

and operational capability of certain U.S. Navy warships operating in "in-effect" special areas.

The draft Plan identifies as the Navy's preferred alternative a combination of waste management approaches for the Fleet, depending upon the design, construction, manning and operating profiles of the various ship types. Navy vessels smaller than frigates, such as fleet ocean tugs, rescue and salvage vessels, mine countermeasure ships and coastal patrol craft, have relatively small crews and typically remain at sea in "in-effect" special areas for only a few days at a time. Given these circumstances it is feasible for these vessels, employing compaction technology, to retain solid waste on board for shore disposal. For these vessels, therefore, the Navy's preferred alternative for special area compliance is storage and retrograde of solid waste.

The draft plan indicates that ocean going surface vessels of frigate size and larger are technologically unable to comply with the special area discharge limitations of Regulation 5 of Annex V while maintaining required levels of operational capability. U.S. Navy frigates are vessels approximately 450 feet in length and with a displacement of roughly 4,100 tons. The Navy's preferred special area compliance alternative for these vessels is a combination of management practices. Plastic and hazardous waste would be stored aboard for recycling or disposal ashore. The remaining solid waste streams, consisting of paper, cardboard metal and glass, would be processed using shipboard equipment and discharged overboard. Paper, cardboard and food waste would be processed in a pulper, creating a slurry of those wastes in seawater, which would be discharged overboard. Metal and glass would be processed in a shredder, which would tear or break metal cans and glass containers into small pieces. The processed waste would then be bagged in burlap and discharged overboard.

The Compliance Plan does not address submarines; further research and development is needed to resolve the particular solid waste challenges unique to submarines. In the meantime, submarines will continue to minimize waste generated at sea through intensive source reduction efforts at the pier.

Although it would be consistent with the MARPOL Convention, which requires reasonable and practicable compliance efforts of warships, the Navy's preferred alternative for frigate size and larger vessels would not be consistent with a future requirement of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships

(APPS), 33 U.S.C. 1901 et seq. Section 1902(c)(1) of APPS requires Navy surface vessels to comply with MARPOL special area requirements by 31 December 2000. To avoid inconsistency with U.S. law after the year 2000, and in accordance with Section 1902(c) (3) and (4), the Navy is recommending a legislative amendment to APPS that will allow discharge after the date of non-plastic, non-floating pulped and shredded material in special areas of certain naval vessels. This authorization would extend only to those vessels that the Secretary of the Navy determines are prevented by their uniquely military design, construction, manning or operating requirements from being capable of meeting the Regulation 5 of Annex V discharge standards. The proposed legislation would prohibit the discharge of pulped material within 3 nautical miles of the nearest land, and would prohibit the discharge of shredded material within 12 nautical miles of the nearest land.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Disposal of U.S. Navy Shipboard Solid Waste was developed pursuant to Executive Order 12114 (Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions), and Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508). A Notice of Intent to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was provided in the Federal Register on October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53171). The notice reiterated the solid waste disposal alternatives that would be considered, and announced public scoping meetings. These meetings were held in Alexandria, VA, and in San Francisco, CA, in October 1995.

The DEIS addresses the environmental consequences of each of the alternative means of shipboard solid waste management, and identifies the same preferred alternative as does the Compliance Plan. The DEIS has been provided to Congress in conjunction with the Navy's APPS legislative proposal, discussed above. Hence, the DEIS serves also as a Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) to assist in Congressional consideration of the legislative proposal. If enacted, the amendment to APPS would authorize, but not require, the Navy to implement its currently identified preferred alternative as the Navy's final plan for special area compliance.

As indicated above, comment on the draft Compliance Plan and on the DEIS is required not later than June 17, 1996. The Navy will consider all comments and anticipates promulgating a final

Compliance Plan and Final EIS in late summer or early fall, 1996.

Dated: April 26, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 31, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director of the Information Resources Group publishes this notice containing proposed

information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: April 25, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Management

Type of Review: New.

Title: U.S. Department of Education Protection of Human Subjects in Research Instructions to Applicants/Offerers.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 23,378

Burden Hours: 1,395

Abstract: The instructions to grant applicants of the federal requirements for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research and require them to provide certain information on any planned research activities involving human subjects. The instructions to contract offerors instruct offerors to provide certain information about planned research activities involving human subjects.

Office of Management

Type of Review: New.

Title: U.S. Department of Education Protection of Human Subjects in Research Compliance Form.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 260

Burden Hours: 1,138

Abstract: The Compliance Form and guidance is used by institutions and individuals to provide a record of their compliance with the U.S. Department of Education regulations for the protection of human subjects in research.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Resolution of Applicant/Client Appeals.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 82

Burden Hours: 164

Abstract: Form RSA-722 is needed to meet specific data collection requirements in Subsections 102(d)(6) (A) and (B) of the Rehab Act of 1973, as amended on the number of Applicant/Client appeals handled by impartial hearing officers. The information collected is used to evaluate the types of complaints made by applicants/clients of the vocational rehabilitation program and the final resolution of appeals filed. Respondents are State agencies that administer the Federal/State Program for Vocational Rehabilitation.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Report of Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 51

Burden Hours: 739

Abstract: The information is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and to promote growth. The information is transmitted to State agencies to assist in the conduct and expansion of the program at the State level. Respondents are the designated vocational rehabilitation agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following

Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos National Laboratory.

DATES: Wednesday, May 15, 1996: 6:30 pm-9:30 pm; 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm (public comment session).

ADDRESSES: Santa Clara Pueblo, Kee Street, Santa Clara Pueblo, Espanola, New Mexico 87532, 505-753-7330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kimberly Roybal, Los Alamos National Laboratory Citizens' Advisory Board Support, Northern New Mexico Community College, 1002 Onate Street, Espanola, NM 87352, (800) 753-8970, or (505) 753-8970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

6:30 PM Call to Order and Welcome
7:00 PM Public Comment
8:00 PM Work Plan Discussion
8:30 PM Sub-Committee Reports
9:30 PM Adjourn

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ms. Roybal, at the telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Herman Le-Doux, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87185-5400.