

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: NROTC Applicant Questionnaire; NAVCRUIT Form 1131/6; OMB Number 0703-0028.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 40,000.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 10,000.

Needs and Uses: The information collection is used by the Navy Recruiting Command to determine basic eligibility for the Four-Year NROTC Scholarship Program, and is necessary for the initial screening of prospective applicants. Use of this questionnaire is the only accurate and specific method to determine scholarship awards. Each individual who wishes to apply for the scholarship program completes and returns the questionnaire.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army**

Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Fielding of the "Generator, Mechanical Smoke: For Dual Purpose Unit, M56" and the "Generator Smoke Mechanical: Mechanized Smoke Obscurant System M58"

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of the final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Fielding of the "Generator, Mechanical Smoke: For Dual Purpose Unit, M56" and the "Generator Smoke Mechanical: Mechanized Smoke Obscurant System M58." The Army published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** of the drafts for both the PEA and FNSI on April 27, 1998 (63 FR 20615), which initiated a 30-day period for public review and comment. The public review and comment period ended on May 27, 1998.

The Army's proposed action is to field the M56 and M58 to Army installations across the Nation for use in visual and infrared training. The PEA discloses the general types of impacts and effects on all relevant aspects of the human environment (e.g., flora, fauna, air, soil, water and human health) that will likely result from use of the graphite module in training. See PEA, pages 55-65. Receiving installations will be required to prepare site-specific analyses in which they consider the intensity of impacts associated with the emission of graphite particles into the local environment, and, if appropriate, develop mitigation measures.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the final PEA and FNSI may be obtained by writing to Commander, U.S. Army Environmental Center, ATTN:SFIM-AEC- (Mr. Hankus), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-5401 or by calling (410) 671-2556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: No public comments were received following the 30-day comment period on the draft PEA and finding. As a result, the Army has finalized the FNSI and will proceed with implementation of the proposed action without further review and comment. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

Dated: July 2, 1998.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) (OASA (I, L&E)).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, 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 September 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and 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, D.C. 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 Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, 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.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

Donald Rappaport,

Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act: Request for Clearance of the State Education Agency and Governor's Reporting Forms.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 109.

Burden Hours: 4,360.

Abstract: Section 4117 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) requires state chief executive officers, and state educational agencies (SEAs) to submit to the Secretary on a triennial basis a report on the implementation and outcomes of state, local and Governor's SDFSCA programs. ED must report to the President and Congress on a biennial basis regarding the national impact of SDFSCA programs. The two instruments, one for SEAs and one for Governor's programs, included with this Paperwork Reduction Act submission will be used by states to submit the required data to ED.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS) First Grade Fall 1998 Pilot Study, Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 Full Scale.

Frequency: Fall 1998, Fall 1999, and Spring 2000.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 600.

Burden Hours: 313.

Abstract: The ECLS begins in Fall 1998–1999 with a kindergarten cohort. This clearance is for follow up activities with this cohort of students one year later, when they are typically in first grade. There will be a pilot of the first grade fall survey in Fall 1998, and the full scale surveys will take place in Fall of 1999 and Spring of 2000. The ECLS looks at the crucial first years of school from the perspective of the students, teachers, parents, and school administrators. There are assessments of the students. The survey is intended to provide information about early childhood preschool learning experiences, from birth to age 8, preparation for formal schools, first school experiences, and progress made over the first years of school.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program Electronic Debit Account Brochure and Authorization Form.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 102,000.

Burden Hours: 3,400.

Abstract: This form will be the means by which a Direct Loan borrower authorizes establishment of an Electronic Debit Account.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: National Longitudinal Survey of Schools (NLSS).

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 18,800.

Burden Hours: 10,760.

Abstract: This study is being conducted to support the legislative requirement in P.L. 103–382, Section 1501 to assess the implementation of Title I and education reform. It will examine principals' and teachers' understanding and implementation of standards-based reform and the new provisions of Title I. Information on schools serving significant proportions of migrant, limited-English proficient (LEP), or Native American students, and

schools that have been identified as in need of improvement will also be gathered.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Guaranty Agency Quarterly/Annual Report.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits, State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs. Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 37.

Burden Hours: 9,250.

Abstract: The Guaranty Agency Quarterly/Annual Report is submitted by 37 agencies operating a study loan insurance program under agreement with the Department of Education. These reports are used to evaluate agency operations, make payments to agencies as authorized by law, and to make reports to Congress.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Standards for the Conduct and Evaluation of Activities Carried Out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI)—Phase 1.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1.

Burden Hours: 1.

Abstract: OERI was required by its authorizing statute to establish standards for the processes it uses to evaluate applications for grants and cooperative agreements and proposals for contracts. These established standards (34 CFR 700) allow OERI to tailor selection criteria to individual programs by selecting from the menu of selection criteria contained in this regulation. This regulation has also eliminated the need for separate programs within OERI to establish individual program regulations to create evaluation criteria.

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