

EIS. For NAS Lemoore, where F/A-18C/D strike fighter squadrons are currently based, the proposed action would result in an increase of 92 aircraft because 72 of the 164 aircraft would replace existing F/A-18 aircraft. Basing the aircraft at NAF El Centro, which does not have existing strike fighter squadrons, would result in an increase of 164 aircraft at the installation.

The DEIS analyzes potential environmental impacts to land use and airspace, visual resources, socioeconomic, cultural resources, traffic and circulation, air quality, noise, biological resources, water resources, utilities and services, public health and safety, and hazardous materials and waste. Potentially significant, but mitigable, environmental impacts include impacts to land use and airspace and biological resources at NAF El Centro, schools (socioeconomics) at NAS Lemoore, and traffic, air quality, and hazardous materials and storage at both installations. Significant, and not mitigable, impacts related to noise have been identified at NAF El Centro.

No decision on the proposed action will be made until the National Environmental Policy Act process has been completed.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, local groups, elected official, special interest groups, and individuals. The DEIS is also available for review at the following public libraries: Lemoore, Hanford, Fresno, Avenol, El Centro, and Brawley.

The 2 public hearings will be held for the purpose to receive oral and written comment on the DEIS. The first hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the Lemoore City Council Chamber, 429 C Street, Lemoore, California. The second hearing will be held on Thursday, January 8, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the Imperial County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 940 West Main Street, El Centro, California. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearing. Oral comments will be heard and transcribed by a court recorder. To assure accuracy of the record, all comments should be submitted in writing. All comments, both oral and written, will become part of the public record in the study. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to Mr. Surinder Sikand (Code 70311), Engineering Field

Activity West, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 900 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, California 94066, FAX (650) 244-3206. Written comments are requested not later than January 26, 1998.

Electronic Filing Address—comments and data may be submitted by electronic mail (e-mail) to:

ssikand@efawest.navfac.navy.mil.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Availability of Government Owned Invention for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Government Owned Invention for Licensing.

SUMMARY: U.S. Patent Number 4,906,879, entitled "Terbium-Dysprosium Magnetostrictive High Power Transducers," is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for copies of the patent cited or further information should be directed to Mr. Dick Bloomquist, Director, Technology Transfer, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, Code 0117, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817-5700, telephone number: (301) 227-4299.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207; 37 CFR part 404; 32 CFR part 746)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Navy.

ACTION: Notice to Alter a System of Records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy proposes to alter a record system in its inventory of system of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. The alteration consists of adding a routine use to permit the disclosure of personnel information to private organizations under government contract to perform random analytical research into specific aspects of military personnel management and administrative procedures.

DATES: The action will be effective without further notice on January 16, 1998 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Department of the Navy, PA/FOIA Policy Branch, Chief of Naval Operations (N09B30), 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Doris Lama at (202) 685-6545 or DSN 325-6545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The complete inventory of the Department of the Navy's record system notices for records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on December 9, 1997, to the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,' dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

The specific changes to the record system being altered are set forth below followed by the notice, as altered, published in its entirety.

Dated: December 11, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Navy Personnel Records System
(September 9, 1996, 61 FR 47483).

CHANGES:

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Add a new paragraph 'To governmental entities or private organizations under government contract to perform random analytical research into specific aspects of military personnel management and administrative procedures.'

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SYSTEM NAME:

Navy Personnel Records System.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Active duty records are located at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20370-5001; Naval Reserve Personnel Center, New Orleans, LA 70149-7800; and local activity to which individual is assigned. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Navy's compilation of system of record notices.

Secondary systems are located at the Department of the Navy Activities in the chain of command between the local activity and the headquarters level; Federal Records Storage Centers; National Archives. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Navy's compilation of system of record notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

All Navy military personnel: officers, enlisted, active, inactive, reserve, fleet reserve, retired, midshipmen, officer candidates, and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps personnel.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Personnel service jackets and service records, correspondence and records in both automated and non-automated form concerning classification, assignment, distribution, promotion, advancement, performance, recruiting, retention, reenlistment, separation, training, education, morale, personal affairs, benefits, entitlements, discipline and administration of naval personnel.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To assist officials and employees of the Navy in the management, supervision and administration of Navy personnel (officer and enlisted) and the operations of related personnel affairs and functions.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To officials and employees of the National Research Council in Cooperative Studies of the National History of Disease; of Prognosis and of Epidemiology. Each study in which the records of members and former members of the naval service are used must be approved by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

To officials and employees of the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Veteran Affairs, and Selective Service Administration in the performance of their official duties related to eligibility, notification and assistance in obtaining benefits by members and former members of the Navy.

To officials and employees of the Department of Veteran Affairs in the performance of their duties relating to approved research projects.

