the experiment.

Dated: April 3, 1996.

Patricia A. Montanio,
Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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Modernization Transition Committee (MTC); Notice of Public Meeting

TIME AND DATE: April 24, 1996 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: This meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 700 Myles Standish Blvd., Taunton, MA.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public. On April 24, 1996, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. will be set aside for oral comments or questions from the public. Approximately 50 seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis for the public. On April 25 the MTC will be touring the Taunton WFO and RFC from 8:30-11:00 a.m.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: This meeting will cover: Consultation on 42 final Consolidation Certifications, a briefing on Aviation Service Standards, and an update on Automation Criteria.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Nicholas Scheller, National Weather Service, Modernization Staff, 1325 East-West Highway, SSMC2, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Telephone: (301) 713-0454.

Dated: April 3, 1996.

Nicholas R. Scheller,
Manager, National Implementation Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

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 for Acquisition and Technology announces the proposed reinstatement of a 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 June 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, Continuous Acquisition and Life-Cycle Support (CALS), ATTN: Roland Henderson, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1609, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3401.

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 Mr. Roland Henderson in the CALS office at (703) 681-8466.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Acquisition Management Systems and Data Requirements Control List (AMSDL); Numerous Forms; OMB Control Number 0704-0188.

Needs and Uses: The Acquisition Management Systems and Data Requirements Control List (AMSDL) is a list of data requirements used in Department of Defense contracts. The information collected will be used by DoD personnel and other DoD contractors to support the design, test, manufacture, training, operation, and maintenance of procured items, including weapons systems critical to the national defense.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 77,220,000.

Number of Respondents: 1,300.

Responses Per Respondent: 540.

Average Burden Per Response: 110 Hours.

Frequency: On occasion, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, biannually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Acquisition Management Systems and Data Requirements Control List (AMSDL) is a list of data requirements used in Department of Defense contracts. Information collection requests are contained in DoD contract actions for supplies, services, hardware, and software. This information is collected and used by DoD and its component Services and Agencies to support the design, test, manufacture, training, operation, maintenance, and logistical support of procured items, including weapons systems. The collection of such data is essential to accomplishing the assigned mission of the Department of Defense. Failure to collect this information or to collect this information less frequently, would have a detrimental effect on the DoD acquisition programs and the National Security.

Dated: April 3, 1996.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Meeting of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force

AGENCY: Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security).

ACTION: Notice of business meeting and hearing.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a business meeting and hearing of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force (DERTF). The DERTF is charged with studying and providing findings and recommendations about environmental restoration at military installations that are being closed or realigned. At the meeting, the DERTF will address issues related to future land use and the environmental aspects of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Program. The DERTF also will be briefed on the cleanup program at Kelly Air Force Base. The business meeting and hearing will be open to the public. Public witnesses who wish to speak before the DERTF should contact Shah A. Choudhury, Executive Secretary, and prepare a written statement that can be summarized verbally before the DERTF at the time to be fixed for public comment, as stated below. Written statements must be received by the close of business April 22, 1996 at the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security).

DATES: May 8, 1996—9:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m.; May 9, 1996—9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS: May 9, 1996—6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Fiesta Hotel, 37 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78216.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Shah A. Choudhury, Executive Secretary, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security), 3400 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C765, Washington, DC 20301-3400; telephone (703) 697-7475.

Dated: April 3, 1996.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Meeting of the DOD Advisory Group on Electron Devices

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Advisory Group on Electron Devices.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Working Group B (Microelectronics) of the DoD Advisory Group on Electron Devices (AGED) announces a closed session meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held at 1200, Tuesday, 23 April 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Hanscom AFB, MA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Warner Kramer, AGED Secretariat, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Square Four, Suite 500, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The mission of the Advisory Group is to provide advice to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, to the Director Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E), and through the DDR&E, to the Director Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Military Departments in planning and managing an effective research and development program in the field of electron devices.

The Working Group B meeting will be limited to review of research and development programs which the military proposes to initiate with industry, universities or in their laboratories. The microelectronics area includes such programs on semiconductor materials, integrated circuits, charge coupled devices and memories. The review will include classified program details throughout.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App. II section 10(d) (1988)), it has been determined that this Advisory Group meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1)(1988), and that accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: April 3, 1996.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Meeting of the Historical Records Declassification Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Historical Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the Historical Records Declassification Advisory Panel. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss recommendations to the Department of Defense on topical areas of interest that, from a historical perspective, would be of the greatest benefit if declassified. Four public sessions will be held in 1996. The OSD Historian will chair these meetings.

DATES: Friday, May 10, 1996 (Meeting will start at 9:00 a.m.)