

Other Silk Blend and Non-cotton Vegetable
Fiber Apparel—Continued

Category	1998 HTS
859	6213102000
859	6213902000
859	6217109550
859	6217909095
859	6505901560
859	6505902590
859	6505909095
859	6505909085

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1998**

Category	1998 HTS
229	Special Purpose Fab- ric
330	Handkerchiefs
349	Brassieres and Other Body Supporting Garments
353	Men's and Boys' Down-filled Coats
354	Women's and Girls' Down-filled Coats
432	Hosiery
439	Babies Garments and Clothing Acces- sories
465	Floor Coverings
630	Handkerchiefs
632	Hosiery
653	Men's and Boys' Down-filled Coats
654	Women's and Girls' Down-filled Coats
665	Floor Coverings
832	Hosiery
839	Babies Garments and Clothing Acces- sories
899	Other Silk and Vege- table Blend Manu- factures

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Proposed Collection; Comment
Request****AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of
Defense (Personnel and Readiness).**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces 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 burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 7, 1998.**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy), Defense Commissary Agency, Plans and Policy Directorate, Analysis and Evaluation Division, ATTN: Mr. Herman Weaver, 1300 E. Avenue, Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-6300.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposed and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call (804) 734-8322.**Title and OMB Control Number:** Commissary Evaluation and Utility Surveys-Generic Clearance," OMB Control Number 0704—[To be determined.]**Needs and Uses:** DeCA will conduct a variety of surveys to include, but not necessarily limited to customer satisfaction, transaction based comment cards, transaction based telephone interviews, commissary sizing, and patron migration. The information collected will provide customer perceptions, demographics, and will identify agency operations that need quality improvement, provide early detection of process or system problems, and focus attention on areas where customer service and functional training, new construction/renovations, and changes in existing operations that will improve service delivery.**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.**Annual Burden Hours:** 4,167.**Number of Respondents:** 50,000.**Responses per Respondent:** 1.**Average Burden per Response:** 5.**Frequency:** On occasion.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Summary of Information Collection**

(All respondents are authorized patrons by DoD regulations, unless otherwise described)

Commissary Sizing Survey

Surveys will support commissary renovation and new construction based on perceptions (aisles, bakery, fish, deli, etc.) of patrons and will include demographics and sale projections.

Possible Facility Sites

Patrons will input their answers to questions concerning where they would like new facility located, what configuration (mall, off-post, mini-marts, parking, etc.), and give their opinions on concerns that will affect their shopping experience. Will include demographics, populations maps, and distribution centers.

Patron Migration Survey

These surveys will determine from our patrons which commissary they will migrate to and how sales will affect renovation of receiving facility. Surveys will assess other factors that may determine a need for mini-marts or other small grocery outlet.

BRAC and/or Closure Survey

These surveys will also be given to local townships affected by base closures and its economic impact on surrounding communities, local governments, small and large businesses. The information collected will allow decisions to be made about keeping commissaries open, although, the base has closed or some alternative store for those patrons affected.

Commissary Operational Surveys

These surveys will supply information on processes like TQM, Process Action Team objectives, internal coordination, and vender satisfaction. Also, how DeCA personnel and patron services such as new computer systems for checking groceries, how long patrons wait in line, store throughput and queuing, transaction based comment cards, and any new customer service DeCA may want to implement that will need patron support. The vehicle for any survey whether it is by interview or mailing will not burden the patron over fifteen minutes. The Customer Service Evaluation System (CSES) that uses the Commissary Customer Service Survey may be included under this heading.

Market Basket Surveys

These surveys support the differences between commissary and private sector supermarket prices and the average savings to the commissary patron. Also,

we can determine price differences between OCONUS and CONUS commissaries. The patron will give their perceptions on their savings in the commissary versus local supermarkets.

Awareness Surveys

These surveys allow the customer and DeCA to communicate with each other on issues that will make their shopping experience user-friendly. Telephones in aisles for price checks and location of products, TV videos in front of store for specials, market products, and educate patrons on their benefit are just a few areas to keep the patron informed. Customer service is making the patron aware of new and innovative alternatives to issues that will communicate their desires.

Dated: September 30, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Environmental Technologies Group, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Environmental Technologies Group, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license to practice in the United States, the Government-owned invention described in U.S. Patent No. 5,595,635 entitled "Apparatus for Measuring Lead Content in Water."

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R. J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: September 28, 1998.

Ralph W. Corey,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive Patent License; Float, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Float, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States, to practice the Government-owned invention described in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/985,430 entitled "Biorepellant Matrix Coating."

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; NEOS Technologies Group, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to NEOS Technologies Group, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive

license to practice in the United States, the Government-owned inventions described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/926,854 entitled "COMPUTER CONTROLLED THREE-DIMENSIONAL VOLUMETRIC DISPLAY;" Patent Application Serial No. 08/726,305 entitled "COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR A THREE-DIMENSIONAL VOLUMETRIC DISPLAY;" Patent Application Serial No. 08/687,091 entitled "LASER BASED 3D VOLUMETRIC DISPLAY SYSTEM."

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R. J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

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Ralph W. Corey,

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

[Recommendation 98-2]

Safety Management at the Pantex Plant

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Notice, recommendation.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board has made a recommendation to the Secretary of Energy pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286a(a)(5) concerning safety management at the Pantex Plant. The Board believes that opportunities exist to strengthen and simplify the process by which DOE designs and develops activities at the Pantex Plant and independently evaluates the safety of those operations. The Board believes that DOE should take action to improve these processes. However, the recommendation contains information which is classified and otherwise restricted. Therefore, only the letter forwarding the recommendation (which is unclassified when separated from the attachment) is being published.