To officials and employees of Navy Relief and the American Red Cross in the performance of their duties relating to the assistance of the members and their dependents and relatives, or related to assistance previously furnished such individuals, without regard to whether the individual assisted or his/her sponsor continues to be a member of the Navy.

To duly appointed Family Ombudsmen in the performance of their duties related to the assistance of the members and their families.

To state and local agencies in the performance of their official duties related to verification of status for determination of eligibility for Veterans Bonuses and other benefits and entitlements.

To officials and employees of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the United States House of Representatives in the performance of their official duties related to the verification of the active duty naval service of Members of Congress.

Information as to current military addresses and assignments may be provided to military banking facilities who provide banking services overseas and who are reimbursed by the Government for certain checking and loan losses. For personnel separated, discharged or retired from the Armed Forces information as to last known residential or home of record address

may be provided to the military banking facility upon certification by a banking facility officer that the facility has a returned or dishonored check negotiated by the individual or the individual has defaulted on a loan and that if restitution is not made by the individual the United States Government will be liable for the losses the facility may incur.

To federal, state, local, and foreign (within Status of Forces agreements) law enforcement agencies or their authorized representatives in connection with litigation, law enforcement, or other matters under the jurisdiction of such agencies.

Information relating to professional qualifications of chaplains may be provided to civilian certification boards and committees, including, but not limited to, state and federal licensing authorities and ecclesiastical endorsing organizations.

To governmental entities or private organizations under government contract to perform random analytical research into specific aspects of military personnel management and administrative procedures.

The 'Blanket Routine Uses' that appear at the beginning of the Navy's compilation of system of record notices also apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Automated records may be stored on magnetic tapes, disc, and drums. Manual records may be stored in paper file folders, microfiche or microfilm.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Automated records may be retrieved by name and Social Security Number. Manual records may be retrieved by name, Social Security Number, enlisted service number, or officer file number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Computer facilities and terminals are located in restricted areas accessible only to authorized persons that are properly screened, cleared and trained. Manual records and computer printouts are available only to authorized personnel having a need-to-know.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained one year past retirement, removal, or resignation of the member and then transferred to the National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records), 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5101 for permanent retention. An exception is made for copies of officer fitness

reports, enlisted evaluations, and officer and enlisted counseling forms which may be maintained by the member's commanding officer or command for a period not to exceed five years.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers 06), Bureau of Naval Personnel, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20370-5001; Commanding Officers, Officers in Charge, and Heads of Department of the Navy activities. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Navy's compilation of system of record notices.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves should address written inquiries to the Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers 06), Bureau of Naval Personnel, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20370-5001, or contact the personnel officer where assigned. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Navy's compilation of system of record notices.

The letter should contain full name, Social Security Number (and/or enlisted service number/officer file number), rank/rate, designator, military status, address, and signature of the requester.

The individual may visit the Chief of Naval Personnel, Bureau of Naval Personnel, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20370-5001, for assistance with records located in that building; or the individual may visit the local activity to which attached for access to locally maintained records. Proof of identification will consist of Military Identification Card for persons having such cards, or other picture-bearing identification.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to records about themselves contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to the Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers 06), Bureau of Naval Personnel, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20370-5001, or contact the personnel officer where assigned. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Navy's compilation of system of records notices.

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assistance with records located in that building; or the individual may visit the local activity to which attached for access to locally maintained records. Proof of identification will consist of Military Identification Card for persons having such cards, or other picture-bearing identification.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Navy's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5211.5; 32 CFR part 701; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Correspondence; educational institutions; federal, state, and local court documents; civilian and military investigatory reports; general correspondence concerning the individual; official records of professional qualifications; Navy Relief and American Red Cross requests for verification of status.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs; Bilingual Education: State Grant Program

Notice extending the closing date for transmittal of applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1998.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: The deadline date for transmittal of applications is extended from January 9, 1998, to January 30, 1998.

On December 2, 1997, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 63780) a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year 1998 under the Bilingual Education: State Grant Program.

The purpose of this notice is to extend the deadline date for transmittal of applications. This action is taken to increase the amount of time applicants have to prepare applications.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: March 31, 1998.

For Applications: The notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 1997 (62 FR 63780), was a complete application package, including all of the information, selection criteria, application forms, and instructions

needed to apply for an award under this program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luis A. Catarineau, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S. W., room 5623, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-6510. Telephone: (202) 205-9907. 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.

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Note: The official version of a document is the document published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7454.

Dated: December 11, 1997.

Delia Pompa,

Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Cinergy Services, Inc.; Notice of Filing

December 11, 1997.

Take notice that on December 9, 1997, Cinergy Services, Inc. ("Services") made