

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Export Administration****Commercial Encryption Items**

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Stephen Baker, Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6877, Washington, D.C. 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This information collection is necessary to support liberalizations of export controls for encryption items recently announced by the Administration. This initiative makes it easier to use stronger encryption products, both at home and abroad, to protect their privacy, intellectual property and other valuable information. It supports the growth of electronic commerce, increases the security of the global information, and sustains the economic competitiveness of U.S. encryption product manufacturers during the transition to a key management infrastructure. The information provided is used for export licensing decisions.

I. Method of Collection

Written or by Fax.

II. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0104.

Form Number: BXA 748P.

Type of Review: Renewal of existing collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,200.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1/2 to 40 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,720.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$160,000 (for start-up costs for data base development).

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Department particularly welcomes comments on the burden estimate to comply with the requirements, as well as the costs associated with it.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 4, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee will be held March 6, 1997, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

Agenda**Open Session**

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.

2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.

3. Update on Bureau of Export Administration initiatives.

4. Report on "is informed" implementation.

5. Discussion on Enhanced Proliferation Control Initiative (EPCI) issues: rewrite of the Export Management System guidelines and end-use screening.

6. Responses to Report on Foreign Policy Export Controls.

7. Discussion on "deemed export" case review and policy.

8. Reports from the working groups.

Closed Session

9. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials two weeks prior to the meeting date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, TAC Unit/OAS/EA MS: 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 2, 1996, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10 (a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information, call Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.

Dated: February 6, 1997.
 Lee Ann Carpenter,
Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on March 4, 1997; March 11, 1997; March 18, 1997; and March 25, 1997; at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105, The Nash Building, 1400 Key Boulevard, Rosslyn, Virginia.

Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

Dated: February 6, 1997.
 L.M. Bynum,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.
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Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

The Draft Baltimore Harbor, Anchorages and Channels Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement Information Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463),

announcement is made of the following meeting.

Name of Meeting: The Draft Baltimore Harbor, Anchorages and Channels Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement Information Meeting.

Date of Meeting: February 26, 1997.

Place: Maryland Port Authority, 2310 Broening Hwy, Point Breeze Maritime Center II, Baltimore, MD 21224-6621, Room 235 (2nd floor conference room).

Time: 7:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be addressed to Mr. Daniel Bierly, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, ATTN: CENAB-PL, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203, phone (410) 962-6139.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the New Castle County Water Supply Project in New Castle County, Delaware

AGENCY: U.S. Corps of Engineers—Philadelphia District, DOD; Cooperating Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region III.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The proposed action evaluates the need for and the alternative methods of providing additional water supply capacity to meet present and projected water demands in northern New Castle County, Delaware.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by Ms. Mary Marshall, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Environmental Resources Branch (CENAP-PL-E), Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390; phone: 215-656-6561, fax: 215-656-6543.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed project: The applicant, the Water Resources Agency for New Castle County previously applied for a Department of the Army Permit to construct a 2 billion gallon, 250 acre off-stream reservoir in a freshwater tidal wetland, Churchmans Marsh. Based on extensive coordination and technical studies, the applicant re-evaluated the feasibility of reservoir construction at Churchmans Marsh.

The applicant decided to resubmit the permit application, siting Thompsons Station as the proposed location for

reservoir construction. The proposed project site is north of Newark, on an unnamed tributary to the White Clay Creek near the intersection of Thompson Station and Pleasant Hill Roads. The proposed project is a 132 acre, 1.9 billion gallon storage facility. Water would be pumped into the proposed reservoir from White Clay Creek during periods of high stream flow.

2. Alternatives that will be addressed by the Draft Environmental Impact Statement include:

- a. The proposed Thompsons Station reservoir impoundment;
- b. Churchmans Marsh reservoir impoundment;
- c. Artesian Marsh (or Churchmans Marsh South) reservoir impoundment;
- d. Water transfer via existing and/or proposed pipelines;
- e. Desalination of brackish surface water; and
- f. No action.

3. Significant issues to be addressed in the EIS regarding the proposed project include:

- a. Biological impacts, including loss of freshwater wetlands;
- b. Fish and wildlife habitat impacts, including threatened and endangered species;
- c. Physical impacts, including water quality and hydrology;
- d. Stream and riparian impacts;
- e. Cultural resource impacts;
- f. Mitigation plans;
- g. Disposal of excavated material; and
- h. Water supply alternatives to the proposed action.

4. The following paragraphs detail the scoping actions that have occurred to date:

a. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District sponsored a previous Public Workshop/Scoping meeting on April 11, 1996.

b. The applicant has taken a number of steps to solicit input from the public including the development of a citizens advisory group. Numerous public information meetings have been held to discuss the status of the project and obtain public comments. In addition, numerous pre-application and pre-scoping meetings have been held with agency participation from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service and the Delaware River Basin Commission.

c. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III have executed a Cooperating Agency Agreement for the development