

include present and future educational and research plans for the National Defense University and its components. The meeting is open to the public, but the limited space available for observers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of the Army

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Western Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (WAATS) Proposed Expansion

LEAD AGENCIES: National Guard Bureau, Department of the Army, and the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

COOPERATING AGENCY: Federal Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: Expansions to existing training areas and facilities at the WAATS are for the purpose of enhancing readiness and training of National Guard aviation units, improving training safety, constructing facilities to meet training demands, and complying with environmental requirements.

This document addresses the environmental impacts of the proposed actions, reasonable alternatives and the impact upon Guard readiness of taking no action. The proposed action and each alternative action consist of three essential components: (1) increase the size of the original Tactical Flight Training Area (TFTA) to improve training, enhance training safety through reduced training congestion, allowing limited ground training support activities, and to reduce noise and environmental impacts through closing some parts of the existing TFTA; (2) increase the number of helicopter gunnery training operations through construction of new ranges or modification to existing ranges and; (3) construct new facilities for housing, training, maintenance and to comply with changing environmental requirements.

The DEIS will be available for public review for 45 days from the date the Notice of Availability is published in the Federal Register. The Arizona National Guard WAATS will conduct public hearings to discuss concerns and

comments on the DEIS. Public hearings will be held in several locations throughout the project area. Specific locations, dates and times will be announced through letters to those on the project mailing list and to others through Notices, Display Advertisements and Legal Notices in general circulation newspapers.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the DEIS Executive Summary will be mailed to individuals who participated in the public scoping process. Copies of the entire DEIS may be requested from the Project Officer. Copies will also be sent to Federal, state, regional, and local agencies; interested organizations and agencies; and public libraries. Individuals not currently on the mailing list may obtain a copy on request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

The DEIS Project Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Murphy, Deputy Commander, Western Army National Guard Aviation Training Site, Building 145-500, Pinal Air Park, Marana, Arizona 85653-9598, (520) 682-4590.

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Raymond J. Fatz,

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Defense Mapping Agency

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Mapping Agency, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Mapping Agency announces the proposed extension of a currently 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 for other forms of information.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed extension should be sent to the Chief of Staff Administrative Policy (CSA), Defense Mapping Agency, mail stop A-25, 8613 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031-2137.

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 CSA, (703) 275-8456.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Notice to Mariners Marine Information Report and Suggestion Sheet, DMA Form 8260-3, OMB control number 0704-0211.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to keep marine information products and services up-to-date for navigation safety.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Federal agencies or employees.

Annual Burden Hours: 130.

Number of Respondents: 520.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 0.25 hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are mariners. Respondents identify inconsistencies, discrepancies or inadequacies of the nautical products. Data is analyzed and stored by personnel in the Navigation Information and Services Department. If the information was not collected, it could mean lack of data for accurate navigational charts, publications, and services and could jeopardize maritime safety.

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Patricia L. Toppings,

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Mapping Agency, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Mapping Agency announces the proposed extension of a currently 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 for other forms of information.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed extension should be sent to the Chief of Staff Administrative Policy (CSA), Defense Mapping Agency, mail stop A-25, 8613 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031-2137.

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 CSA, (703) 275-8456.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Port Information Report, DMA Form 8330-1, OMB control number 0704-0210.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to evaluate and provide updated material to DMA for navigational safety.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Federal agencies or employees.

Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Responses Per Respondent: 2.

Average Burden Per Response: 0.5 hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents include navigators of military vessels and merchant ships. Respondents provide navigational data and information. Data is analyzed and stored by personnel in the Navigation Information and Services Department. If the information was not collected it could mean lack of data for quality charts and publications to DMA customers and for preventing potential maritime disasters.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Mapping Agency, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Mapping Agency announces the proposed extension of a currently 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 for other forms of information.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed extension should be sent to the Chief of Staff Administrative Policy (CSA), Defense Mapping Agency, mail stop A-25, 8613 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031-2137.

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 CSA, (703) 275-8456.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Oceanic Sounding Report, DMA Form 8053-1, OMB control number 0704-0208.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to solicit bathymetric data to be used in the construction and correction of safe nautical charts.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Federal agencies or employees.

Annual Burden Hours: 90.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents include U.S. Naval vessels, U.S. Coast Guard vessels, NOAA vessels, and merchant ships. Respondents provide navigational data and information pertinent to that particular vessel. Data is analyzed and stored by personnel in the Source Analysis and Information Services Department. Non-collection of this information could mean lack of data for accurate chart construction and could jeopardize maritime safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Opportunity for Comment

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Assessment Governing Board announces the opportunity for public review and comment on a proposed policy for the redesign of the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Comments may be provided orally by participating in one of two public meetings described below or in writing. The Governing Board, in accordance with its statutory responsibility to "take appropriate actions needed to improve the form and use of the National Assessment," has developed the proposed policy following an 18-month period of deliberation, involving review of commissioned papers, meetings with interested groups, and advice from experts. The proposed policy follows below.

The period for submitting comments in writing begins with the publication of this notice; only comments received by June 28, 1996 will be considered. Comments should be mailed to Ray Fields, Assistant Director for Policy and Research, 800 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC, 20002-4233.

The purpose of the two public meetings is to give individuals and groups an opportunity to discuss the